

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions for April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Terry Collins
By: Ladies' Guild

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Dominga Martin
By: Ric & Norma Martin

9:30 a.m. —

† Peggy Abell
By: Carolyn Hathaway

Wednesday, noon —

People of the parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12—There is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved, but Jesus.

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29—The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1 John 3:1-2—See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. What we shall be has not yet been revealed. When it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



John 10:11-18—Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father."

Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

When Jesus calls himself "the good shepherd," he is using an example that would have been very familiar to his listeners. Because sheep are voracious eaters, they must range freely over a wide area. Shepherds had to be outdoors in all conditions for long periods of time. They literally had to surrender a large part of their lives for the sheep in their care. Shepherds had to keep an eye out for predators, while herding the sheep away from dangerous areas. Jesus offers the same kind of dedicated love. He gives his life for each member of his flock.

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Weekly readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1,
8-9, 21-23,
26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a
John 12:44-50

Thursday St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-27,
28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Year of St. Joseph

This liturgical year is the Year of St. Joseph, and it runs from Dec. 8, 2020, to Dec. 8, 2021.

The Year of St. Joseph honors the 150th anniversary of when Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph as patron saint of the Universal Church.

St. Joseph served his family with charity and humility and is remembered as the foster father of Jesus. He is also the patron saint of workers, fathers and a happy death.

Just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus, many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," Pope Francis wrote when he proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph.

Bishop Richard F. Stika has asked parishes to pray to St. Joseph, using the following prayer:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you, Mary placed her trust; with you, Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us also, show yourself as a father and guide us in the path of life. We seek your fatherly protection during this time of pandemic upon the Diocese of Knoxville and all our Sisters and Brothers that surround us in East Tennessee. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. We ask

this through the intercession of the Holy Family that you were given to love, protect and guide during your time on earth. Amen.

Saintly Wisdom

"For He became man that we might become divine; and He revealed Himself through a body that we might receive an idea of the invisible Father; and He endured insults from men that we might inherit incorruption."
— St. Athanasius of Alexandria —

Parish Life

Confirmation — Congratulations to Timothy Grubb who was confirmed last weekend at St. Elizabeth.

Essay Honors — Two students from St. Elizabeth have placed in the statewide Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Daniel Grubb won first place for 11th graders in the state and will now compete against other state winners. Allison Jordan is the runner up for 10th graders in Tennessee.

Honors for March — The Knights of Columbus have honored the following people for March:

- Family of the month — George and Thea Bratton
- Knight of the month — Tom Manning

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to Mark and Linda Guimond who celebrate their 25th anniversary on Monday (April 26).

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, in the church basement. All members are invited to attend. The Knights welcome their newest member, George Gehring, notes Grand Knight Dave Olson.

Special Intentions

World Day of Prayers for Vocations — This Sunday is designated as World Day of Prayers for Vocations. Please pray that more people will consider joining the priesthood and the religious life.