

April 21 2024
Fourth Sunday of
Easter



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY
3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR WEEKDAYS
TUESDAY–FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/28/2024: Lawn Party

We need gift baskets and giftable items for silent Auction. Thanks for your help.

Please advertise and promote our lawn party to your friends, families, neighbors and to people in town and out of town to come, celebrate this great event and fill this place with your happiness by your esteemed presence.

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Office hours:
Monday : Office Closed Tuesday—
Friday : 9AM to 1PM SATURDAY &
SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday 21 Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday 22 Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10
Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Tuesday 23 Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30
Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Wednesday 24 Acts 12:24—13:5a
Jn 12:44-50
Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Thursday 25 1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20
Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist

Friday 26 Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6
Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Saturday 27 Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14
Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Collection details : April 14

2024

Candles \$ 15 Parish Projects \$ 90

1st Collection \$ 3366 Total

Deposit \$ 3471



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND- LADIES AUXILIARY #8740



In the beginning was the word...



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

27th April 2024 (Saturday) —Boston Butts sale \$ 40 a Piece
Pickup 9-12 noon

An update for the community on the Food Pantry;

Thank you for the ongoing generous donations to the food pantry. Our donations are combined with those of the other DIP churches and distributed each month. Last month we gave away 100 bags of food to needy families. One bag consisted of canned goods, pastas etc; a bag each of carrots and oranges, a frozen chicken and a loaf of bread. The next food distribution will be on Saturday May 4th from 9-11 am at Parkway Southern Baptist Church (Staples Rd and DIP).

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
APRIL 20
4:00 PM
+ SIDNEY DUFF

SUNDAY
APRIL 21
8:30AM
RAYMOND FLOYES
HEALTH & HEALING
+ BEA BURTON

TUESDAY
APRIL 23
8:00 AM

CORRINE FREDERICK
HEALTH & HEALING
WEDNESDAY
APRIL 24 8:00AM
BOBBY MOCK
HEALTH & HEALING

THURSDAY
APRIL 25
8:00 AM

+ LORETTA EDWARDS
FRIDAY
APRIL 26
8:00 AM
+JIM

CORDOVA
SATURDAY APRIL 27

4:00 PM DOLORES DUFF BIRTHDAY
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

SUNDAY
APRIL 28
8:30AM

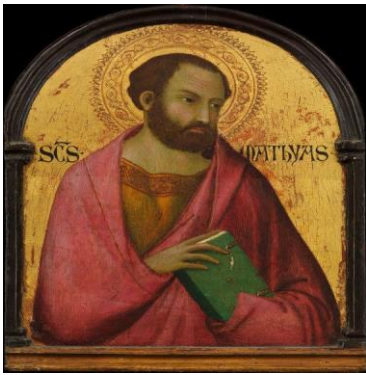
+ VIDAL HERNANDEZ
JULIE COPELAND
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

11:00 AM
+ CARLOS ANEZ

Eastern Shore
Medical Weight Loss

251-625-4030





Saint Matthias

St. Matthias, whose name means “gift of God”, was one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was the apostle who replaced Judas Iscariot after he died. It was during the days of waiting – the days between Jesus’ ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit – that Peter started to look for someone who had been an active and committed disciple all the way from the time of Jesus’ baptism until his ascension into heaven. Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed. The new apostle must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with Jesus when he made enemies, and believed in Jesus when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others walk away. Matthias was present with the other apostles at Pentecost and received the Holy Spirit. He was chosen because he was able to be a witness to others. Matthias was a popular preacher on the rejection of earthly desires. If the apostles are the foundation of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders that holiness is entirely a matter of God’s giving, and it is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life.

Lord, open my mind and heart to the treasure of Your Truth as revealed in the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Grant that my eyes may see, through faith’s vision, the wonders of Your Love in The Most Holy Eucharist. As I meditate on the mystery of Your Hidden Presence, I entreat You to increase my faith, enkindle my hope, and deepen my love for You, my Eucharistic King. Amen

**Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us
Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us
St. Matthias, pray for us**

Lawn Party Announcements

**We need soft drinks for Lawn Party.
We don’t need waters.**

Lawn Party set-up was scheduled for Saturday, April 20th - 10 am until. Thanks to everyone for helping us with set up.

The following week: starting April 22, the Parish Hall will be open each day 10am - 1pm for any additional booth set-up or decorations.

Please share your best dishes. We need cakes, cookies, candies and any sweet dish that we can sell at our dessert booth.

WE NEED DESSERTS for our Lawn Party on April 28th.

Thank you for sharing your sweet treats with us

GOSPEL RELECTION

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John’s Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus’ death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus’ teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd’s job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John’s Gospel, one hears in this passage John’s particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Elaine Moore, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Damian Turk, John O’Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O’Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny, Chad Gorlett, Ted Beasley, Mark Tranier, Barbara Tranier, Linda Davis, Pat Carlson, Laura Huff & Linda Nowosielski

MASS OPENING

May 10 2024—Opening

May 15 2024—Opening

May 16 2024—Opening

May 17 2024—Opening

May 18 2024—Opening

May 20 2024—Opening

May 21 2024—Opening

May 22 2024—Opening

May 24 2024—Opening