

MASSES FOR APRIL 22-28

Monday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	Christine Lamantia (CWC of Toronto) Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, 23	8:30 am (SJ)	John Batcho (Cecelia Horkulic) Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, 24	8:30 am (SF)	For the People Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday, 25	8:30 am (SJ)	John Skrabak (John & Janice Scalley) Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Friday, 26	8:30 am (SF)	David Cernansky (Mary & Ron Dacko) Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, 27	5:00 pm (SF)	Tony Foster (Carol Rogers)
Sunday, 28	9:00 am (SJ)	Matilda Lastivka (Mary Ann Shuma & Family)
	11:00 am (SF)	William & Mary McClosky (Tom & Judy) Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- THURSDAY:** Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY: 1st Communion Practice - 9:00am (SF)
 Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY: 1st Communion - 11:00am (SF)

As of 04/16/2024: Trinity West: **Peggy Reynolds**; Trinity East: . Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. **If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.**



Next **Sunday April 28th**, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00a Mass at St. Francis. Please remember to keep **Royce Abdalla, Beau Ludewig, Olivia Perdue, Luca Provenzano, and Samuel Starr** in your prayers as they celebrate the 2nd Sacrament of Initiation.



Steubenville Priests Retirement Fund: I want to convey my sincere thanks to all the parishioners who have given so freely to the Steubenville Priests Retirement Fund. Your generosity will continue to help stabilize the fund and ensure its future. As of this week, **\$70,431.37** has been donated to the fund from all over the diocese. We have additional envelopes at the churches and additional donations can be made at any time. Again, my thanks and I am certain my brother priests also appreciate

your kindness.



Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign: Let me begin by expressing my sincere thanks to all those who have already responded to the 2024 D/PSC. Both parishes have reached and exceed their parish goals. Any contributions above and beyond the individual parish goal are returned to the parish. We use these funds to perform various extra ordinary maintenance projects for our aging buildings. To date, about **31% of our parishioners** have responded to this appeal. I would hope that more members of our parishes will consider making a contribution. The following is a report for the D/PSC as of **April 16th:**

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>
St. Joseph:	\$11,443	\$14,700
St. Francis	\$21,863	\$24,711

Again, you have my thanks to those who have already contributed. If you need additional pledge cards, they can be found at the entrance of each church.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (76 Envelopes) \$2,534.00; Loose: \$55.00; Candles: \$58.00; Holy Land: \$10.00; Building: \$1,146.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (36 Envelopes) \$1,225.00; Loose: \$25.00; Candles: \$19.00; Building: \$275.00 May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for April 14: Saturday 5:00pm: 81; 9:00am: 95; 11:00am: 83.**

MASSES: For **Cheryl Vukelic** by Carol Rogers; for **Millie Burskey** by Carol Rogers.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Cheryl Vukelic** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; Marie Bernabei; in memory of **Millie Burskey** by Susie Zorbini; in memory of **John Tarr** by Fred Burns; to **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Millie Burskey and John Tarr** by Bob & Anita Montgomery.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Doris Martaus, Carl Oprisch, and Michael Pettengill, brother of Monte Pettengill.** We extend our deepest sympathy to the Martaus, Oprisch, and Pettengill Families. May Doris, Carl, and Michael live in the eternal light of Christ.

***Fourth Sunday of Easter
by The Faithful Disciple***

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Several years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old son, and I could tell he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. "That's James! I know him! He's in my class!" he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone he *knew*, and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today's readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that, like a good shepherd, he knows his flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but he willingly chose to lay down his life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with him. If we stay close to the Lord, we'll know his voice when we hear it – in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my son recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized – without being able to articulate it – this need, in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: "I know him, and he knows me!" But he didn't leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us – not just to know us, to simply recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts.

PRAY: Spending time in prayer and reading the Scriptures are essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, like a good shepherd speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.

Thought for the Week:

"God whispered, "You endured a lot. For that I am truly sorry, but grateful. I needed you to struggle to help so many. Through that process you would grow into who you have now become. Didn't you know that I gave all my struggles to my favorite children? One only needs to look at the struggles given to your older brother Jesus to know how important you have been to me."

~ Shannon L. Alder