



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

Tel 601-372-4481

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.”
— 1 John 3:1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Acts 4:8-12

Psalm — Psalm 118

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel — John 10:11-18

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tues: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thurs: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, April 25

9:30am – Gilbert Rod+

12:30pm – Consuelo Aguilar, Padre Juan

3:00pm – Angelina & Angel Espino

Mon, April 26 —

Tues, April 27 —

Wed, April 28 —

Thurs, April 29 —

Fri, April 30 —

Sat, May 01 — no Mass

Please fill out a Mass Intention Envelope and place in the collection basket.

PRAYERS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDS, PT'S AND ALL THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES CARING FOR ALL WITH COVID-19!

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
Vaccine and Cure for the Coronavirus-19**

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$3,949.00
Online	\$ 297.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 360.00
Online	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
P. O. Box 8642

Jackson, MS 392864-8642

DO NOT MAIL TO THE STREET ADDRESS

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Thank you for your assistance.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

It begins every Wednesday at 9am and concludes at 3p.m.

Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus. Please call the office to make an appointment with Jesus on Wednesday.

We need volunteers!!!

THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.
—St. Irenaeus



Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David

Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P. Collins, Nathan Darnell, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner

Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down his life for us, as he told his disciples that he would do. We likely come here today with worries and concerns on our mind. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all, salvation.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Two metaphors in today's readings describe Jesus. Peter, drawing upon the words of the psalmist, calls Jesus the cornerstone. He is the foundation of our Christian faith, the one who conquered death and brought salvation to the world. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. He leads and cares for his sheep, even sheep outside the fold, eventually laying down his life for them, for us. Let us reflect on how Jesus is our cornerstone and our shepherd.

FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Gospel Reading

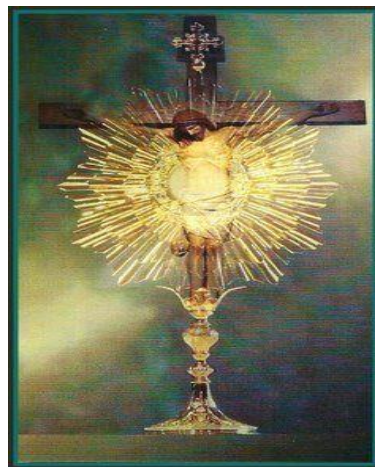
The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monthly Devotion for April The Blessed Sacrament



"The Church in the course of the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions,

especially at the time of Eucharistic Congresses, which pass through cities and villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed . . . These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb Who was slain." --Pope Pius XII



PASTORAL CARE

Jessica Lozano Rodriguez, Ben Mokry, John Weston, Padre Juan, Craig Terrell, Mary Maziarz, Lawson Rigby, Virginia Magers, Sallie Riley, Sissie Warren, Gerry Trudeau, Amanda Roberts, Meg Maziarz, Margaret Hutchins, Emma Abbott, Nhung Nguyen, Carrol Houg, Sarah & Max Allen, Tommy (Margaret Williams' brother), Sonny Womack, Roger & Vicky Venable and

Family, Charles Coleman, Tim Opiela, Margaret Williams, Kathy Payment, Crystal and Stephen Warren, Phil Thiac, Glynn Long, John Bradshaw, Andrew Lavigne, Billy & Janna Avalon, Vicki Hillman, Gwen Roberson, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Eva Jean Davis, Linda Develle, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencock, Steve Musil, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Chad Ermis, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Betsy Carraway, James Lee, Jr., Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Lillian Stachura, Epigenia Tartinez, Vince/Codi Warren, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, John Laughlin, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Helen Machost, Brenda Williams, Eugene Humphery, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich.

Eternal Rest To:

Robert Bobby Martinez+ (brother of Lucy Stevenson)

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...” -James 1:17

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Email: sttherese@jacksondiocese.org

call the parish office 601-372-4481

Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus Good Shepherd 1602 -

Le Bon Pasteur Philippe de Champaigne

Although we sometimes act like sheep, commonly thought to be dumb animals, we really aren't. We are, after all, human beings created in the image of God, even though we have a fallen, sinful human nature. Although the image of a flock of sheep and Shepherd who cares for them is a useful image to express the relationship of Christ to the Church, it is not the whole story.

We're responsible for our behavior in ways that no sheep or any other animal is. And that's what Peter's hearers recognized when they heard the first Christian sermon on the Day of Pentecost. They heard him announce what God had done for them, and so they asked, "What are we to do?" In other words, what response do we need to make?

[Excerpts:catholicsteward.com](https://www.catholicsteward.com)

Question of the Week

How is the Lord calling me to guide, nurture, and care for others?

- Pastoral Patterns Summer

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