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On the HORIZON			
April 24, 2024 6:30 PM	Confirmation Bishop Zarama		
April 27/28, 2024	Election of PPC		
May 18, 2024 11:00 AM	First Communion Wallace		
May 19, 2024 1:00 PM	First Communion Magnolia		

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

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.

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#### Our Mission

To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.

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Parish Pastoral Council

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Office Hours

Mon. 9-12 PM Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12, PM in Sta. Clara

Thur. 9-12, 4-6PM Fri. 9-12, 4-6PM

Call to make an appointment

Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM

Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

**Weekend Mass Schedule Transfiguration of Jesus** 

Saturday 5:00 PM English Sunday 8:30 AM English 10:30 AM Spanish

**Santa Clara Mission** 

1:00 PM Spanish

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.) Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.) Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

#### The Pope's Monthly Intention (April)

#### For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

#### **Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.



The month of April is dedicated to the Third Person in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Every time we recite the Nicene Creed we worship the Holy Spirit as God. The love of the Father for the Son is total. God the Father empties Himself completely, holding nothing back from the Son. The love of the Son for the Father is total. God the Son empties Himself completely, holding nothing back from the Father.

The term "Spirit" translates the Hebrew word *ruah*, which in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. Jesus indeed uses the sensory image of the wind to suggest to Nicodemus the transcendent newness of him who is personally God's breath, the divine Spirit. On the other hand, "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes common to the three divine persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit, without any possible equivocation with other uses of the terms "spirit" and "holy."

#### **Parish Ministries & Committees**

#### Confirmation

Celebration of the Sacramento of Confirmation on April 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Transfiguration with Confirmation
Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, DD

#### **Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)**

	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	Budget	Actuals	Expense
Offertory	\$13,790	\$26,188	
Maintenance	\$2,420	\$3,235	
Others	•	\$1,572	
		(\$255.81)	\$18,751.52
Totals	\$28,455	\$30,739.19	\$11,987.67

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

# PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Election on April 27/28

**A Call to Service** 

#### **Human Life & Dignity**

April 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM Distribution of Food items After the Spanish Mass



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh

RALEIGH REGION

#### **Human Life & Dignity**



Fill your bottle with coins, cash, or a check. Bring it with you to Mass and give it to one of the greeters. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Human Life & Dignity**



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Weekly Schedule (April 20 - 27)

Saturday			Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
1:00 PM	Quinceañera – Santa Clara		
4:30 PM	Confession – Fr. Mike Koncik		
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass – Fr. Mike Koncik	Greeters:	B Jaco
	+ Ron Crecco and Bod Sivori requested	Transporter:	B Jaco
	by the Knights of Columbus	Lectors:	B Russell
		EMC:	M Hopkins, P George, Deacon Mike
		Altar Servers:	M McCarthy

Sunday			FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
			Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
8:30 AM	Mass	Greeters:	M Russell, C Russell
	+ Ron Crecco and Bod Sivori requested	Transporter:	M Masinick
	by the Knights of Columbus	Lectors:	K Mackey, P Jazowski
		EMC:	P Harran, B Harran, Deacon Mike
		Altar Servers:	Leah, Neil, Isaac
9:30 AM	Faith Formation		
9:45 AM	Faith Formation Entrance Examination		
10:30 AM	Mass (Spanish)	Greeters:	Jorge, Tino, Jorge
		Transporter:	Josef, Jairo, Dorian, Sofia
		Lectors:	Olga
		EMC:	Angelica, Amelia, Inocencio
		Altar Servers:	Josef, Dorian, Sofia, Jairo

Monday		Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
9:00 AM	Weekday Mass	
9:45 AM	Bible Study	
6:00 PM	Adoration (Spanish)	
7:00 PM	Weekday Mass (Spanish)	
Tuesday		Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday		Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
10:30 AM	Finance Committee Meeting	
6:30 PM	Confirmation at Transfiguration of Jesus	
	Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, DD	
Thursday		Saint Mark, Evangelist
9:00 AM	Weekday Mass	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer/Adoration	
10:35 AM	Parish Council Meeting	
Friday		Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
9:00 AM	Weekday Mass	
Saturday		Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
3:00 PM	Quinceañera (Transfiguration)	
4:30 PM	Confession	
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass	