

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Wednesday: St. Fidelis

Thursday: St. Mark

PRAYER CORNER

FOR DECEASED PARENTS

O God, who commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the soul of my father (of my mother), and forgive him (her) his (her) sins. May I see him (her) again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

Monday: *No Mass*

Tuesday: Edward Joseph Birthday
Eddie Owen Birthday

Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Cracker †

Cracker's Mike †

Thursday: Raymond Bates †

Winnie White †

Black Barney & Winnie Riley †

Friday: In honor of St. Christopher for a special intention

Saturday: In honor of the Sacred Heart & Holy Spirit for a special intention

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

"Hello? Is this the State Mental Hospital?"

"Yes, it is."

"Can I speak to Mr. Russell in room twenty-seven?"

"One moment and I'll connect you...(pause) I'm sorry, Mr. Russell is not answering."

"Good. That means I must have really escaped."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,241.00	\$2,443.00
Number of Families contributing	106	82
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$46,247.00	\$46,943.00
Received to Date	\$40,311.00	\$30,965.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,936.00	\$15,978.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$330.00	\$5,158.00

22 ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$.000	\$1,020.00

No family made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$71.00.

8 CHILDREN contributed \$42.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Cracker loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. Jay and Family in loving memory of Hody's Bridget Marie on the 21st Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR 4/27/24 & 4/28/24

Saturday: 5:30 P.M.

Sunday 11:30 A.M.

FUNNY CHURCH BILLBOARDS

- *You may party in Hell....
But you will be the barbeque.*
- *Honk if you love Jesus....
Text while driving if you want to meet Him.*
- *Church parking trespassers will be baptized.*
- *How do you make Holy Water?
You boil the hell out of it.*
- *What is missing from CH_CH?
UR*
- *The best vitamin for a Christian....
B1*
- *You are not too bad to come in...
You are not too good to stay out.*

NEVER LOSE HOPE

**Every exit has an entry somewhere.
Every end has a new beginning.
Every dark cloud has a silver lining.**

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Anthony and to a member for donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

LIFE IS AN ECHO

- ❖ **What you send out – comes back.**
- ❖ **What you sow – you reap.**
- ❖ **What you give – you get.**
- ❖ **What you see in others- exists in you.**
- ❖ **Do not judge – so you will not be judged.**
- ❖ **Radiate and give love and love will come back to you.**

READERS

Sat. Apr. 20th, 4:00 P.M.

Leah & Dayna

Sun. Apr. 21st, 11:30 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Apr. 27th, 5:30 P.M.

Julie Ann & Natalie

Sun. Apr. 28th, 11:30 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Natalie
Wednesday	-	Gracelynn
Thursday	-	Christina
Friday	-	Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	-	Lauren Ashley
Thursday	-	Cathy Carroll
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>April 20th</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

April 21st
Ned's Rose Marie

April 28th
Ned's Rose Marie