

April 22-29, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reflections for the Week
Faith furnishes prayer with wings,
without which it cannot
soar to Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

Today's Readings

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First Reading — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (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 — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

Readings for this Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;
Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,
25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: 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

**Please pray for our parishioners
& extended family:**

**Rest in Peace: Judy Laxen, Olga de Souza,
Josephine Small, & Mary Dunn**

For Healing:

Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys,
Maureen Francis, Ethel Friedrichs, Mike Marty,
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt,
Dalia & Estela Becerra.

Blessings to all our members who reside in
assisted living & care facilities.

Mass Intentions
April 20-27, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri. Mila Rodrigues (RIP +)	12:10pm
Sat.	4:15pm
Sun. Maria Eugenia Tefel (RIP +)	9:30am
Sun. Rowland Dias (Happy Birthday!)	11:30am
Mon. Mary Gafney (Healing Blessing)	12:10pm
Tues. Gerald O'Donnel (RIP +)	12:10pm
Weds. Sally Cassidy (Happy Birthday!)	12:10pm
Thurs. Carl Wood (Special Healing)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Wednesday: St. Mark;
Administrative Professionals Day
Friday: Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him. In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Easter. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Easter once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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A Faith that Does Justice
April 27-29 Fr. Sean Carroll, S.J.
How does Christ encourage us to promote social justice?
Busy Person's Day of Retreat
April 29 Fr. Andrew Rodriguez
Get away for the day and refresh your spirit
5-Day Guided Retreat
May 16-20 Pastoral Staff
Silent, individually directed retreat
Gifted and Called
June 1-3 Fr. Michael Zampelli, S.J.
LGBT retreat
Retreat for Friends and Families of Alcoholics
June 8-10 Fr. Tom Weston retreat

PRAYERS

The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion.

*Reveal to me their needs
and give me the means to inspire in my heart
the humility and generosity
of St. John so that I might be
to them a revelation of God's Love. Amen.*

SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti

New Website, New Events from the Office of Vocations

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sfpriest.org [facebook.com/sfvocations](https://www.facebook.com/sfvocations)

The Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese has a new website with information, stories, videos, resources, and events. There is also a monthly e-newsletter. Upcoming events include:

Monthly Discernment Meeting: For Men

Thursday, May 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
St. Cecilia Church, 2555 - 17th Ave., San Francisco
Our monthly meeting open to men discerning a call to the priesthood. Food will be provided!

Summer Priestly Discernment Camp for Teens

Sunday, July 8 – Wednesday, July 11
A camp for young Catholic men of the Bay Area to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. Open to rising sophomores, juniors, seniors, and to 2018 graduates.



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Collections

April 29 Black & Indian Home Missions/
Catholic Home Missions (USCCB)

Parish Calendar of Events and Meetings

Adult Faith Formation Series on the Mystics
~ Saturday, April 21, 2018, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Thomas Merton (presented by the Verbum Dei Missionaries)