

## Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 26, 2026

### Holy Father's Intention for April:

#### **For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### Imitating the Good Shepherd:

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.

As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that “stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations.” Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM). Today the Eucharistic Youth Movement celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Everyone is cordially invited. Please pray for the group's continued growth in God's love.

## The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Today's Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the she herd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



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### *"I am the gate for the sheep"*

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus uses two images referring to Himself: He is the shepherd. And He is the gate. Jesus is the good shepherd who knows the sheep. "He calls his own sheep by name" (Jn 10:3). For Jesus, each one of us is not a number; He has personal contact with each one of us. The Gospel is not just a doctrine: it is the personal attachment of Jesus to us.

And not only does He know us personally, but He also loves us personally. "To know," in the Gospel of St. John, does not simply mean an act of understanding, but an act of adherence to the person known. Jesus, therefore, carries each one of us in His Heart. We too must know Him in this way. To know Jesus does not only involve an act of faith, but also of charity, of love. St. Gregory the Great, commenting on this text, tells us: "Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love." And love is shown through deeds.

Jesus is also the gate, the only gate. "Whoever enters through me will be saved" (Jn 10:9). And a little further on, He emphasizes: "No one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn 14:6). Today, a misunderstood ecumenism makes some think that Jesus is one of many saviors: Jesus, Buddha, Confucius..., Mohammed, it doesn't matter! No! Whoever is saved will be saved by Jesus Christ, even if he does not know it in this life. Whoever strives to do good, whether he knows it or not, goes through Jesus. We, by the gift of faith, do know it. Let us be grateful for it. Let us strive to go through this gate, which, although narrow, He opens wide for us. And let us bear witness that all our hope is placed in Him.



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#### **Offering for April 19, 2026**

**Total Sum. Collection \$4,534.00**

Capital Improvement	\$ 210.00
Votive Candles	\$ 105.00
Advertisement	\$ 40.00
Funeral Fee	\$ 300.00
PSR	\$3,780.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 1,968.00

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

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.

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**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

#### **Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions**

**Sun 4/26:**\* Andrew by Le Vinh

\* Joseph, Maria, Vincent & ancestor both sides by 1 person

**Mon 4/27:** \* Dominic by Dung

**Tues 4/28:** \* Dominic and all souls by Ca Do

**Wed 4/29:** \* Maria and Joseph by Khiet Loan

\*All souls, ancestors both sides & intention by 1 person

**Thurs 4/30:** \* Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph, all souls by Hung Ha

\* Thaddeus, Ann, Paul, Peter, Gioankim & all souls by Hue Linh family

**Fri 5/1:** \* Joseph, Dominic & Vu Minh Kinh by Ly Nguyen

\* Thanksgiving and peace for family by 1 person

**Sat 5/2:** \* Thanksgiving and peace for family by Trinh

\* Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph, all souls by Hung Ha