



# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 3, 2020**

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT PS 23**

**Our Mission:** We are a Catholic Community of Faith, called to be Jesus to all people, Striving to live the message through the Eucharist and the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.



During this month of May, we pay special honor to our Blessed Mother. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May. He wrote that May is an occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven.

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**MASS INTENTIONS: May 4-10**

Mon	6. 00 pm	Fr. Joe Mills
Tues.	6:00p.m.	Patty Reynolds, (mother of Fr. Pat Reynolds )
Wed.	6:00p.m.	Stella Fogle (mother of Fr. Bruce Fogle)
Thur.	6:00 p.m.	Tony Skinner
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Judy Fischer
Sat.	12. 00p.m..	Mary Orth
Sun.	9:00a.m.	Parish Family

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,100.00	
April 26, 2020 Contribution	\$5931.	89
Under/Over this week	-\$3168.11	
Under/Over (July 1, 2019 to present)		
In Regular Collections	\$1873.87	
Parish Renovation Fund	\$27111	

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

**Special Prayers:** Please remember Janie Payne, Glenn Young, Marie Hester, Jerry Blandford, Mary Ellen VanVactor's brother, Sharon Bumm's mother, Mary Kittinger & mother & brother, Janie Howard's brother, Paul Westerfield, Charlene Meadows, Tony Powers, Guy Connor, Earl Hayden, Bill & Rita Elder, Doris Schrecker, Jim Head, Richard & Liz Hawkins, Mike Thompson, Jess Lowe, Jamie Berry, Ron Boarman, George & Anna Carol Murphy & daughter Oleta, Gary Murphy's brother, Helen Byers, Mary June Cecil, Kay Berry's son-in-law, Robert Johnson's mother, Mary Edna Payne, Mary Hartz, Lillian Taylor, Carolyn McDaniel, Gene Bunch, Angela Gentry, Sandra Self, Karen Osborne's mother, Otis & Rita Webb's daughter, Linda Jackson & Vickie Payne's granddaughter, Kenny Kelley, Barbara Magan, Vickie Osborne's brother, Ed Sullivan's brother, Leo Schwartz, Joe Bittel, Mary Murphy, Nelda Bickwermer's daughter, Ashley Adams, Joyce Young's friend, Mary Ellen Vanvacto, Jordan McInthosh, Mary June Cecil's son, Joseph Howard

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Please remember Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard, Debbie Sapp, Clara Gilles, Lois Sims, Mary Ann Postlewaite, JB Smith, Barbara Mingus, Nancy Best

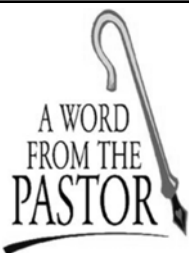


**Big Frying Pan**

Two men went fishing. One was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he would put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing the man waste good fish. "Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?" he asked. The inexperienced fisherman replied, "I only have a small frying pan." Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throwback the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, big opportunities that God sends our way. Our faith, be it in ourselves or in God, is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who could not figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan. Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. We can and should confidently walk into anything God brings our way. Nothing is too big; all we need is a bigger "frying pan".

**Fourth Sunday of Easter John 10:1-10**

**I have come that you may have life:** Our image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd romanticizes the role and status of the shepherd.. However, Jesus was well aware that the life of a shepherd was very difficult and they were considered to be on the low level of society. Then, as today, they were called bedouins, which means "nomads." They moved from place to place to find food and water for their flock and the flock is totally dependent on the shepherd for protection from predators and thieves. The shepherd depended on the flock for milk, meat, and wool. Such mutual dependence establishes a strong bond between shepherd and flock. Like the good shepherds and great leaders of history, Jesus leads us from the front, with wisdom and courage. Jesus used the image of shepherd and sheep to teach the people of his day, and us, that he will always lead us to what is right and good, and we can follow him in confidence and have faith in him.



**Jesus the Good Shepherd:** On this fourth Sunday of Easter we celebrate the feast of Christ, our good shepherd who willingly laid down his life for his flock. We celebrate our shepherd because, he loves and cares for us in all circumstances. He is willing to lead all who follow and obey him to the spring of eternal life. So, as the sheep of God's flock, let us heed the daily call of Christ our good shepherd who says: "Behold I stand at the door of your heart and knock. If you open the door, I will come in" (Rev 3:20). Yes, Jesus the good shepherd of all nations stands there patiently knocking. He wants to lead us to the stream of eternal life. So, let us not walk away from Him. The psalmist advises us thus: "Oh that today you will listen to his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:8). May the Almighty God grant us the wisdom and grace to continue to respond obediently to Christ our Good Shepherd.

**St. Dominic Savio:** On this Wednesday the 6th of May Church celebrates the feast of St. Dominic Savio. Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed John Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God." Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life. Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954. St Dominic Savio pray for us.

**Bad news and good news:** "I've got some good news and some bad news to tell you. Which would you like to hear first?" the farmer asked. "Why don't you tell me the bad news first?" the banker replied. "Okay," said the farmer, "With the bad drought and inflation and all, I won't be able to pay anything on my mortgage this year, either on the principal or the interest." "Well, that is pretty bad," said the banker. "It gets worse," said the farmer. "I also won't be able to pay anything on the loan for all that machinery I bought, not on the principal or interest." "Wow, is that ever bad!" the banker admitted. "It's worse than that," the farmer continued. "You remember I also borrowed to buy seed and fertilizer and other supplies. Well, I can't pay anything on that, either principal or interest." "That's awful," said the banker, "and that's enough! What's the good news?" "The good news," replied the farmer with a smile, "is that I intend to keep on doing business with you."

**Perfect obedience:** A Non-Catholic Minister recently quit the ministry after more than 20 years of faithful, dedicated service and became a funeral director. When asked why he had changed vocations, he said: "I spent 10 years trying to straighten out John and he's still an alcoholic. Then I spent three and-half years trying to straighten out Harold and Susan's marriage problems and they ended up getting a divorce. Later I tried for two years to help Bob kick his drug habit and he is still an addict. Now, at the funeral home, when I straighten them out, they stay straight! Perfect obedience!"

Fr. Suneesh Mathew

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Readings for next weekend will be Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12. We invite you to read and study these passages for your own reflection as we prepare for the liturgy we will celebrate as a parish community.



**God's gift:** A 93 year old man in a hospital in Italy who survived COVID-19 was billed for the respirator which he needed for a full day at the height of the

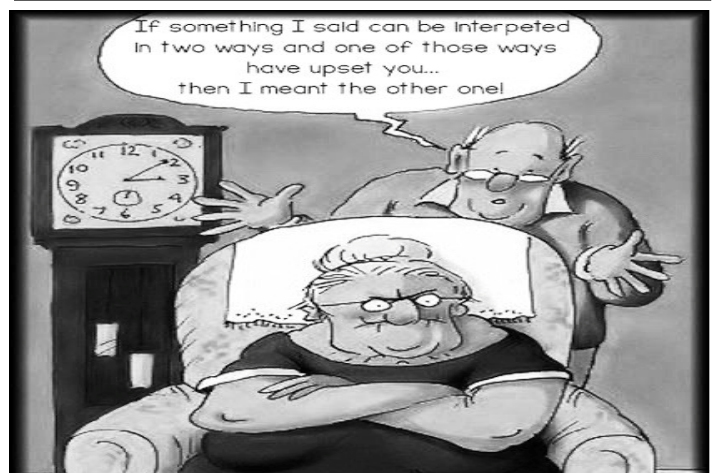
sickness. He began to cry. The doctor asked him not to cry over the expense because they could work out something. His response made the doctors cry. The old man said, "I do not cry for the money I have to pay, because I can afford all this. I cry because I've been breathing God's air for 93 years, but I never paid for it. It takes 500 euros to use the respirator in the hospital for a day. Do you know how much I owe God? I have never thanked God for this before." The words of this man deserve our reflection. When we breathe freely without pain and disease, no one takes the air seriously. Only when we are without it do we realize how precious a gift from God each breathe of life is! LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!! Psalm 150:6

**WHAT 'S YOUR CATHOLIC I.Q.?**

(Answers on the back page)

1. Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to —, where Mary gave birth to Jesus  
A) Corinth, b) Jerusalem, c) Bethlehem, d) Rome
2. Mary's prayer, called the \_\_\_\_: "My souls proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior"  
A) Nicene Creed, b) Memorare c) Magnificat , d) Act of Contrition
3. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also known as the Patroness of the —  
A, Hearts b) Americas, c) Europe, d) Peace

**How many apples?** A teacher teaching Maths to seven-year-old Arnav asked him, "If I give you one apple and one apple and one apple, how many apples will you have?" "Within a few seconds Arnav replied confidently, "Four!" The dismayed teacher was expecting an effortless correct answer (three). She was disappointed. "Maybe the child did not listen properly," she thought. She repeated, "Arnav, listen carefully. If I give you one apple and one apple and one apple, how many apples will you have?" This time he hesitatingly he replied, "Four" The disappointment stayed on the teacher's face. She remembered that Arnav liked strawberries. She thought maybe he doesn't like apples and that is making him loose focus. This time with an exaggerated excitement and twinkling in her eyes she asked, "If I give you one strawberry and one strawberry and one strawberry, then how many you will have?" With a hesitating smile young Arnav enquired, "Three?" The teacher now had a victorious smile. Her approach had succeeded. She wanted to congratulate herself. But one last thing remained. Once again she asked him, "Now if I give you one apple and one apple and one more apple how many will you have?" Promptly Arnav answered, "Four!" The teacher was aghast. "How Arnav, how?" she demanded in a little stern and irritated voice. In a voice that was low and hesitating young Arnav replied, "Because I already have one apple in my bag." When someone gives you an answer that is different from what you expect they may not necessarily be wrong. There may be an angle that you have not understood at all. You will have to listen and understand, but never listen with your mind already made up."







**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** celebration was to take place on May 2 at our 5:00 p.m. Mass. Once the pandemic is over we will decide a date for the first holy communion and will let the families know. In the meantime, we ask you to pray for these families and the 14 boys and girls who are anxiously awaiting for the time they can receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. These boys and girls have been preparing for many months and so excited that the day was getting closer and closer for them. The children are: Mason Clark, Aubrey Coomes, Blayze Dill, Ivan Finley, Vera Hayden, Adrianna Hentz, Brennan Murphy, Bryce Murphy, Elly Murphy, Tucker Oller, Dallas Oost, Landen Quinn, Lucy West and Sofia Wimsatt



**CONFIRMATION** celebration for 10 of our young teens was scheduled for May 24, but that will not take place at this time as Bishop Medley has cancelled all Confirmation celebrations for the month of May. At this time we do not know when this celebration will take place for these teens. We ask you to pray for: Shelbee Ayers, Ethan Daugherty, Nakia Dill, Sam Fulkerson, Daniel Herrmann, Gavin Herrmann, Ben Johnson, Luke Larsen, Kaylan Logsdon and Nolan Murphy. We pray that the Holy Spirit will filled these candidates with His gifts as they become full members into the Catholic Church.

**Answers**

1– Bethlehem, 2– Americas 3– Magnificat



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

05/06/1981 Raymond and Mary Barham (39)  
05/09/1975 Tony and Donna Gilmore (45)

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



05/04: Gary Blandford, Vanessa Calvin,  
Mary Ann Postlewait  
05/05: Satara Berry, Heath Devine, Lori Roberts,  
Chance Trembly  
05/07: Paula Martin  
05/08: Kenneth Kelley  
05/10: Donna Kamuf

**CONDOLENCES:** We wish to express our sympathy and prayers to Sheila (James) Head and to Paula (Brad) Martin on the death of Bob Hood (brother and Uncle). May he Rest in Peace.

**Fall of Pride:**

A tale from India illustrates the fall of pride beautifully. A turtle who was very talkative once overheard the plan of two hunters who schemed to catch turtles the next day. The turtle turned to two cranes for help to elude the conspiracy of the hunters. It weaved a plan where in the cranes were to hold a long stick at their ends between their beaks. The turtle was to close its mouth tightly in the middle of the stick so that it would be carried away to a safe distance when the birds make their flight. The cranes agreed to the idea and asked the turtle to hold the stick firmly. The cranes took off with the turtle dangling in the middle of the stick. When the birds were up high in the air with the turtle, people from below were awe struck about the strange sight. They exclaimed "What clever birds! What a brilliant idea to carry a turtle!" The proud turtle who could not contain himself shouted out "The idea is mine!", only to tumble from above to land on the earth. And what a fall it was? Pride cannot escape the price that it has to pay.

Pride goes before the fall," so it was from the beginning and so it will be till the end. No escape. Those whom gods want to destroy, they first make them proud," say the Greeks. Plant pride and you reap destruction.