



- *ST. PIUS X*  
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“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” — Jn 10:16-17

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**New Parishioners**

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

**Mass Intentions Week of 04/19/21—04/25/21**

LuVurne & Anita Bartholome, Tim Johnson, Peg Newgren

**Mass Schedule**

In-person masses are on Sunday with an 8:30 am mass at St. Pius and 10:30 am mass at St. Mary. Live-streamed masses are held Tue-Fri at 9:30 am & Saturday at 5:00 pm. These masses can be viewed on Facebook or the tri-parish website. See links at the bottom of this page.

**Visitation of the Sick**

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

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**April 25, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**by Mary M. McGlone**

Did you ever notice that long-married couples sometimes seem to begin to look alike? It's probably not so much that they physically resemble each other, but over a lifetime they have picked up something of the other's gestures or tilt of the head. Often, they tend to mirror their way of gazing at each other.

We naturally imitate some characteristics of those we love. At the same time, we discover that each intimate relationship simultaneously makes us more deeply and uniquely who we are. These things are part of the mystery of love described differently in two of today's readings.

The seemingly simpler of our two readings is Jesus' self-description as the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd image communicates the origin and destiny of Jesus' relationship with us. As Good Shepherd, Jesus says that he lays down his life for his sheep. While that refers most obviously to the cross, in a broader sense, it describes God's relationship with humanity from the beginning of God's self-giving in creation through its fulfillment at the end of time.

In the life of Jesus, it [began](#) with "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." It came to symbolic fulfillment [when](#) "he took a towel and tied it around his waist, then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet." Our Good Shepherd is the image of the God who created out of love.

Jesus carries the Creator image a quantum leap further when he adds, "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father." With that statement, he declares that we are not simply called to be a people of God, but to participate in his own union with his Father.

Pope Francis has talked about how a good shepherd smells like the sheep: That's the Incarnation. Jesus goes on to say that the sheep will smell like the shepherd — and that's what the Eastern tradition calls divinization. We grow in our resemblance of God. This is where our selection from 1 John offers to stretch our imaginations. Today's first line could serve as our response to everything we hear Jesus say about the Good Shepherd: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us!" Then this passage goes on to tell us that we've not seen anything yet.

John invites us to contemplate our potential for infinite growth in God. John's words are purposely mysterious, saying that what we are becoming has not yet been revealed. The Jesuit mystic [Teilhard de Chardin](#) described this mystery when he encouraged a friend to trust in the slow work of God, "because only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be." John says, "What we shall be has not been revealed," but "when it is revealed, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."

Isn't that the same thing we see in people who have carried on a long love affair? The more we truly see and contemplate one another with love, the more our lives become intertwined. Be we friends or spouses, spending time together and repeatedly choosing to love one another molds us together such that we become who we never could have become without one another.

The combination of Jesus' description of what can happen because he is our Good Shepherd and John's promise that "we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is," may sound pretty esoteric. But we need to remember that the Word became flesh; God decided to smell like us so that we could take on the characteristics of the divine image in which we were created. We move more deeply into what has not yet been revealed through every relationship that draws us more deeply into love.

Friends pick up one another's gestures, and couples who have loved long do begin to resemble one another. That's because they have given one another what is most precious; they have spent their time on and with one another. In doing so, they have become more whole.

Today, Christ comes to us in the image of the Good Shepherd. It's important to note that everything he says about being our shepherd is addressed to us in the plural. He doesn't invite us to be his exclusive lamb, but the sheep of his flock.

Jesus introduces us to God as Trinity, God who is a community in ever growing relationship. Jesus invites us to be his communal sheep, smelling like one another, growing in him, giving our lives to and for one another. Doing that, we become ever more related and thus ever more like the God in whose image we were fashioned.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

4/11/21	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	765.00	680.00	1323.00
Loose Change	15.00	15.00	15.00
Fuel			
Building Fund	39.00		30.00
Haiti			
Catholic Herald			
Rice Bowl			
Holy Days			561.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$819.00</b>	<b>\$695.00</b>	<b>\$1929.00</b>
<b>CSA Goals</b>	<b>\$10,609</b>	<b>\$6,603</b>	<b>\$14,693</b>
<b>CSA Results (2/9/21)</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>4,995</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Electronic Donations (Monthly)</b>	<b>720.00</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>1204.14</b>

**Mass Schedule**

**In-Person:** Sunday: 8:30 am St. Pius, 10:30 am St. Mary  
**Live-Streamed**  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StPius.StMary.StAnthony>  
 Tuesday–Friday: 9:30 am  
 Saturday: 5:00 pm  
**Website:** <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/parishioners-page>

**Reminder: Bring your Missals Back To Mass**

Because of Covid restrictions, Missals are not available in the pews and are available for parishioners to take home with them. You must bring them back with you for future masses. There is a limited supply of missals so please refrain from taking more than one copy for yourself.



**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

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**Pray For** our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	Cami Marie DenHartog

**Readings for the week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24–13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 *St. Joseph the Worker*: Gn 1:26–2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**Kids Corner**

**Hey Kids!**

Today, April 25th, is the feast day of Saint Mark, a man who might be called a **Secretary** to Saint Peter. Since Peter had been a good friend of Jesus, he was always telling wonderful stories about the things that had happened when Jesus was on earth traveling around with his apostles. And since Mark was a good friend of Peter people started asking Mark to write down things Peter said so they could remember them. Mark did this, and now you can read those stories about Jesus in the Bible today. **The Gospel According to Mark** is an easy read and of course it is very interesting. Both Matthew and Luke adopted many of Mark's gospel details in their own gospels

If you listen closely to Fr. Kinney as he starts to read the **gospels** to us at mass, he will say the **Gospel according to Mark (Matthew, Luke or John)**. If you watch closely you will see Father make a big cross on the **Lectionary** (That's a big word for the book that has the gospels readings from the Bible that are read to us at mass) with his thumb and then on his forehead, lips, and heart. Why do you suppose he does that? **Jesus be on my**