

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
He refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
For his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. (Ps 23:1-4)

That is a beautiful way to live, a way that leads to life, peace and true happiness. Jesus in the Gospel today tells us that He came precisely so that we may live with that life, peace and happiness described in Psalm 23.

We are still in the Easter season. We have celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus had to die to Himself to live His new life. Jesus has shown us how to live life to the fullest; we must die to ourselves in order to rise to new life.

Pope John Paul II encouraged people many times to live life to the fullest by following Jesus as he said words like this, "Do not be afraid to open the doors to Christ..." In Palestine the shepherd brought the sheep into the sheepfold every night. It was a circular stone wall with an opening or door where the sheep entered. Once the sheep were inside for the night the shepherd slept in that opening or door all night. The sheep could not get out without stepping over the shepherd's body which meant they would not get out at all during the night. Jesus is the gate, anyone who enters through him will be safe, and will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd, Pope John Paul II declared the fourth Sunday of Easter a Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as He calls, that they may enter the sheepfold through Him and be safe and have life and live it to the fullest.

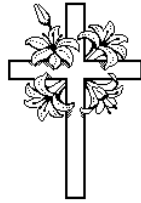
Saint Christopher Catholic Church

***160 Holt Spur Drive
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



***April 21, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday***

**Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)
Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)
Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)
Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838
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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
April 28, 2018**

Readers: R. Germann / W. Allen / S. Mahon
Altar Servers: A. Fackler / T. McDonald
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Savastano / D. Hailey

April Sacristan:M. Cottrell / D. Romer
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions:Sarah Mahon
Webmaster:Stormy Allen
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Bulletin: Mary Germann

INTENTIONS



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike Baldalament and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS

April 14, 2018

Parish: \$ 474

Building Fund: \$ 170

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 40 / 7

MASS INTENTIONS

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For the repose of the soul of **Josephine Halaburda**;
Requested by the **Halaburda family**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Easter Lilies have been taken off the altar. If you have not yet picked up your lilies, they are in the cry room. Those lilies which do not have a name attached are free for any one to take.

The Ladies' Guild is very excited about our **Cinco de Mayo** fundraising dinner!!! Please take note of the date: May 5th (Saturday). Tickets can be purchased from Bernadette Rindler, Sharon Brayton or Stormy Allen.

Ladies, don't forget that the Saint Mother Teresa Guild **mini-meeting** will be **Thursday, May 3rd** at 11:00 am.

Next week's **second collection** is for the **Catholic Home Missions**.

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)

May 5th **Readers:** B. Rindler / R. Germann / M. Criswell
Altar Servers: D. Briggs / W. Allen
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon

May 12th **Readers:** W. Allen / M. Criswell / P. Dalton
Altar Servers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Savastano / J. Vaughn