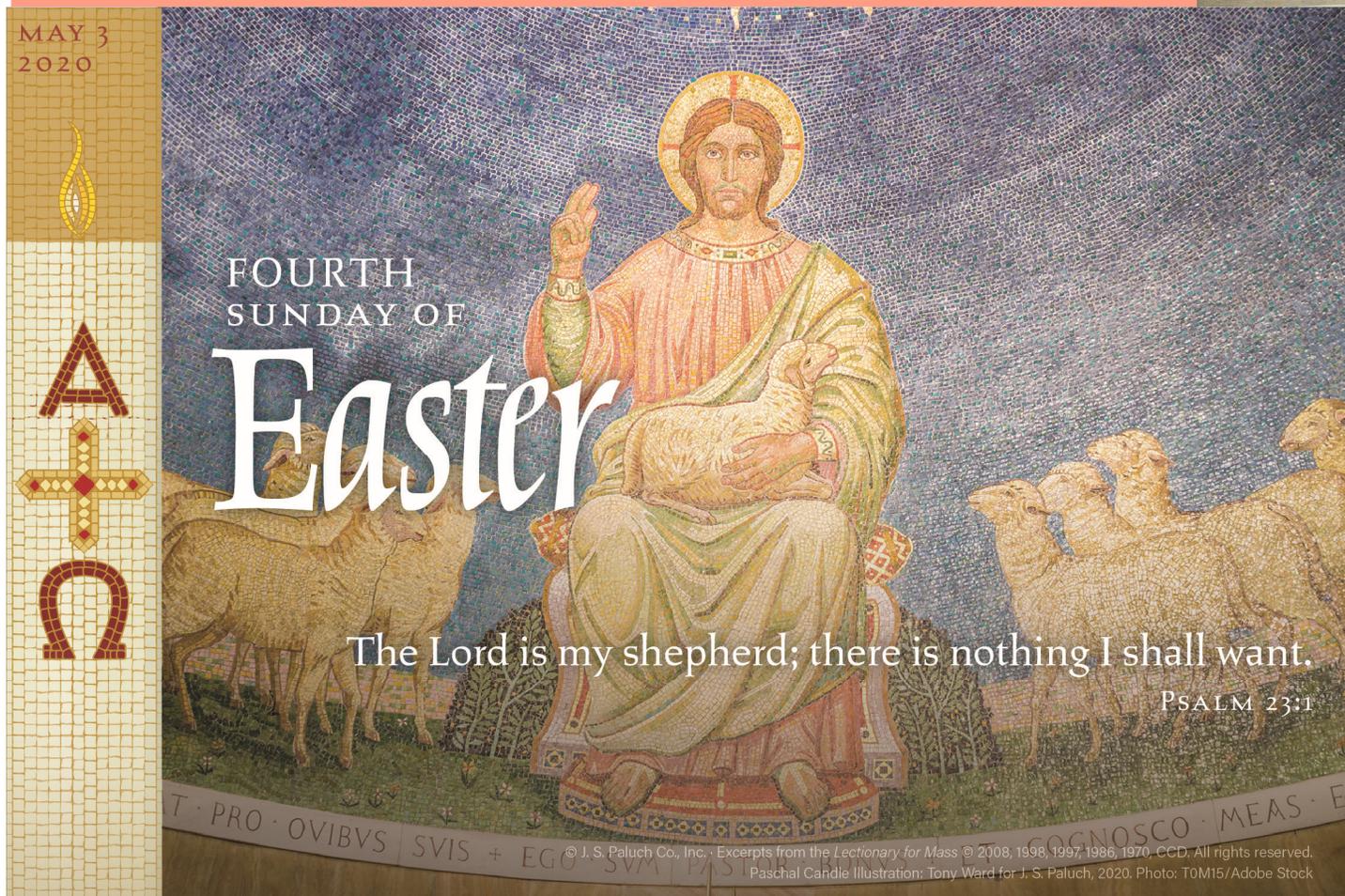


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When Peter faced the crowds on Pentecost, he was emboldened by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ passionately to those who gathered to hear him. There was likely part of him that was not quite sure what to expect, knowing that a few weeks prior, crowds of people had chanted “Crucify him!” as Jesus was sentenced to a cruel and unjust death. The people who heard Peter were moved by his witness, compelled to acknowledge their sinfulness and to accept the news of salvation through Jesus Christ as good news, the gospel that changes everything.

JESUS SAVES

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on track?

Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God’s people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Ps 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6;
1 Pt 2:20b–25; Jn 10:1–10

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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Father That Son will celebrate Mass for your intentions at St. Francis Xavier Church.

MON. 5/4	David "DR" Durbin†	(Artimez Family)
TUE. 5/5	Phillips Family	(Norm & Barbara Vilkoski)
WED. 5/6	Marilyn Neidhardt†	(Cindy Gunto)
THU. 5/7	Scott Minor†	(Tina Minor)
FRI. 5/8	Karen Amedro†	(Tina Minor)
SAT. 5/9	Craig Madden†	(John & Betsy Sicarella)
SUN. 5/10	All the Mothers of the Parish	

MAN OF FAITH

Saint Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort

Louis's life is inseparable from his efforts to promote genuine devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. *Totus tuus* ("completely yours") was Louis's personal motto; Pope John Paul II chose it as his episcopal motto.

Born in the Breton village of Montfort, close to Rennes, France, as an adult Louis identified himself by the place of his Baptism instead of his family name, Grignion. After being educated by the Jesuits and the Sulpicians, he was ordained a diocesan priest in 1700.

Soon he began preaching parish missions throughout western France. His years of ministering to the poor prompted him to travel and live very simply, sometimes getting him into trouble with Church authorities. In his preaching, which attracted thousands of people back to the faith, Father Louis recommended frequent, even daily, Holy Communion—not the custom then!—and imitation of the Virgin Mary's ongoing acceptance of God's will for her life. Louis founded the Missionaries of the Company of Mary, for priests and brothers, and the Daughters of Wisdom, who cared especially for the sick. His book *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin* has become a classic explanation of Marian devotion.

Louis died in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, where a basilica has been erected in his honor. He was canonized in 1947.

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Seminarians	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who continue to tithe throughout this time of uncertainty and worry. Your support is an overwhelming sign of your commitment to God and our parish.

Thank you to our parishioners who provide grocery store gift cards. Even as we practice physical distancing, we can remain connected through kindness and generosity even without physical proximity. Although we are physically separate, we can still come together to provide the financial, and social supports that help those in our local community.

Thank you to our staff who work at keeping open all the ways we communicate with each other.

Thank you to our parishioners who work in groceries, in healthcare and who teach.

Thank you to our pastor who continues to offer Mass for us; who comforts families and presides over burials for those who have entered into eternal rest.



During the month of May, say a rosary to ask Mary to protect the senior members of our parish family. They are the cornerstones of our parish.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Toni Smith, Deanne Ferraro, Jim Ali, Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Tex Reynolds, Bobby Kleinedler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski.

PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

God, we pray for all those who have suddenly lost employment.

We ask you to first give them peace and a settled confidence. Give them your encouragement today,

Build them up, as this situation has torn them down. Remind them of past victories, and awaken new dreams for their future.

Give them hope; lighten their step; lift the anxiety from their body and give them rest and unexpected joy.

Today is a new day with new possibilities.

Let nothing stand in the way of your purposes in the lives of those who, without your assistance, cannot find their next course.

We pray this in Jesus name. Amen

THIS WEEK ON FORMED.ORG:

The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine? How does this happen? The presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist is a mystery that the Church can never fully explain in words.

You are encouraged to watch this week: "Presence, Mystery of the Eucharist" on Formed.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have postponed the date for First Holy Communion. Kathy Swift has sent out materials for students to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Parents, please help your children to prepare. If you have not received materials, please contact your child's teacher.

QUESTIONS FOR WHEN WE GET BACK TOGETHER

- ⇒ What will be the message of joy that we will bring from the experience of the past weeks?
- ⇒ What will be the message of hope that we will give to others?



Next weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. Most mothers live their faith in action through their families often in thankless and unnoticed ways. You have heard many stories about your own mother whom you love dearly. What is the attribute of your mother that you admire most? Maybe you can tell her so next Sunday, if she is still alive. And if not, then in prayer, tell her how much you still admire and love her for her example of love. Next week may we not only choose words to express our affection for our mothers but may we also use some actions - because our deeds are more powerful every time.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

We believe that each mind matters. Mental health challenges are very common. In fact, 50% of us will experience a mental health challenge in our lifetime. But research shows that many people do not reach out for support. People recover from mental illnesses all the time. With support and treatment, between 70% and 90% of individuals reports reduced symptoms and improved quality of life. Good mental health enables people to realize their potential, cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively, and contribute to their communities.

For help and more information, contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.org).

Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.



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