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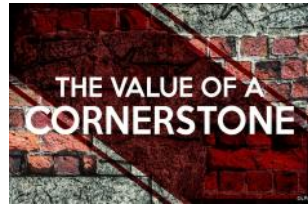
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone. Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture. A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPI



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ADORATION THURSDAYS
8:30am-5:00pm

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Confidence in Princes
Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?" Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade. But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it. Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective. Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God? "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this." It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

APRIL 25 2021 IV SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus GOLF - Generations of Living Faith MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild 4 	5 Parish Office Closed	6	7 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	8 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	9 Good Friday 3:00pm English / 6:00pm Spanish	10 Men's Fellowship Group 7:30am
11 Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	12	13	14 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	15 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	16	17
18 Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	19	20	21 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	22 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	23 Reconciliation 4:00pm	24
25 Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	26	27	28 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	29 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	30	31

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
April 18, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$1,922
Plate Giving	\$1,001
Online Giving	\$729.72
Total	\$3,652.72
Funds needed a week to meet operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	-\$1,347.28

Healing Pathways for Families



Embracing our Vulnerable Children

Supporting Foster Families in our Parishes



Fostering is a challenging ministry, especially for first-time foster families. How can parishes support this pro-life call to help vulnerable children in our churches and in our communities?

WHEN? Wednesday, May 12 @ 7:00-8:30 pm on **zoom**

Join us for this panel presentation where foster parents and representatives from organizations supporting foster families discuss what it means to embrace our vulnerable children.



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Presented by the Office for Family Life & Spirituality and the Mental Health Ministry Network.

CATHOLIC PRAYER PRACTICES FOR MENTAL & SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

The pandemic has brought us a lot of exploration of coping mechanisms, usually regarding emotional or physical wellness.

Yet, our pain is also deeply spiritual. Where has God been in the overlapping crises of our personal and familial lives? How have our practices of prayer and spirituality "fortified" us for the unique challenges that the pandemic has brought? How do our prayer lives benefit our mental health?

Please join us starting May 6 for a five-part exploration of Catholic prayer practices and their potential for mental wellness.

- May 6: Spirituality & Mental Health
- May 13: The Body & Prayer
- May 20: Praying with the Saints
- May 27: Ignatian Spirituality
- June 3: Centering Prayer

May 6 - June 3
 zoom
 THURSDAYS AT 7PM, MAY 6-JUNE 3
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THE DIOCESAN CELEBRATION A PENTECOST FOR ALL PEOPLE

Bishop McElroy invites all faithful to come together for this special Pentecost celebration as we re-energize our mission to love and serve all of mankind in God's name. This event will be held at Good Shepherd Church on **Saturday, May 22**, beginning with a Call to Worship at 10 a.m. and Mass at 11. It will be an outdoor event – physical distancing and masks are required. The event will be live-streamed at www.sdccatholic.org/pentecost2021.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Complaints about Sexual Abuse by a member of the Clergy, a parish Catholic Employee or a Volunteer can be made at <https://www.safeinourdiocese.org/> or call (858) 490-8353 misconduct@sdccatholic.org.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

This annual observance is dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. One in four children have experienced abuse or neglect at some point in their lives. Children who experience abuse or neglect can suffer from physical, psychological, and behavioral issues. Individuals and parishes are encouraged to rededicate themselves to being supportive of families, play an active role in preventing child abuse and neglect, and to promote child and family well-being. Please keep all victim/survivors of abuse in your prayers this month, especially those harmed within the church and those abused as children.

AMORIS LAETITIA

Along with being the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th was also the start of Amoris Laetitia Family Year. Marking the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), Pope Francis has asked the Church to celebrate the family throughout the year and to reflect upon how her ministry supports married couples and families at every level of Church life. This year also happens to mark the fifth anniversary of our diocesan synod on the family. The USCCB's Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth (LMFLY) is coordinating the anniversary celebration in the United States, which will run until June 26, 2022. Learn more about Amoris Laetitia Family Year, including resources from the USCCB (<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/year-amoris-laetitia-family>) and a brochure from the Vatican (http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/amoris-laetitia/Brochure/Brochure%20A4_ENG_FlipBook.pdf).



Confirmation Sponsor

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1). In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law. To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

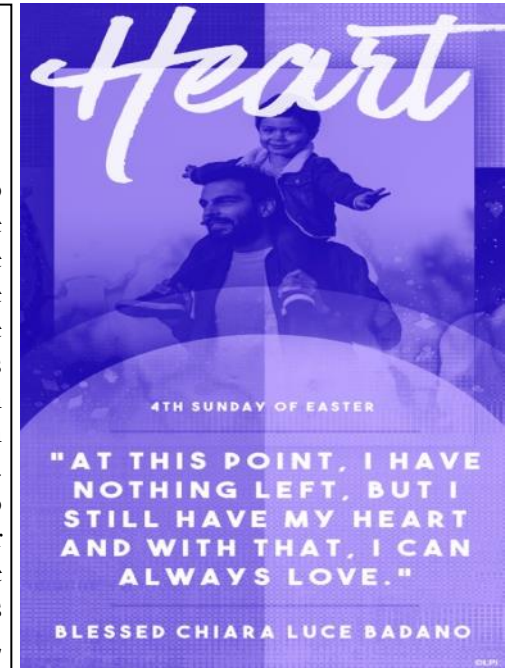
We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

Second Reading:

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

Gospel:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism? ©LPi



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost. ©LPi

APRIL 25 2021 TV SUNDAY OF EASTER

25	26	27	28	29	30	01
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish) Please pray for: Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18	Bible Study (Virtual) 7:00pm Please pray for: Rev. Manuel Ediza Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10	Daily Mass 7:30am Please pray for: Very Rev. Mark Edney Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30	Daily Mass 7:30am Please pray for: Rev. Earl Eggleston Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50	Daily Mass 7:30am Please pray for: Rev. Charles Eis Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20	Daily Mass 7:30am Please pray for: Rev. Raymond Elam, OSA Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6	First Saturday 9:00am Please pray for: Pope Francis Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16/Mt 13:54-58

MASS Intentions

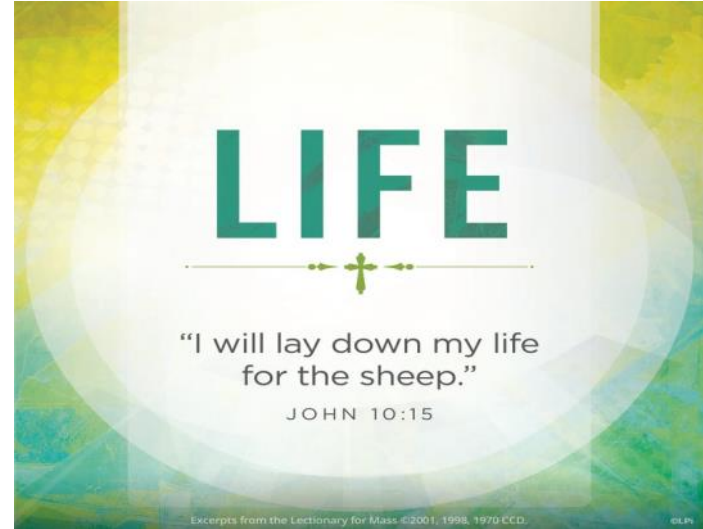
Apr 25	Sun	8:30am	+Earleen Richardson
Apr 25	Sun	11:00am	For the Parishioners
Apr 25	Sun	12:30pm	+Evan William Duhig
Apr 26	Mon		NO MASS
Apr 27	Tues	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Apr 28	Wed	7:30am	+Alfredo Juarez
Apr 29	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Apr 30	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
May 01	Sat	9:00am	For the Parishioners
May 01	Sat	5:00pm	(SI) Bob Smull

Observances for the week of April 25, 2021
 Sun: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Wed: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
 Thur: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Fri: St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
 Sat: St. Joseph the Worker

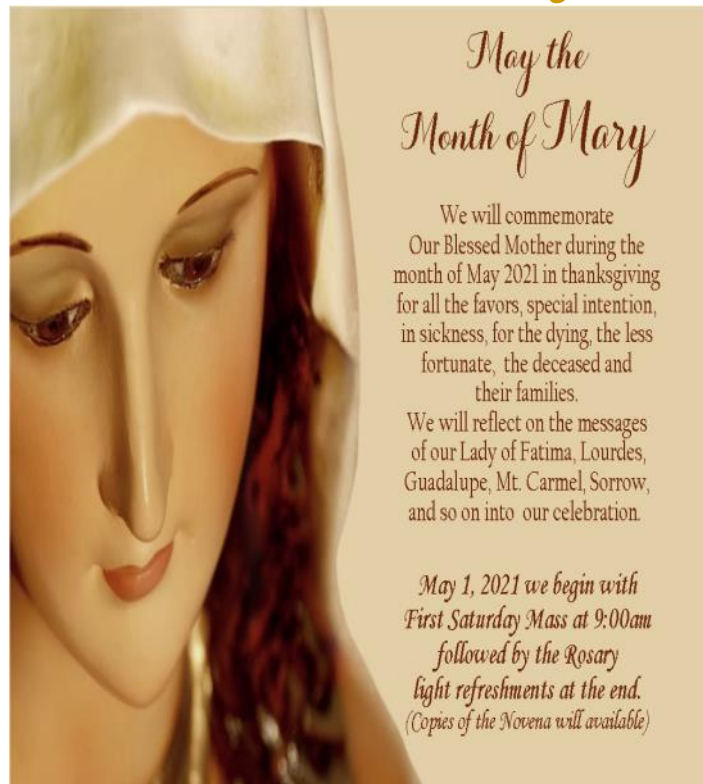


"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:16-17

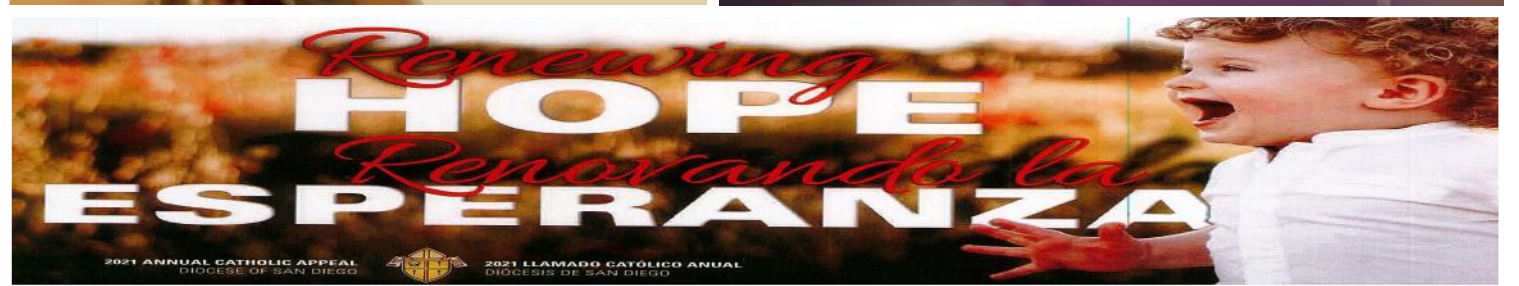
Masses will continue to be livestreamed or taped as necessary and available on our website www.stpiusxjamul.com or on the Diocesan website www.sdcatholic.org



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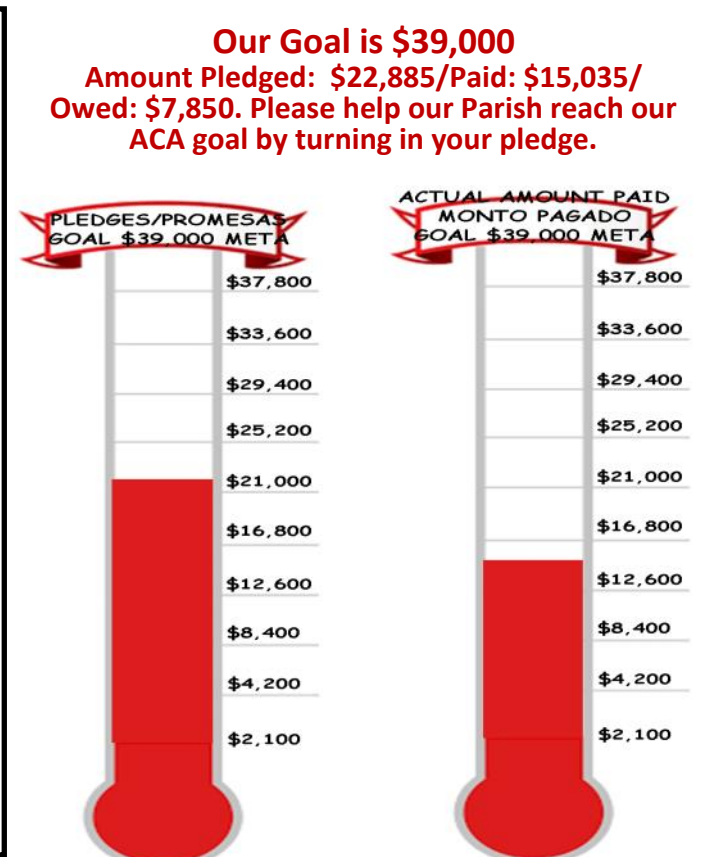
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