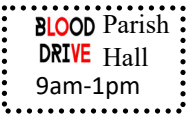
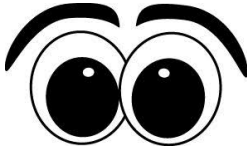


## Mass Intentions for the Week of:

- Sat. Apr 20 4:00pm Brad Crochet, Harry Wakeley & Mac McLachlan, Allen Nix, Marie Head, Ridley Broussard, Jason Ware & Louis Manuel, Ollie Savant, Buddy Unkel, Burt Broussard, Orville Augustine, Mary Carpenter, Bobby Duplechin, Ronnie Savant, Linda "Roseann" Alexis, James, Totsy, & Steve Chachere, Cathy Schatyle, Mark Karam, Lula Prudhomme, Rose Cunningham, Mary Fuselier, Mitchell Fruge, William Andrew Cronce
- Sun. Apr 21 8:00am Clifford, Ruth, Dennis & Jeffrey Savant, Bob LeFranc, Dec. Mem. Of Stella Doyle Family, Eugene, Rosie, Mike, Dennis & Dick Hamilton, MJ & Gladys Rider, Lois Cormier, Arthur Sonnier, Dec. fly of F.E. Jemison, Jeff Harrell, Joanie Granger, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Veillon, Jerry Doumite, Jeanette & JD Duplichan, Ward Paul Fontenot Jr & Sr, Vickie England, LD. & Delores Vizena, Ridley Broussard, D.C. Reed, Jr, Deacon Roy Nash, Gerald Savant, Sr. & Gabby Hebert
- Apr 21 10:30am Parishioners of St. Philip Neri
- Tues Apr 23 12:05pm Kristen Emerson
- Wed. Apr 24 6:30am Gerald Savant, Sr.
- Thurs Apr 25 12:05pm Gabby Hebert
- Fri. Apr 26 6:30am Alvin LeDoux
- Sat. Apr 27 4:00pm Brad Crochet, Harry Wakeley & Mac McLachlan, Dalton & Vivian LeBlanc and Allen Nix, Marie Head, Ridley Broussard, Jason Ware & Louis Manuel, Ollie Savant, Buddy Unkel, Lula Prudhomme, Raella Armond, Victoria Booz Butterwegge, Joe & Joey Walker, Helen Courville, Rose Cunningham, Jay & Nicholas Calderera, Albert, Susan & Mark Karam, Infant Charlie R Marcantel., Deacon Roy Nash, Orville Augustine
- Sun. Apr 28 8:00am Clifford, Ruth, Dennis & Jeffrey Savant, Bob LeFranc, Dec. Mem. Of Stella Doyle Family, Eugene, Rosie, Mike, Dennis & Dick Hamilton, MJ & Gladys Rider, Lois Cormier, Arthur Sonnier, Dec. fly of F.E. Jemison, Joanie Granger, Jeff Harrell, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Veillon, Jerry Doumite, Jeanette & JD Duplichan, Ward Paul Fontenot Jr & Sr, Vickie England, LD & Delores Vizena, D.C. Reed, Jr, Lillie Savant, Bobby Duplechin, Joseph "Wayne" Manuel, Emette Barzare, Deacon Roy Nash, Gabby Hebert
-  Parish Hall  
9am-1pm
- Apr 28 10:30am Parishioners of St. Philip Neri





**LOOK WHAT'S COMING:** There will be a Teen ACTS Retreat held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 – Sunday, June 9, 2024 at Camp Karol Retreat Center. Teen ACTS is open to any high school teen who was enrolled in grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the Retreat is \$275. Registration forms will be available the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup> at all the Masses held at **St. Philip Neri**.

For more information, you can send an email Attention TEEN ACTS to [ericabarnett142@gmail.com](mailto:ericabarnett142@gmail.com)

 All residents of Nursing Homes, and Judith L. Adams, Rebecca Albinson, Verna Arceneaux, Faye Ardoin, Jan Augustine, Jimmy & Penny Augustine, Shirley Bass, Ushary Bellard, Ashley Benoit, Roy Benoit, Rita Berry, Glenda Bertrand, Moe Bessette, Billy & Karen Blocker, Mark Boudreaux, Delores Boudreaux, Rose Boudreaux, Larry Brice, Channing Broussard, Sayard Buller, Clifton Bushnell, Donovan Carmen, Jimmy Chance, Ryan Cole, Betty Jean Courville, Gerald Courville, Laura Courville, Sterling Courville, Doris Ann Deshotel, Betty Jo Dodd, Lynda Dodd, Gail Dougharty, Destany Downs, Brenda Ortego Duhon, Stacy Duplechin, Donna Duplessis, Christine Dupont, Lois Evans, Charles K Fontenot, Chris Fontenot, Diana Fontenot, Earline Fontenot, Linda Fontenot, Mary Fontenot, Olivia Fontenot, Will Fontenot, Steve Fontenot, Travis Fontenot, Mary Fuselier, Angela Fruge, Emma Gordan, Lynda Green, David Guidroz, Allie Guillory, Greg Guillory, Trent Hall, Finley Hebert, Shirley Hebert, Terry Hebert, Tyler Hebert, Hardy Hill, Philip & Kailey Hooker, Kathleen Sonnier Hooper, Loretta Istre, Kinsley Johnson, Mary Joubert, Semi Karam, Rita Kelly, Debbie King, Clifford David LaFargue, Taylor LaFargue, Wayland LaFargue, Jeanie LaFleur, James & Nelda LaFosse, Rollins Landry, Virginia Lawrence, Judd LeBlanc, Carrie Kingrey Lemaire, Billie Jo Longoria, Baylor Malveaux, Benny Manuel, Greg Manuel, Sheila Manuel, Diane Marcantel, Eva Marcantel, Kelly & Logan Marcantel, Megan Marcantel, Ricky Marcantel, Essie Maricle, Paul Medica, Hayes Mills, Rachelle Mona, Susan Morris, Chris & Brenda Mouser, Colton Nash, Horace Naquin, John "Buster" Nevils, Alan Nichols, Lisa & Paul Oliver, Elizabeth Peloquin, Chris Pericles, Rylee Pellerin, Sissy Pellerin, Hunter Pelican, James Pitre, Jeremy Poe, Mark Pousson, Nora Powers, Karter Reed, Jill Andrews Rice, Grace N Richmond, Wade Roberts, Bob Rougeau, Misti Roussell, Caroline Savant, Dickie Savant, Karen F. Savant, Keith Savant, Kevin Savant, Patrick Savant, Eddie Saucier, Bob Sevin, Scott Smith, M/M Timmy Smith, Sr., Benjamin Sonnier, Billie Joe Sonnier, Hailey Fontenot Sonnier, Courtney Storer, Annie Thibodeaux, Viola Thibodeaux, Rose Thiels, Ava Thomas, Mia Thomas, Dubby & Camille Tramel, Mason Trahan, Glenn Trouille, Wanda Walker. (please call the office to remove or add people on prayer list)

### Shepherd and Gate

I read this story about a priest who instructed his sacristan to write the Responsorial Psalm on the white board before the Mass. On that day, the Response to the Responsorial Psalm was: "The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want." Since the board was too small for a long response the priest instructed the sacristan: "Just write, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.' That is enough." Since the priest was busy with other things he did not bother to check what the boy had written. When the part of the Mass where the responsorial psalm had to be repeated came, the priest, shocked but amused, heard the faithful say: 'The Lord is my Shepherd that is enough.'

This might be an honest mistake by the sacristan but this is a very meaningful declaration of faith. Yes, to know that Jesus is our Shepherd is more than enough to inspire us to continue living out the demands of our faith.

This middle Sunday of Easter season is traditionally celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday. And Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down his life for the flock, that is, the church. We lift up this particular image of Jesus and the way of thinking about God's care for us. If we listen very carefully Psalm 23 we hear its deeply comforting words. It says: *"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."*

By this Psalm 23, we are reminded that Jesus not only protects us in our darkest hour but that He freely laid down His life for us. What greater love can be imagined isn't it? If there is a good shepherd, I'm sure there are bad shepherds too.

As a background, the life of the shepherd, in biblical times, was one of personal self-giving and sacrifice. His work was that of watchful care and closeness to the flock. 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 and anyone who enters through Him will be safe and will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. Others steal and kill and destroy but Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

And also the shepherd-owner of the flock who grows up with the flock and stays with the same flock all his life. He knows each and every sheep in the flock individually. He calls each one by name and could tell you the personal story of each one of the sheep, when and where it was born, the problems it has had in life, its personal characteristics, etc. He attends to the individual needs of each and every one of them. He knows which ones are likely to lag behind after a long walk and he would carry them in his arms. He knows which ones were likely to stray from the flock and he would keep an eye on them when they came to dangerous places. He knows which ones are pregnant and need special food. When attacked by wolves or thieves he would risk his life and fight to defend his flock. He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

Jesus too invites us to share in the work of caring for the flock in our own little ways. But he also calls some people from among us to a life-long commitment to the work of shepherding the flock of God. These people are called to share more closely than the rest of the believers in the life and work of Jesus the Good Shepherd. If today you should hear God's voice calling you to this way of life, harden not your hearts.

At the end, let us reflect these words. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd, I take care." He added: "I am sending you, as I was sent." Are we really good shepherds? (courtesy Justmehomely's)



**\*\*Men & Women invited the First Sunday of the Month for Gospel Reflection & Community Prayer (Rosary) at 6pm in the Church. Please sign up for information and notifications at the back of the church.**



Sunday, May 19th

See a KC Member to

purchase your meal ticket \$12!

Pork or Chicken w/trimmings



#### \*\*Upcoming Events\*\*

April 23-Tues	Catholic Charities (Volunteers Needed)
April 23-Tues	SPN Finance & Parish Council Mtgs (Hall)
April 28	Blood Drive (Parish Hall) 9am-1pm
May 5-Sun	Gospel Reflection & Rosary 6pm
May 12-Sun	Graduate Recognition Mass
May 19-Sun	KC BBQ & DSPN Bake Sale

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	Acts 11: 1-18/ Jn 10: 1-10 (279)
Tues.	Acts 11: 19-26/ Jn 10: 22-30 (280)
Wed.	Acts 12:24--13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50 (281)
Thurs.	1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20 (555)
Fri.	Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6 (283)
Sat.	Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14 (284)
Sun	Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8 (53)