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APRIL 26, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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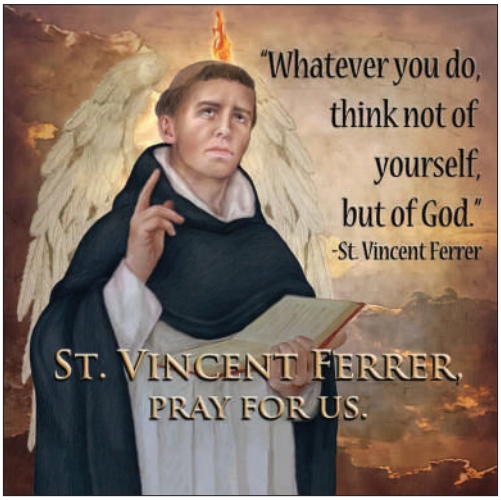

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25 — **5:00 p.m.**
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Salvatore E. Bambara — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, April 26 — **8:00 a.m.**
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Grislen Luly — Blessings
Requested by Rev. Father Antonius P. Gopaul

11:00 a.m.
Veronica Adams — Birthday Blessings
Kenyatti Adams — Birthday Blessings
Jabbar Barthwhaithe — Birthday Blessings
Geralda Friedman — Birthday Blessings
Bernadine Lewis — Birthday Memorial
Requested by The Lewis Family
Angela Harris — In Memoriam
Requested by Ann Harris
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Monday, April 27 — **9:00 a.m.**
Kererlen Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Tuesday, April 28 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
All The Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, April 29 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Shirley Mercury — Blessings

Thursday, April 30 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Pius V, Pope
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

Friday, May 1 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Joseph the Worker
Kellie Coutard — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Marie Coutard

Saturday, May 2 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Zelma Henry — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Alison Matthew

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Roy Redhead — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 26: **Catholic Home Missions**
May 3: **Mother's Day Offering**
May 10: **Catholic Communications Campaign**
Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your **name** and **phone number**, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a Donation of $20 as set by the Diocese of Brooklyn with each request.

Scripture Reflection

Jesus' final words in the Gospel we have just heard sum up the meaning of his mission: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly". That is what a good shepherd does: he gives his life for his sheep. Jesus, like a shepherd who goes in search of his flock, came to find us when we were lost. Like a shepherd, he came to snatch us from death. Like a shepherd who knows each of his sheep and loves them with infinite tenderness, he brought us back to the Father's fold and made us his children.

Let us reflect, then, on the image of the Good Shepherd and on two specific things that, according to the Gospel, he does for the sheep. He calls them by name, and then he leads them out.

First, "he calls his sheep by name". The history of salvation does not begin with us, with our merits, our abilities and our structures. It begins with the call of God, with his desire to come to us, with his concern for each one of us, with the abundance of his mercy. The Lord wants to save us from sin and death, to give us life in abundance and joy without end. Jesus came as the Good Shepherd of humanity, to call us and bring us home. With gratitude, all of us can think back on the love he showed us when we had wandered far from him. When we, like sheep, had "gone astray" and each one of us "turned to his own way" . Jesus took upon himself our iniquities and bore our sins, leading us back to the Father's heart. This is what we heard from the apostle Peter in today's second reading: "You were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls". Today too, Jesus calls us, in every situation, at all those times when we feel confused and fearful, overwhelmed and burdened by sorrow and self-pity. He comes to us as the Good Shepherd, he calls us by name and tells us how precious we are in his eyes. He heals our wounds, takes upon himself our frailties and gathers us into the unity of his fold, as children of the Father and brothers and sisters of one another...

After calling his sheep, the Shepherd "leads them out". First, he brought them into the fold, calling them by name; now he sends them out. We too were first gathered into God's family to become his people; then we too were sent out into the world so that, courageously and fearlessly, we might become heralds of the Good News, witnesses of the love that has given us new birth. We can appreciate this process of "entering" and "leaving" from yet another image that Jesus uses. He says, "I am the door; if anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture". Let us listen to those words again: "he will go in and out". On the one hand, Jesus is the wide open door that enables us to enter into the Father's fellowship and experience his mercy. Yet, as we all know, open doors are not only for entering, but also for leaving. After bringing us back into God's embrace and into the fold of the Church, Jesus is the door that leads us back into the world. He urges us to go forth to encounter our brothers and sisters. Let us never forget that all of us, without exception, are called to this; we are called to step out of our comfort zones and find the courage to reach out to all those peripheries that need the light of the Gospel.

Brothers and sisters, "going forth" means that we, like Jesus, must become open doors. How sad and painful it is to see closed doors. The closed doors of our selfishness with regard to others; the closed doors of our individualism amid a society of growing isolation; the closed doors of our indifference towards the underprivileged and those who suffer; the doors we close towards those who are foreign or unlike us, towards migrants or the poor. Closed doors also within our ecclesial communities: doors closed to other people, closed to the world, closed to those who are "irregular", closed to those who long for God's forgiveness. Please, brothers and sisters, let us open those doors! Let us try to be – in our words, deeds and daily activities – like Jesus, an open door: a door that is never shut in anyone's face, a door that enables everyone to enter and experience the beauty of the Lord's love and forgiveness...

Be open doors! Let the Lord of life enter our hearts, with his words of consolation and healing, so that we can then go forth as open doors within society. Be open and inclusive, then, and in this way...grow in fraternity, which is the path of peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus the Good Shepherd calls us by name and cares for us with infinitely tender love. He is the door, and all who enter through him have eternal life. He is our future, a future of "life in abundance". Let us never be discouraged. Let us never be robbed of the joy and peace he has given us. Let us never withdraw into our own problems or turn away from others in apathy. May the Good Shepherd accompany us always: with him, our lives, our families and our Christian communities will flourish with new and abundant life!

— Pope Francis' Homily for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023

Daily readings for the Fourth Week of Easter

Sunday, April 26
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Monday, April 27
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
John 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 28
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 29
Acts 12:24–13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 30
Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
John 13:16-20

Friday, May 1
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 2
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
John 14:7-14

Candidates Move Toward Confirmation Day

Members of this year's Confirmation Class presented their Confirmation Shields at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 19. The shields highlighted milestones in their journey of faith, their families and their aspirations for the future. The candidates will be confirmed by Bishop Raymond Chappetto on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church. Pictured above with their sponsors are, from left, Adryna, Merlynda, Khristian, Madison and Joshua. Father Bruno asked the parish to keep the candidates in their prayers.

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Congratulations to Our Newest Member!

Our warmest congratulations to Nayah, who was baptized at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12! Her mother Guytelle and her sister and brother, Roby and Zachary, were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Nayah is preparing to receive her First Holy Communion with the rest of her Second Grade Class in the School of Religion on Saturday, May 30. Nayah, your parish family extends its best wishes to you as you continue your journey of faith!

At right, Father Michael Bruno baptizes Nayah at the Baptismal Font, accompanied by her Godmother, Line, as her mother Guytelle looks on. At far right, Father Bruno joins Nayah for a photo in the Sanctuary.

The Catholic Home Missions Collection
Sunday, April 26, 2026

More than 70 dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home mission dioceses. They are often in rural areas with small Catholic populations or are in communities that struggle economically and cannot sustain their core ministries without outside assistance. That assistance comes through contributions to the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal, taking place this year in many dioceses on April 25-26.

With support received through this special appeal, these home mission dioceses can sustain parishes in remote areas, support priestly and diaconal formation, and train catechists. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal also supports the eparchies of the Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States, helping them meet the unique pastoral and cultural needs of their members, including those who have come to the United States from lands affected by war and terrorism.

Please Strengthen the Church at Home by giving to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal at Mass.

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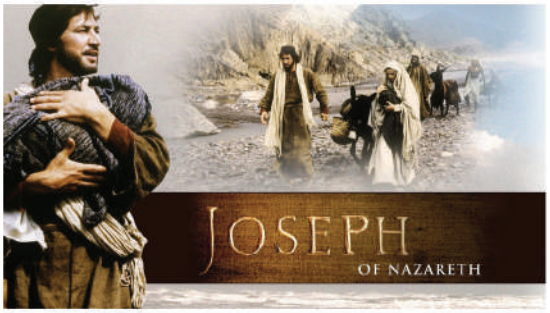
Week of April 26, 2026

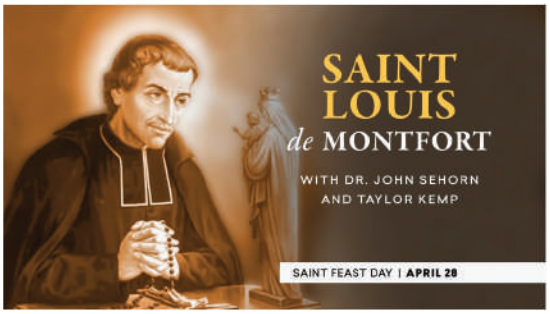


Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Catherine of Siena

Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint.



St. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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What kind of Shepherd is Jesus?

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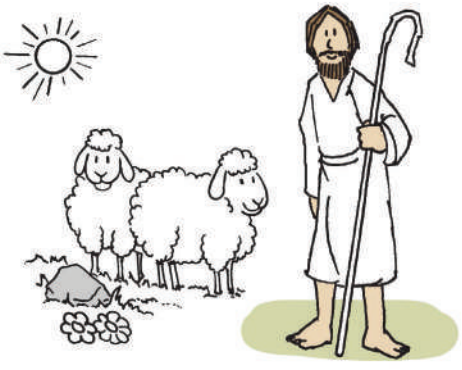

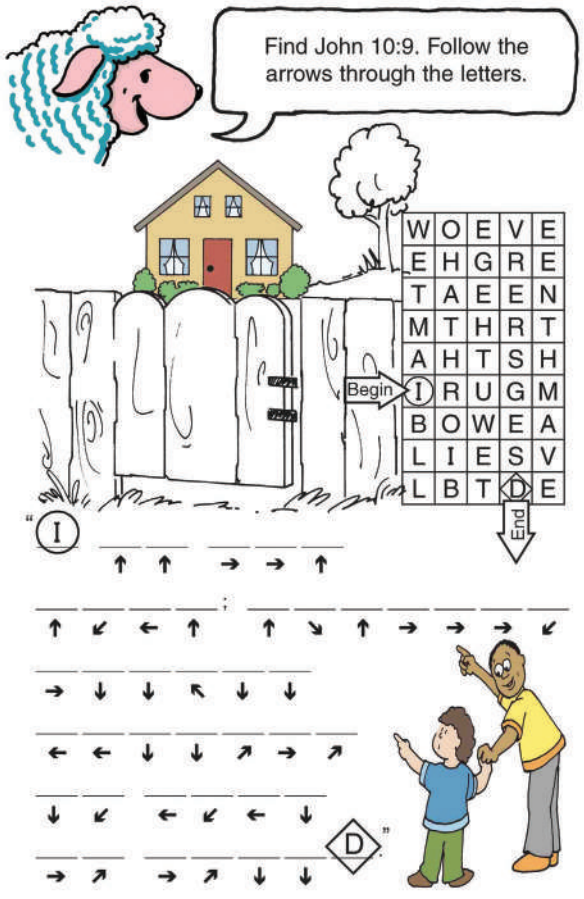

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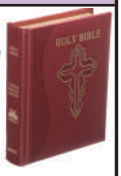

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