

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND THE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 22 - 28, 2024

Monday, 4/22 † Easter Weekday

6pm: Chris Wuethrich by Dumenric Family

**Tuesday, 4/23 † Easter Weekday, Saint
George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert,
Bishop & Martyr**

8am: Annette

9am: A.S. James Sosnoski by Jan Duttlinger

**Wednesday, 4/24 † Easter Weekday, Saint
Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

9am: A.S.

6pm: Liz

Thursday, 4/25 † Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:30am: Communion Service

9am: A.S.

Friday, 4/26 † Easter Weekday

7:30am: Communion Service

9am: A.S.

Saturday, 4/27 † Easter Weekday

7:30am: Communion Service

**Saturday, 4/27 † Vigil, FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

4:30pm: No Vigil Mass

**Sunday, 4/28 † FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

7:30am: Regina Howard by Frank & Evelyn Skronski

9am: A. S. Linda Potempa by Ann Scamerhorn

11am: Ronnie Richie (Birthday) by Don & Sharon
Barker

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., April 22 – 6:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Wed., April 24 – 6:30pm – Synod Mtng., SS. C & M

Thurs., April 25 – 2pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., April 25 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., April 28 – 9:30am - Religious Education

**Father Terry will be on a pilgrimage from
Thursday, April 25 thru Wednesday, May 8.
There will only be Masses on Sundays at both
parishes. Therefore, no Saturday Vigil Masses
April 27th & May 4th. If you need a Priest, please
call Peg at 574-896-2195 & she will do her best to
secure one for you.**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. But what does that mean?

Shepherds were a common sight in His day. A person paid as little as the usual shepherd had little incentive to risk his life to protect someone's livestock. Jesus makes it clear; He is not in the shepherding business for a paycheck. He is in it because He loves His Father. He lays down His life for His sheep.

Like sheep, we all need someone to follow who we can trust. When worldly leaders lead us astray. It is disheartening. Jesus does not do that. The peace of knowing that we are in the hands of the Good Shepherd, is enduring. Please support our *Catholic Services Appeal*, so that we can help more people find the same enduring peace in the Good Shepherd's fold. God will reward you.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Dear Padre

April 21, 2024

My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●

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"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Good News!

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18

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We live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, "we are God's children now" (1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God's love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light. ●

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60 reasons why Jesus Christ is everything to me

1. He is my *peace*. Outside that, there can be unrest and commotion everywhere as far as I am concerned.
2. He is my *joy*. I do not need any other joy.
3. He is the *atonement* for all my sins. He has cast all my sins behind Him into the sea of forgetfulness. If I should sin again, He will forgive me, for this sin has also been atoned for.
4. He is my *sanctifier*. He purifies me again and again as long as I live. His death is working in me, with the result that there is gradually more room for the life of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:12)
5. He is my *Shepherd*. Even if no one else cares for me, He does so faithfully day and night.
6. He is my *song of praise*. If there is no other topic or any other reason for singing praises, He is.
7. He is my *capital*. I do not need any other capital. If that is not sufficient, then nothing is sufficient.
8. He is my *income*. If that fails, then everything fails.
9. He is my *insurance*. If that isn't safe, nothing is safe.
10. He is my *future*. I look unto Him. I am going to meet Him. Then my future is bright and long. Hallelujah!
11. He is my only *Lord* and ruler. I have sanctified Him as Lord in my heart. (1 Peter 3:15) I have submitted to Him, being fully confident of the perfect goodness of His guidance and commands.
12. He is my *family*. He is my mother, sister, and brother.
13. He is my *honor*. I have absolutely no need of any other honor. It makes no difference if people dishonor and despise me all the days of my life.
14. He is my *fortress*, my shield, and my guardian. There I am safe.
15. He is my *Master*. I am an apprentice. Even if no one else instructs me diligently in the truth, He does.
16. He is my *leader*. Even if all others were only talkers who had not themselves gone on the way, so I could rely on them to lead me, He would still be well acquainted with the way. Glory be to His name!
17. He is my *captain*. Even if no one else strengthens me and teaches me to wage war, He is a mighty warrior, the captain of God's host. He is no weakling.
18. He is my *rest*. Even though my body had neither bed nor pillow, my spirit would still have a delightful place of rest – in Him!
19. He is my *storeroom*. Even if I did not have any supplies, yet in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and I am a member of His body, filled by Him.
20. He is my *physician*. Even if no earthly physician can heal my body, He can do it; and He also does it if it is for my best.
21. He is my *goal* – to become like Him and partake of His nature.
22. He is my *forerunner*. I am not journeying on an unknown way as an explorer. It is a way that has been cleared and on which Jesus has run ahead. Every step has been taken by Him previously. He has been tested in all points, exactly like the steps I am now taking and am yet to take. *What a comfort that is!*
23. He is my *comfort*. This comfort is sufficient for me.
24. He is my *Judge*. It does not matter how other people judge me.

25. He is my choice *food*. He is the bread of life. His flesh is truly food.
26. He is my *entertainment* and my pleasure. All other entertainment fades by comparison.
27. He is my fortune and my *prosperity*. What He sends in my way is always fortunate and for my prosperity. No one has ever experienced better fortune and prosperity.
28. He is my *wisdom* and my understanding. Greater wisdom and better understanding than obedience to Him is not to be found.
29. He – the Word – is my *sword*. This weapon cuts better than any other.
30. He is my faithful, upright *friend*. Any other friendship is not needed.
31. He is my *interest*. Relative to Him all other interests are pure vanity.
32. He is my *rock* and my foundation. He stands when everything else passes away.
33. He is my *life*. It shall endure forever.
34. He is the *truth*. There is never a reason to doubt Him.
35. He is my *Bridegroom*, my eternally Beloved.
36. He is my *defender*, my advocate, my lawyer. I have no need for any other lawyers.
37. He is the *Mediator*; He mediates between the Father and me. I have access to the Father through Him.
38. He is *God's Son*, conceived by the Holy Spirit.
39. He is the *Son of Man*, a man, the son of Abraham, the son of David, born of the Virgin Mary.
40. He is my true *Brother*, the most excellent and firstborn among many brethren.
41. He is my *High Priest* who has compassion with my infirmities.
42. He is my *holiday*. You cannot have a more strengthening vacation than by abiding in Him.
43. He is my *comfort*. No one can be more comfortable than by being where He is.
44. He is the *tree of life* into which I have been grafted as a branch.
45. He is the *master builder* who is building me up together with the others as a habitation of God in the Spirit.
46. He is the *chief cornerstone* in the living building in which I have also become a living stone.
47. He is a *stone of stumbling* and a rock of offense of which I have become a partaker through the cross – an offense to all those who want to defend their own.
48. He is the *Head* of the church, the body of which I have also become a member.
49. He is my *strength*. I can do all things in Him – everything that He appoints for me.
50. He is *God's power*. It is marvelous that He could accomplish all the things He did in a flesh and blood like ours.
51. He is *God's wisdom*. It is marvelous to gain insight into what occurred in Christ Jesus.
52. He is the *mystery of God*. Is it any wonder that people do not understand His person?
53. He is my *time*; He fills it. It never gets boring. Wasting time falls away.
54. He is my *Sabbath*. I rest in Him, in His will and work, instead of going my own ways and “going about my own business.” I do this every day of the week all year long, and therefore I consider (as it is written) all days alike. Constant Sabbath rest! God be praised!
55. He is the *Giver* of all good gifts. My eyes do not need to look out for other givers.
56. He is my *refuge*. I can avoid having to run to broken cisterns on the day of need.
57. He is the *fountain* of my life. “*All my fountains are in You.*” Psalm 87:7.
58. He is in all things the perfect *pattern*.
59. He is unchangeable and *without shadow of turning*. He is always the same even though all others are as changeable as the moon.
60. He is *everything* to me. That is precisely why everything else is as nothing. It is meaningless and indifferent to me. Amen.

Catholics must avoid spreading cremated ashes and ‘human composting’: Here’s why

(LifeSiteNews) Apr 10, 2024— Catholics must guard against the temptation to engage in immoral burial fads such as spreading ashes, “human composting,” and “liquid cremation” of human bodies.

Each one represents serious moral concerns for Catholics and must be rejected.

Spreading ashes

Spreading cremated ashes in the deceased’s favorite place seems to be the more prominent of the practices listed.

The surviving relatives will take the cremated ashes and spread them at Disney World, a favorite baseball stadium, or other prominent place in the deceased’s life.

But Catholics cannot engage in this practice.

“In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects,” the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (formerly known as the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) affirmed in 2016. “These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.”

Sadly, many Catholics ignore this prohibition or remain ignorant of it.

It is on us then who know of these problems to charitably inform family members and friends who might pursue scattering ashes to instruct them against the prohibition.

This is not easy, particularly since it will have to take place soon after the death of a loved one.

It is also on the priests or Catholic funeral homes to ensure cremated ashes are buried or otherwise respectfully stored at a cemetery, though the ideal is always burial of the body.

However difficult it may be, it is a spiritual work of mercy to instruct the ignorant.

‘Human composting’

Human composting is what it sounds like.

Much in the way someone throws old coffee grounds or vegetable peelings into a compost pile to turn into fertilizer, the human body, a creation of God, is treated like nutrients for the dirt.

This is currently legal in at least seven states.

Human composting is “disconcerting” because it leaves “nothing that one can point to and identify as remains of the body” as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote in a March 2023 statement.

“The body and the plant material have all decomposed together to yield a single mass of compost,” the Committee on Doctrine wrote. “What is left is approximately a cubic yard of compost that one is invited to spread on a lawn or in a garden or in some wilderness location.” A sympathetic essay in *Wired* says it is also a way to fight “climate emergency.”

“Also known as natural organic reduction, human composting transforms bodies into nutrient-rich soil,” Mallory McDuff, an environmental education professor, wrote last month. “Donating human remains to a body farm and human composting are two ways to create life from death, engage family and friends, and make a difference in our climate emergency.”

“The first step in human composting begins with the body in a ‘cradle’ surrounded by organic materials, such as wood chips, alfalfa, and straw,” McDuff wrote. “For about 30 days, the body remains in a ‘vessel,’ where microbes and heat transform it into compost.”

Catholics who may be inclined to liquid composting should see how it comes from a distorted view of our body and our relationship to nature.

The *Wired* essay quotes a researcher saying, “A raccoon can decompose on the road, and no one freaks out. But we have a messed-up attitude about human death in our society.”

Raccoons were not given dominion over the Earth though. Humans were.

Our bodies deserve a proper burial – raccoons do not.

‘Liquid composting’

Liquid composting, like human composting, treats the human body as a pollutant and humans as a scourge on the environment. It too takes a human body, created by God, and tries to turn it into a resource.

“Like human composting, alkaline hydrolysis — also called water cremation, resomation, or aquamation—is a process for transforming a body after death,’ Recompose.life explains.

“Alkaline hydrolysis takes place in a pressurized vessel filled with water and potassium hydroxide, which transforms the body into a sand-like material.”

That definition puts a misleading gloss over it. How quaint! Just a handful of sand!

Here’s how the USCCB accurately described it in the March 2023 statement “On Proper Disposition.”

“After the alkaline hydrolysis process, there are also remnants of the bones that can be pulverized and placed in an urn,” they wrote.

They continued:

That is not all that remains, however. In addition, there are the 100 gallons of brown liquid into which the greater part of the body has been dissolved. This liquid is treated as wastewater and poured down the drain into the sewer system (in certain cases it is treated as fertilizer and spread over a field or forest). This procedure does not show adequate respect for the human body, nor express hope in the resurrection.

Our bodies are not supposed to be turned into gallons of liquid and treated like rainwater.

Catholics cannot engage in this practice either.

What to do

One justification for cremation and composting is the cost, supposedly less expensive than a funeral.

The median cost of a funeral, including a viewing and burial, is \$8,300, according to the National Funeral Directors Association. About 33% of that comes from the cost of a metal burial basket.

There are other costs for the burial plot and headstone.

“Human composting” can cost around \$7,000, though, making it not really that much cheaper than a funeral.

There are also programs through some counties, for example, to lower the cost of burial for people who are poor. Someone can also buy a life insurance policy to at least cover the cost of the burial and funeral.

Finally, communities should come together to pitch in to help with burial for the poor or others who need it.

Burying the dead, after all, is a corporal work of mercy.