

May 3, 2020
Fourth - Sunday of Easter



Parish Calendar

As we are all aware, we are in a unique time in which a pandemic that has had deadly effects needs to be halted.

Therefore, the public celebration of Mass will be canceled in all locations until April 30.

No group prayer meetings, no gatherings etc. in the church and the hall, due to “social distancing” being enforced.

Father Diego will offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people and specially to offer the Mass “pro populo” (for the people of the parish) every Sunday.

If you want to offer Mass Intentions, you can do so by calling the office, email, parish website and our Facebook page.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today’s readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. In our first reading from Acts, he exhorts the crowd, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” We then read that the ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God.

We can find many parallels in this passage to the call to a stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God’s call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interest. We are free to make that choice.

Or, we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from “this corrupt generation” just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church.

Our second reading, again featuring St. Peter, offers further motivation for embracing this way of life. Peter reminds us that Christ, “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.” And that, “by his wounds you have been healed. For [we] had gone astray like sheep but... have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls.” Such an incredibly poignant description of the love our Savior has for us and the kind of relationship He desires to have with us — as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is expanded in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus’ description of Himself as the “Good Shepherd.” He says of Himself, “The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”

This aspect of our Lord’s tender and personal love for each one of us is yet another reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing the stewardship way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He “bore our sins in His body.” He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm.

On the contrary. Our Lord did not come to take from us, but to give to us. Again, we read His own words from the Gospel passage, “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

This Easter season let us resolve to freely give all of ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 03/30 to 04/13	\$1,642.00
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$445.00
Palm Sunday 04/05/2020	\$1,135.00
Holy Thursday 04/09/2020	\$200.00
Good Friday 04/10/2020	\$255.00
Easter 04/12/2020	\$855.00
Collection <u>not retained</u> by Parish	
Holy Land	\$108.00
(Holy Land & CRS RICE BOWL)	
Rice Bowl	\$504.11
TOTAL OFFERINGS	
Week 03/30 to 04/13	\$4,532.00

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 04/14 to 04/27	\$2,855.00
Other Offerings (Mass Offerings, Donations, Marriages etc)	\$195.00
2 nd Collection retained in our Parish (Maintenance Fund)	\$404.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	
Week 04/14 to 04/27	\$3,454.00

Mass Intentions

Rest of the Souls of;

- (+) Evaristo Agag

Birthdays;

- Roland Bueno

Healing for;

- Arlene Javier

05/04 – 05/09 for the

Birthdays of;

- Faustina Leota

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Stewardship Collection

- Due to this covid-19 pandemic, we are asking for your support for our church through your offerings or envelope. You can drop off your envelope to the parish office from Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm. Or you can mail it to the office. We will get through this crisis together. Mahalo!

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary &
Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent &
Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education
Director

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance

Baptism Preparation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Marriage Preparation

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Altar Server

Altar Cleaners

Ushers/Hospitality

Social/Outreach

Neo-Catechumenal Way

Divine Mercy

Music Ministries

Knights of Columbus

Youth Ministry

Gimong ti Novena

Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass

First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates

First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass

First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass