Reading I: Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know

that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed.

He is the stone rejected by you, the builders,

which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Responsorial Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him. for we shall see him as he is.

Alleluia: John 10:14

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. 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. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.



READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?



RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

What's happening at St. Catharine

A full calendar of events can be found online at stcatharine.com/calendar

Living the Joy of the Gospel • Bishop's Annual Appeal

May 2nd

"Living the Joy of the Gospel," the theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love. Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. **Our parish has been asked to raise \$107,733.97**. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs.

Little Saints

1st Tuesdays • 9:00am-10:30am

All moms are invited to the Lower Office/Rectory building for a time of music, activities, and Christian fellowship for them and their little ones. By learning about the saints of the Church we hope to build up future little saints for the world. We are currently accepting new and gently used toys to help build our Little Saints room. May 4th, June 1st.

Questions? Heidi Thompson • heidithompson522@gmail.com

Youth Group

Final Youth Group of 2020-2021 • April 25th High School: Parish Center • 6pm-8pm // Middle School: Gym • 6pm-8pm Questions? Dorothy Allwein • <u>dorothy@damascus.net</u>

Communion to the Homebound

Be a light to those who need it the most

Our homebound residents who are unable to come to church are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to make a short visit with Holy Communion on Sunday mornings. You can commit to once or twice per month. Or, maybe you feel called to make phone calls to our parishioners in assisted living facilities who aren't allowed to receive visitors yet. Pray and ask Jesus if this is something to which He is calling you. Contact Sue Denz in the Office info@stcatharine.com 614-231-4509 or Deacon Chris Reis at deaconchris@stcatharine.com

You are not alone...

Bethesda Healing Ministry

Bethesda Healing Ministry is a Catholic Christian Ministry of hospitality and healing. Through a community of love and acceptance, all men and women suffering the effects of an abortion are invited and supported. For women struggling with the grief and remorse of a past abortion experience; regret, shame, anger, and sadness all come to the surface and can lead to depression, fatigue, loneliness, isolation, and overall malaise. If you or someone you know are suffering through a past abortion experience, there is help and hope at Bethesda, a Catholic lay ministry dedicated to helping women and men navigate the waters of healing. Please call 614-309-0157 to speak confidentially with a caring and loving advocate or visit <u>www.bethesdahealing.org</u>

	Save the Date	Confession		
Today	🔥 Ablaze Pick Up	Tuesday	6:30pm	
May 1	Confirmation Retreat	Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)	
May 11	Confirmation Rehearsal	Saturday	9:00am	
May 15	Confirmation	Offering (April	Offering (April 18)	
June 3	Graduation Mass	Total Offering	\$18,547.62	
June 13	Farewell reception for Fr. Dury	<u>Less 6%</u>	<u>\$1,112.86</u>	
Aug 12-14	FunFest	Net	\$17,434.76	

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Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything.

> ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA 1347-1380

Catharine was the 24th of 25 children of a Sienese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a likeminded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Sienese church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catharine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing. Feast Day: April 29



St. Catharine Church is proud to partner with Bottoms Up Diaper Drive to collect 250,000 diapers!

How to Give:

Buy diapers at your preferred store and drop them in front of the St. Mother Teresa painting in the Parish Center **from April 24th - May 1st**

OR

Make a financial contribution to provide diapers for families in need at www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org



Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 423

HYMN TO JOY 87 87 D



Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827 Adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

528 Gift of Finest Wheat BICENTENNIAL CM with Refrain sat - is - fy With You the hun-gry heart gift of fin - est wheat; give to Ο Come, us, sav-ing Lord, The bread life of to eat. when the shep herd calls They 1. As his sheep, _ 2. With joy - ful lips sing Our we to you 3. Is not the bless and share The cup we No 4. The mys - ťry of your pres - ence, Lord, 5. You give your - self Lord; Then to us, Ο and heed his voice, when you call 1. know So your and grat - i - tude, you should count 2. praise That us of Christ out - poured? 3. blood Do one cup, not one tal tongue can all the world 4. mor tell: Whom can self - less let be, serve each oth -5. us То er D.C. 1. fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol low and re - joice. 2. wor - thy, Lord, То this heav'n-ly share food. 3. loaf, de - clare Our in the Lord? one ness 4. not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell. In char - i 5. in your name truth and ty. _

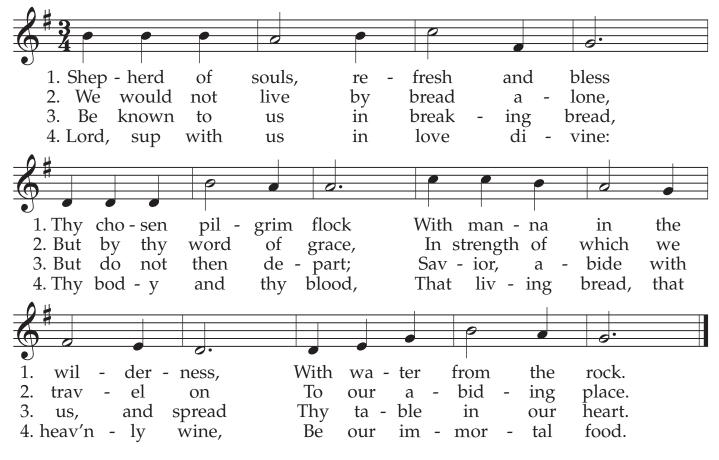
Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

791 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Attr. to Benjamin F. White, 1800–1879 The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

Our God

Water you turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind There's no one like you, none like You

Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise There's no one like you none like You

> Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other. Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. (Repeat bridge)

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my Hope and Stay

Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong, in the Savior's love Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of All

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpets sound Oh, may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone faultless, stand before the throne

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What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful/wonderful/powerful Name it is What a beautiful/wonderful/powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful/wonderful/powerful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful/wonderful/powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus (What a wonderful/powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus)

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me not against me I am who You say I am (repeat bridge)

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