**BULLETIN 04-21-2024**

***4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

 ***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This Sunday Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. Then he adds: "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" (John 10:16). So who does Jesus want in his flock? The answer is simple: Everyone! As St. Paul believes that God "wills everyone to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth" (1Tim. 2:4)

***Jesus wants to embrace all the people simply because He is the Good Shepherd who cares for each one of his sheep. The term used to describe Jesus as the “good” shepherd in Greek is “Kalos.” Kalos is not simply good, it is rather something more like a model or ideal. So Jesus is the model shepherd. He is the ideal shepherd. He is the best of shepherds who is willing to sacrifice His life for His sheep.***

The point is Jesus didn’t just die for mankind in general. He died for you. He died for each of us. He knows His sheep. He knows you. He knows me. In fact, He knows us better than we know ourselves.  He knows everything that has affected our lives from the beginning of our life. He knows why we are striving to fulfill our life in faith and hope or to give up on it. He knows why we have decided to commit ourselves to Him or to reject Him for gaining the world. He knows us well; he knows the thoughts and reasons deep within our minds.

***If we wish to be followers of the Good Shepherd, we better learn from his role model, we must develop that same compassion. This means that we must open ourselves to the power of God's love and then do all that we can to make that love a reality in the lives of the people around us. Indeed, to follow Jesus we are to place the interests and needs of others before our own wishes and preferences. That truly requires self-sacrifice, self-abandonment in our life for the sake of the Kingdom. Yes, it’s worth doing so for whatever we do for our brothers and sisters, we do it for Jesus our Lord.***

May God bless us all!

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***1.*****Please remember that Saturday Confession has returned to normal time: from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in English and Spanish and in the cry room. Please come to be reconciled with God.**

***2.******This is the last call. Please return your***

***Lenten rice bowls to support Catholic Relief Services to feed the hungry throughout the world.***

***3.*****We need someone to volunteer to care for our church’s flower gardens. It is simply to clean up the grounds and water flowers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.**

***4.******We are so grateful to all for your generous support of our food pantry. With your tremendous donations, we were able to feed many families every month and sometimes weekly. Please continue to support our parish food pantry. Thank you!***

***5.*****Please mark your calendar for these two important dates: Sunday June 02: First Communion celebration, and Sunday June 23: Confirmation celebration.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

04/20 Saturday 5:00 pm + Andrew Shea

04/21 Sunday 7:00 am + Richard Langone

 9:30 am + Frances & Charles Bundy

 12:00 pm + Maria de la Luz Rodriguez

04/22 Monday NO MASS

04/23 Tuesday 7:00 am + George Lautz

04/24 Wednesday 7:00 am + For Souls in Purgatory

04/25 Thursday 7:00 pm + Isave

04/26 Friday 7:00 pm + Vu The Hien

**NEXT WEEKEND**

04/27 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez

04/28 Sunday 7:00 am + Bettie, Doug & John Massey

 9:30 am + Mr. & Mrs. James Blotzer Sr.

 12:00 pm + Elvira Flores Sanchez

 **(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The Diocese of Charlotte offers several camps for young people discerning God’s call in their lives.

**Quo Vadis Days** for young men ages 15-19 are held from June 10-14 at Belmont Abbey College. The cost is $150, and registration deadline is

Wednesday, May 29. Visit www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/priest/quovadis-days or email Fr. Brian Becker, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations, at

bjbecker@rcdoc.org.

 **Duc in Altum** is a camp for young women 15-19 and is from June 24-28 at

Belmont Abbey. The cost of the camp is $150.

Additionally, the diocese is happy to introduce **Talitha Koum** for young women ages 12-15. The retreat is Monday, June 24, at Belmont Abbey. The cost is $25. The deadline to register for Duc in Altum and Talitha Koum is Wednesday, June 12. Visit www.charlottediocese.org/ vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum or contact Sr Mary Jacinta at 704-370-3248 or mjacinta@rcdoc.org

**let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...**

Johnny Apodaca

Tracy Barber

Joseph Carter

Angel M. Cuellas

Marie Forbert

Theresa French-R.

Amanda Garcia

Mario Garcia

Willa Graham

Myles Harris

Maria Hdz.

Aber Johnson

 Jorge Lagueruel

Deacon Larry Lisk

Daysi Martinez

Linda McKinney

Felicia Murphy

Nancy Nkwokolo

Gladys Ozor

Hector Sanchez

Maria G.Sanchez A.

Mariane Smith

Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Royster

***DePaul Academy*** *at Christ the King*

\* NC Pre-K Program

\* Children must be 4yrs old by Aug 31 2024

\* Program starts September 2024

\* Free to all who qualify

\* Pick up Application at the school

\* For more info contact the school

**(336) 781-0064 or (336) 875-1449**

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

 Offertory: $ 4,623.24

 Restricted Donation: $ 2,450.00

 Ricebowls: $ 215.00

 Food Pantry: $ 500.00

 Total: $ 7,788.24

***THANK YOU!***

DSA

**2024 Parish assessment: $23,396.00**

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support

Appeal. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters & brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may drop your pledge cards/donation in the collection basket or donate at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa.

CURSILLO

Would you like to connect with a group of joyful

Catholic friends who are thriving in a disconnected

secular world? If so, Cursillo may be just the thing you are looking for. Consider an upcoming weekend:

Men’s: June 6-9 | Women's: June 27-30

Weekends at Catholic Conference Cntr, Hickory, NC

**For more information contact:**

Dr. John McKinney - (336) 886-3086 DOCLUV2RUN@HOTMAIL.COM

**UPCOMING**

April 22 Elder Ministry— SPRING FLING

May 3-5 Marriage Encounter Weekend

May 4 KofC Raffle drawing

May 29 Bishop Martin installation, Huntersville

June 2 CTK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 23 CTK CONFIRMATION

**ROOM AT THE INN FUNDRAISER—The 2024 Rose Gala** will be held at The Blue Heron Event Center, High Point. We will have silent and live auctions and a raffle for $5,000 cash as well as many other great prizes on **Friday, May 3**. There will be hors d’oeuvres, drinks and music. Our silent auction will begin on Thursday, April 25th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Bring God into your marriage on the next

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on**

**May 3-5, 2024 in HICKORY, NC.** Early sign up is

recommended. Visit NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at

applications@NCMarriage Discovery.org or 704-315-2144.

**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

 - Mac & Cheese - Saltines - Cookies - Peanut butter

 - Canned Fruit - Pasta 1Pound Box

 - Pasta Sauce (NO GLASS PLEASE)

 (NO MORE EGG CARTONS PLEASE)

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*Please be Sure All items are in Date & Unused*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**