

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B



We welcome into our community

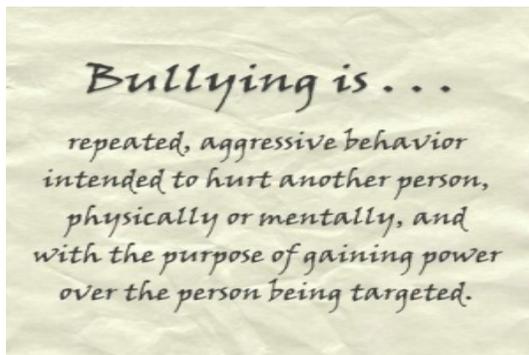
Alessio Amedeo Vitale, Julia Valentina Vitale

Ivy Oluchi Nwokeji, Mila Talasca Ladeira and Alessandra Milana De Almeida

Who recently became children of God through the Sacrament of Baptism

May these little ones always walk hand in hand with Jesus

**ON THE 27TH APRIL IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY
THEREFORE MASS WILL BE SAID AT 8H30**



When people try to bring us down we must let it fall on deaf ears. We need to continue to pursue the dreams the Lord has placed in us and the roads on which He is leading us. If we are having an off day at work, forgive ourselves for the mistakes we make, and make an effort to enjoy the rest of our day. Listen closely to the Lord's guidance in our hearts on how to specifically handle a situation

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year B 25th April 2021
(Missal page 497 or 548)

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Rev A. Bishop (Deacon)
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Rev F. Graham (Deacon)*

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: 118

Response: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; 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 (R)

I will thank you, for you have answered, and you are my Saviour.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone
By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. You are my God, I praise you.

My God, I exalt you. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. (R)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

R. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke: John 10.11-18

Communion Antiphon:

The good shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia..

Communion Reflection

Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints. (Catechism of the Church)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Cycle B

Monday 26th April 2021

4th WEEK OF EASTER

Tuesday 27th April 2021

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Wednesday 28th April 2021

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St Pius V, Pope

St Louis M. Grignon de Montfort

Thursday 29th April 2021

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St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

Friday 30th April 2021

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Our Lady Mother of Africa

Saturday 1st May 2021

4th WEEK OF EASTER

St Joseph the Worker

Sunday 2nd May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	17h30
Wednesday	08h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	17h30
Saturday	08h00
Saturday (Sunday Obligation)	17h30
Sunday	07h00
Sunday	09h30
Sunday	18h00

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday after 08h30 Mass

Saturday after the 08h00 Mass

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact church office

Sacrament of Marriage:

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayers for Good Shepherd Sunday

Psalms 23:1-6

Lord, You are my shepherd so I will lack nothing. You restore my soul! You lead me on the right path because it is Your nature to do so. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear because You are with me. I thank You for equipping me with Your rod and Your staff so that I can be comforted. You anoint my head with oil and ensure that my cup (my portion) runs over with abundance! Thank You for this good shepherd Sunday and for Your goodness and mercies all the days of my life, Amen!

John 10:7-18

Father, I thank You for being the door of Your sheep. Lord, I adore You because You hear me, and through You I am saved! The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but Lord You have come so that I may have life and have it more abundantly! Thank You for being the good shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep! You are not a hireling who sees His sheep as a job, but You are the good shepherd who sees His sheep as His children. So on this good shepherd Sunday, I thank You because, You know Your sheep and are known by Your own. Thank You Lord! Amen

John 10:24-29

Dear Lord, I thank You for the works that You have done in Your Father's name for they bear witness of You. I believe in You because I am Your sheep, You are my good shepherd. I heard Your voice, I know You, and follow You. Thank You for the eternal life that You have promised to Your sheep Lord, on this good shepherd Sunday, I will give thanks because in You I will never perish! No one will snatch me from Your hand. You Father, who has given me to You, is greater than them all, Amen.

Amen

Fr Zweli OMI

Please remember in your prayers, the sick, and the special intentions of all our parishioners and the LITTLE EDEN COMMUNITY. Remember too those members of our community who have entered, or are about to enter, a religious vocation, in particular the priesthood. It would be a kindness to remember those suffering trauma around the world and all HIV/AIDS sufferers, those suffering from COVID-19 and an end to abortion.



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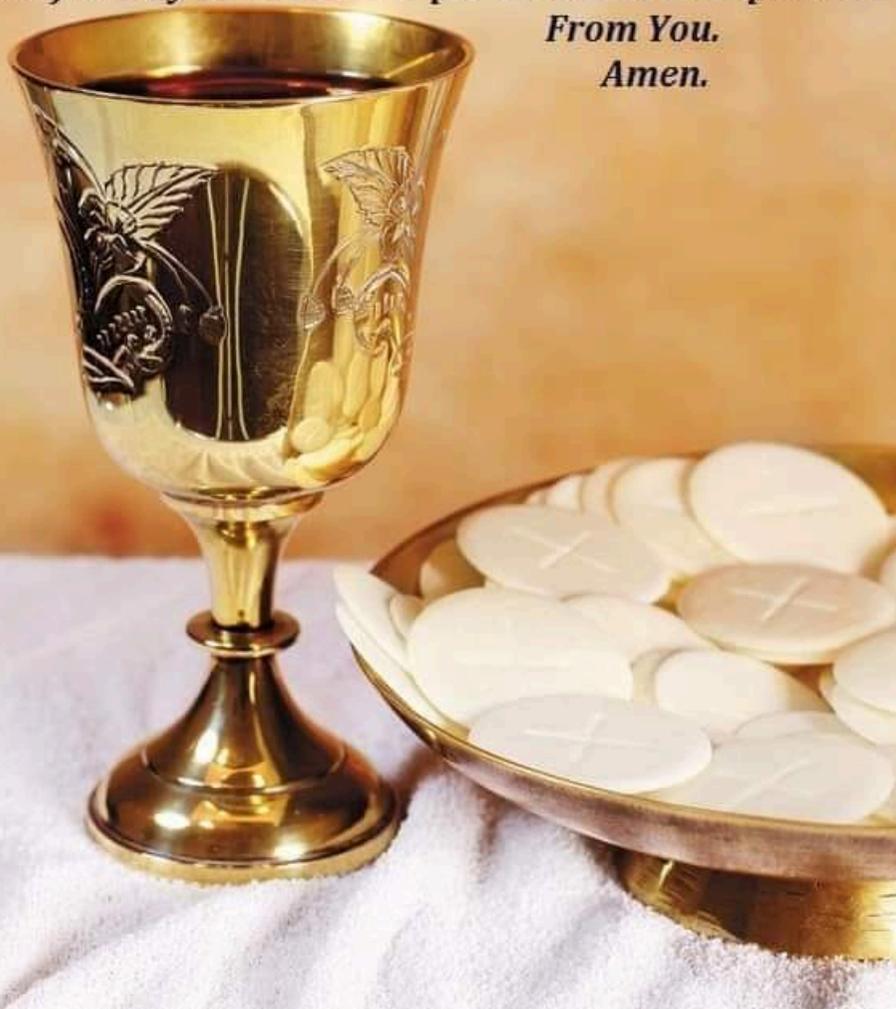
Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as If You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated

*From You.
Amen.*



Strong Catholic Prayers for Bullying

Being bullied can create a mental hardship like no other. These strong Catholic prayers for bullying will help you to put on your spiritual Armor and finds God's comfort and peace.

1 John 2:9

God of Love, Your word declares that anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. I pray for those who are in the darkness right now, for those who choose to hate over love and choose intimidation over respect. I pray for bullies right now, please touch their hearts. Lord, please let Your light shine upon them and eradicate the darkness that surrounds them, Amen.

2 Timothy 1:7

Awesome Creator, the Spirit that You gave me does not make me timid, but it gives me power, love, and self-discipline! I proclaim an increase in all three because I do not want to be bullied any longer! I want to stand in Your power and authority because You have given it to me freely. I pray that You guide me as I stand up to those who try to oppress me, I pray that You protect me as I face those who seek to destroy me, Amen.

Ephesians 6:12

Oh Lord, I know that my struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the authorities and powers of this dark world. My struggle is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. I pray that I do not just look at a bully and see a human but help me to understand that this is spiritual opposition. I pray that Your word is the governing authority in my life so that I may be equipped when dealing with spiritual opposition, Amen