



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 21, 2018
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 22, 2018
8:30 AM James & Gertrude Butler
11:00 AM J. Paul Audette

**Daily Mass this week will be held on
Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM**

Monday, April 23, 2018
8:00 AM

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
8:00 AM Jerry Pereira

Thursday, April 26, 2018
8:00 AM Olive Dias

Friday, April 27, 2018
NO MASS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 28, 2018
4:00 PM Linda A. Mizher

Sunday, April 29, 2018
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Alvaro Oliveira

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week for **Sara Matos** as a Birthday Remembrance.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Robert Wade**.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Carol Cote** who died this week.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

77th ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
May 1 to June 30, 2018

Open Your Heart To Mercy!

The Diocese of Fall River will be conducting its 77th annual **Catholic Charities Appeal beginning Sunday, May 1st**. The Catholic Charities appeal, which supports many programs that serve the less fortunate, enables you to share in this work of love. Please be thinking now about responding in a generous manner to this year's plea. You will be receiving a pledge card in the mail soon.

A video will be shown at the Masses this weekend.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #167 Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise
Preparation: #468 The King of Love, My Shepherd

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Communion: #324 Gift of Finest Wheat
Meditation: #440 We Will Rise Again
Recessional: #178 Jesus Is Risen

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 1,939.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 994.63

Expenses from December, 2017– April 15, 2018

Snow Removal	\$ 12,533.30
Heating for the Church	\$ 8,312.86
Heating for the Rectory	\$ 4,114.73
Electricity for Church & Rectory	\$ 4,757.36

The Second Collection will be for the Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY

The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education with the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools are excited to announce The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative. This will provide 100 scholarships for up to \$2000 per student for 2018-2019 school year to new low-income K-8 students. If you or someone you know are interested contact Sarah Heaton #508-678-2828 or sheaton@CatholicSA.org

FAITH FORMATION 2018

Religious Education

First Communion

**Sunday, May 6, 2018 during the
11:00 AM Mass.**

First Communion Rehearsal Dates

Saturday, April 28, 2018 and

**Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM to
11:30 AM in the Church.**

Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop daCunha

Sunday, April 22nd is Good Shepherd Sunday and it is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that day, Bishop daCunha will be leading a holy hour for vocations at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River at 3:00pm. Deacon Dan Nunes, one of the transitional deacons for our diocese who is to be ordained a priest this June 9th will be preaching. It would be wonderful if you could join us for this beautiful time of prayer.

QUO VADIS DAYS

A time to share our faith and build fraternity with other young men seeking God's will. Young men between the ages of 14-18 on Monday, July 9th to Friday, July 13th to be held at the Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. There will be priests, seminarians and other young men gathered together. Activities will be Holy Mass, mountain hiking, sports, games, discussions and talks. To register or for further information contact Fr. Kevin Cook #508-824-5707.

St. Vincent de Paul Society FOOD PANTRY

The SVDP Pantry is low on soup, canned vegetables and baked beans. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831.

Let's Celebrate! Msgr. Fitzgerald's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Mark your calendar! All are invited!

Please join us for a Special Celebration Mass and Reception for Msgr. Fitzgerald as he celebrates his vocation of 50 years in the priesthood. The celebration begins with the 8:30AM mass in his honor on Sunday, May 20, 2018 followed by a Coffee & Pastry Social in the Parish Center for all to enjoy. Come, bring the family and join in this special occasion to pass along well wishes and congratulations to Monsignor as he celebrates his Golden Anniversary as a priest.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED AN EMMAUS RETREAT?

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is June 8th-10th at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com



Thank you to Sue Lima and all the Decorating Volunteers for all the hard work of decorating and undecorating the Church.

Seeking Rectory Volunteers

We are looking for people who would be willing to give some time as a volunteer in the rectory office. Duties would include answering phones, reserve masses and candles, greet visitors and help with any specific projects. Computer skills would be a plus. If interested, please contact Msgr. Fitzgerald at #508-673-7831.

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

Second Reading: I John 3:1-2

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

“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 done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in His name this man stands today before you healed... There is no salvation through anyone else.’”

When people inquire where they should begin reading the bible, I suggest a great place is in the Acts of the Apostles, and in particular the kerygmatic sermons of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. They are clear and concise statements about Jesus, His passion and resurrection, and through the Spirit are the source of the enthusiasm as the two great preachers tell of their reason for preaching.

It was not much earlier that Peter denied and Paul persecuted those who were curious and seeking. That is what we are about as we reflect on His Word Today and every day – we are desirous of knowing and loving Jesus better, and as we do, we serve as His witness.

The great sermons, the announcement or proclamation give meaning to our lives as disciples and are the call to others to come to Jesus.