

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to

*Sebastian Michael Borders,*  
*Caroline Christiane Borders,*  
and *Claire Marie Bierstedt*

on receiving their *First Holy Communion* last Sunday,  
April 14, 2024!

Please keep them in your prayers  
as they continue to grow in their  
faith!



### LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will continue to meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of each month at **10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship. Contact Ellen *Whitman* at **(910) 620-6458** for more information.

### Stewardship of Treasure

April 14, 2024

#### 11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory \$ 607.00

**Total \$ 607.00**

#### 1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory \$ 518.00

BAA Offering \$ 420.00

Catholic Home Missions \$ 139.00

Catholic Relief Services \$139.00

**Total \$ 1,216.00**

Thank you for your continued support!  
May God Bless you always and in all

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# St. Joseph Catholic Church



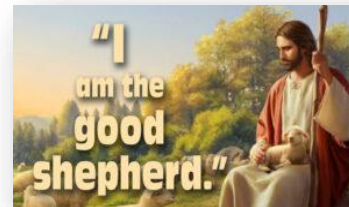
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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

### Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church

We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

## We welcome all visitors!

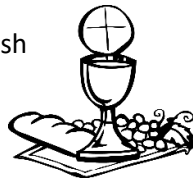
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 am in English and 1:00 pm in Spanish

**Daily Mass:** Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Thursdays at 8:30 am



## Sacraments

**BAPTISM:** Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure.

**RECONCILIATION:** Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

**1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:**  
Contact Father Roger for information.

## Today's Readings

Acts 4: 8-12

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

*"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."*

1 John 3: 1-2

John 10: 11-18

For **Daily Mass Readings**

go online to:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings>

(Includes Daily Mass video)



## Today's Meditation

*"I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

- John 10:11 "



Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep. To be called a sheep is not a compliment. Sheep are sheepish, that is, backward and timid. Sheep can't even eat grass without destroying the field where the grass grows. That's one of the reasons they need shepherds to move them elsewhere. When Jesus called us "sheep," He implied that we weren't just weak but helpless. Apart from Him we can do nothing (Jn 15:5).

We sheep, who are so helpless, have a hard time living under the easiest circumstances. What will we do in difficult and dangerous circumstances? Thieves are coming "only to steal and slaughter and destroy" us (Jn 10:10). Wolves are trying to snatch, scatter, and kill us (Jn 10:12). Some of these wolves are in sheep's clothing (Mt 7:15), so some of those we consider our friends are actually our enemies. Furthermore, some of our shepherds upon whom we are counting to protect us are merely hired hands who will abandon us and leave us to be slaughtered (Jn 10:12).

We sheep are simple, weak, and in a "heap of trouble." Our only Hope is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Follow Jesus.

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**Good Shepherd Sunday:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter we traditionally celebrate as Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday. This is because in the Gospel of the day Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who prepared to lay down his life for his sheep.

## PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Jane Polera

George Spisak

Marilyn Malberg

United States Leadership

All those who suffer from addiction

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Bill Barnett

The Daniels Family

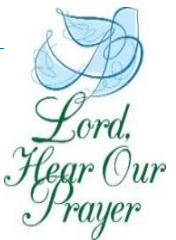
All those incarcerated

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Liz Becker

The unborn



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