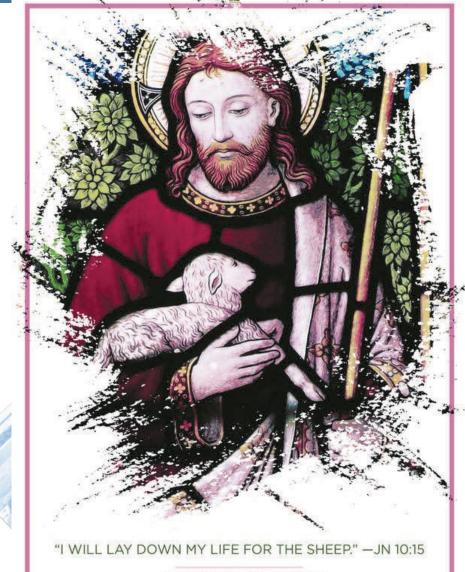
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis Wednesday | No Mass today Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's 6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24) Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis 10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day ~ Today we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for his sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. He told his disciples that he would lay down his life for his sheep. Indeed, this is exactly what he did. By laying down his life for our sins, he conquered death and raises us to eternal life with him. Let us allow the risen Lord to guide us to the idyllic pasture of salvation.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic" usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own** and my own know me," and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024 ~ Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18; Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10; Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30; Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8/Jn 12:44-50; Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20; Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6; Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14; Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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