

April 25, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to

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Saint Denis

*Celebrating God's Love
for All People*

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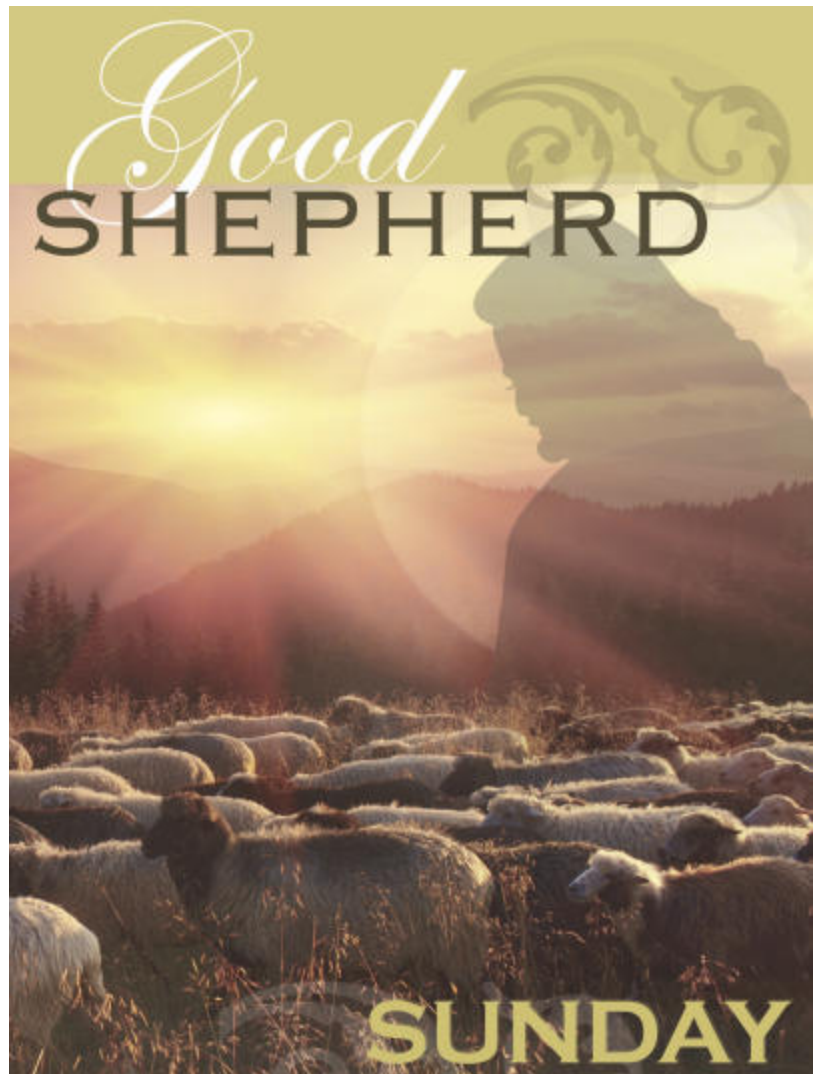
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Our St. Denis Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

Declaración de Misión de San Denis

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

THIS AND THAT

Quigley South was the south side seminary high school of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Today it is St. Rita High School. I went to school at Quigley South.

Retreats were part of our formation. One of the things I remember doing was a trust walk. In my memory, the warm up to the trust walk was another trust building exercise. The group of 8 or 10 formed a circle. Each person in turn, was blindfolded and fell backwards into the waiting arms of the group members. Falling backwards trusting you would be caught was more difficult to do than it might seem. We were all classmates but not all friends. Quigley was a large school. Some of the people in your group circle you hardly knew at all. No one was dropped in my group but a couple of the guys fell very close to the ground before being lifted up.

The trust walk followed. Again you were blindfolded and led on a walk by someone. They were silent. You didn't know who it was. You were blindfolded. You were led up and down stairs, gently into and around trees, spun into circles, and eventually it ended when your eyes were uncovered.

As far as I know, all the walks ended with no damage being done. But it was hard. Trust is never easy but trust we must. We can't walk through this world on our own. We need someone to be with us as we walk down the road. We need someone to catch us when we fall.

When I don't want to trust Him, I think back to that trust walk so many years ago. Then I relax a little, take a breath, let myself go, and fall into His arms. He is always with us, showing us the Way.

May God bless us with health, peace, and joy,
Fr. Ted



Those who are ill...

Elida Diaz, Al Dilger,
Mary Frazzini, Renee Pletsch

Those who serve our country...

Ryan Danielian,
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 24, 2021 Judi Szymkowski
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	April 25, 2021 Fr. Paul Burak
Monday	April 26, 2021 Stanley Eustace
Tuesday	April 27, 2021 Lillian Dvorak
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	April 28, 2021 Jesus Sus Groyon & Christian Valdez
Thursday	April 29, 2021 Jan Barrick
Friday	April 30, 2021 Amelia Aldaz



The Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach (ACDVO) mission is expressed in three words:

Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Collection on May 9, 2021

Awareness–Services–Prevention

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Learn more or make a gift at www.catholiccharities.net text HOPE to 878787.



4th Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” (Jn 10:14-15)

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