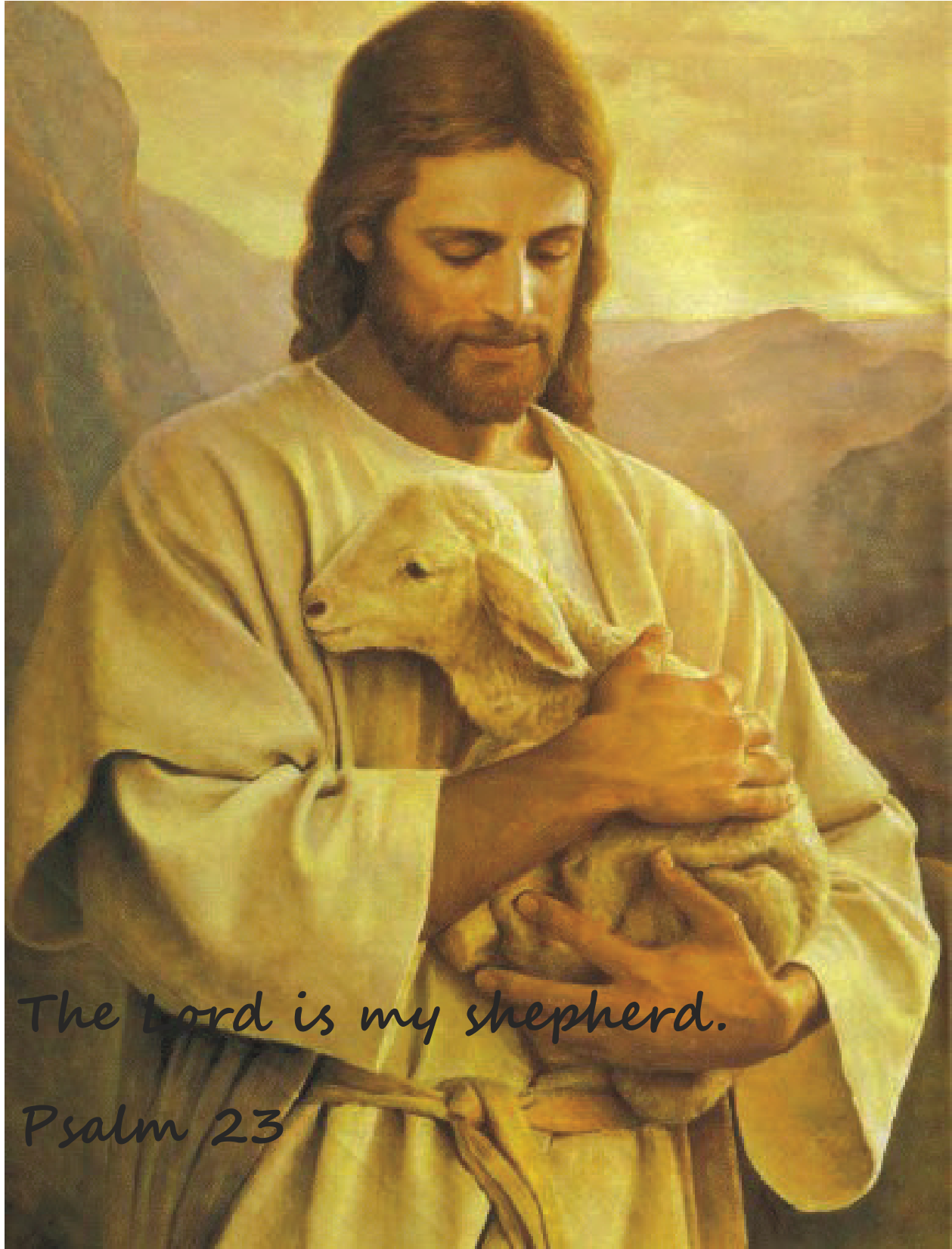


St. Mary of the Assumption

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Sunday, March 22, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



The Lord is my shepherd.

Psalm 23

"One in Mind and Heart, Intent Upon God"

~ St. Augustine

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Calendar of Events

**All Masses and events are cancelled until
further notice.**

In the absence of mass, here are several resources available
for your devotional use:

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE at:

<https://www.rcda.org/livemass>

LISTEN TO DAILY MASS at:

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/listen-live>



Waterford Knight of Columbus have postponed
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*"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for
I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold
you up with my victorious right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you are doing well and coping with what is, for sure, uncertain times. Not in our lifetime have any of us experienced anything like the current situation. But, like all events of the past, this Coronavirus pandemic is a temporary event, for nothing lasts forever. We must remain mindful of what is important, our health and the health and wellbeing of our family and friends. Let us be vigilant in praying for one another and for all those affected by the Coronavirus.

With that in mind, we don't know when certain events will take place or when we'll be able to celebrate public masses. I plan to offer a private mass daily for the intentions previously arranged. It is also uncertain when the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will take place. Those times will be determined when things settle down but rest assured, they will take place.

Until such time, please know that you are in my prayers. Fr. Stanley, Fr. Reyes and I will continue to pray for all of you and I would ask that you continue to pray for us as well. I look forward to the day, hopefully very soon, when we can see you again at the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Be well and safe and may God's choicest blessings be with you and your family.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Kelley*



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION for the 4th Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2020

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Rose Bix, Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Robert Wittemann, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Maria Pascarella, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Cathy Powers Vanina, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, John Daly, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Jacob Ward, Joan Fontaine, Rosemary Gavitt, Donald Berthiaume Jr., Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Carol Hart, Ralph Vanderhyden, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A., and Father John Byrnes, O.S.A.,

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