

**April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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The music for today's mass can be found at the following link: <https://ihmparish.net/s/4th-Sunday-in-Easter-Year-B-2021.pdf>

Mass prompts and order of the mass can be found here: <https://ihmparish.net/s/Sunday-Mass-Order-of-Mass-and-Readings-for-Online-Mass-Attendance-April-18-2021.pdf>

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5:00 pm Shane Sheppard+ By Gladys & Stephen

Sheppard

Sunday, April 25th

8:00 am For the People of IHM Parish

10:00 am Barbara Faccone+ By Peggy & Ed Connelly

12:00pm James R. Kennedy+ By Alice Van Anda

**Mass Livestream Prompts:**

**Mass Intentions**

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Welcome to our Livestream of the Sunday Mass - **please feel free to share this with your friends on Facebook and invite people to attend the online Mass. If you click the "Share" icon on this you can share it as a post on your page.**

Good Morning

**Announcement:**

The Church has reopened and daily mass has resumed with 7 am and 8:30 am - appropriate social distancing must be followed and masks must be worn at all times - no exceptions. 8.30 am mass will continue to be livestreamed.

Weekend masses are open as well but require advance signup – please see website for details. 10 am Sunday mass will also continue to be livestreamed.

The Church is open for private prayer from 6.45 am to noon on weekdays. Please follow social distancing protocols. Masks must be worn at all times.

Also, please note that you will need to reserve in advance for attending weekend masses - details for sign-up posted on the website

For those of us who continue to celebrate Mass in our homes virtually it is good to remember that Jesus is truly present whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in his name, even if at a distance. There is also the idea of the “Domestic Church”, an understanding that is born of baptism that the family is the first and perhaps most encountered way of living out our lives of faith. Both of these ideas have taken on greater prominence these last few months.

Let us now take a moment to greet each other online.

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Amen

Lord have mercy;

Christ have mercy;

Lord have mercy;

#### **Glory to God in the Highest**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Amen

Reading I

Acts 4:8-12

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 in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean  
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead;  
in his name this man stands before you healed.  
He is the stone rejected by you, the builders,  
    which has become the cornerstone.  
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.”  
Thanks be to God

#### Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

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

R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
    for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
    than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
    than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
    and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected  
    has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
    it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;  
    we bless you from the house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
    and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
    for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

#### Reading II

1 Jn 3:1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

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.  
Thanks be to God

Alleluia

Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: "The Lord be with you" All: "And with your spirit"

P: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John All: "Glory to your O Lord"

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

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.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.

I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

After Gospel

P: "The Gospel of the Lord." All: "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ."

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#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

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**Prayer of the faithful:**

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Response: Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for an end to the current COVID-19 pandemic and all who are impacted by it, especially those who are ill and those who have lost their lives.

Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving as well for those who risk their own health to help others.

Let us offer a prayer for people that are administering the vaccine and those getting it and that the effectiveness of the vaccine may help end the pandemic.

Let us pray for people suffering from physical and mental illness that God may heal them according to His will.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit come upon all and continue to inspire us.

Let us pray for peace around the world.

Let us pray for protection of the unborn.

Let us pray for the children of our parish who are receiving their sacrament of confirmation in the upcoming weeks.

**Back to School Prayer**

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our students and teachers, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. We pray that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength. *Amen*

Let us pray for a safe time and a Holy and Blessed Easter season.

Please pray for our Church.

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Archbishop's annual appeal has launched. Please consider donating.

Offertory:

At this time we would have our weekly collection. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation through our online, text to give or parish envelope options.

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Giving:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=876D52DCC9C937F21282F9D33E7E517ED8C94E18D7AF78A1>

Go Fund Me:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/immaculate-heart-of-mary-scotch-plains>

Text to Give option by texting a dollar amount to (908) 224-3545

Blessed be God forever

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

Amen

And with your spirit ;

We lift them up to the lord ;

It is right and just;

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic prayer:**

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,

FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU

*R: My Lord and my God*

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,

WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*R: My Lord and my God*

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Memorial Acclamations

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

Memorial Acclamations (pick the one that is sung)

*[Priest]*

The mystery of faith.

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.
3. Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

Amen

**Our Father**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is  
in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever

Amen

Peace be with you all.

**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now

receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

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Please see letter from Fr. Mike regarding Engaging Disciples Update.- Parish Pastoral Council: <https://ihmparish.net/s/Engaging-Disciples-Update-Pastoral-Council.pdf>

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Dismissal

And with your Spirit

Amen

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Have a blessed week!