

# April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 21

5:00 p.m. +**Andrew Peterson**  
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

### Sunday, April 22 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 a.m. +**Maria Korkoszka**  
By Anna Kuruc

10:30 a.m. +**Helen Dicheck**  
By Victoria and Robert Dicheck

### Monday, April 23 Saint George

8:45 a.m. +Thomas, Elizabeth and Louis DeBari  
By Angela Gross

### Tuesday, April 24 Saint Fedelis

8:45 a.m. + **The Kane and Urbano Families**  
By Susan Reynolds

### Wednesday, April 25 Saint Mark

8:45 a.m. +**Sergio and Sabina Cappelluti**  
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

### Thursday, April 26 NO MASS

### Friday, April 27

8:45 a.m. Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church

### Saturday, April 28

5:00 p.m. + **Nettie, Joseph, and Joseph, Jr. Roche**  
By The Wyker Family

### Sunday, April 29

8:00 a.m. +**Berndino Iannelli**  
By Paul and Elisabeth Boccolini

10:30 a.m. +**Janet DiFonzo**  
By Family

and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*.

Message from Pope Francis:

2018 marks the 55th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations once again proclaims this good news to us, and in a decisive manner. We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern* and *live* this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

These three aspects – *listening, discerning and living* – were also present at beginning of Jesus' own mission, when, after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it "today" (Lk 4:16-21).

### *Prayer for Vocations*

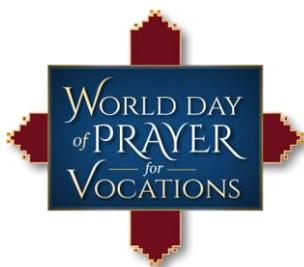
Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name  
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love  
and Service of our Church  
as we experience it today.

World Day of Prayer is observed on Sunday, April 22nd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for

Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative



Give us the energy and courage  
of Your Spirit to shape its future  
Grant us faith-filled leaders  
who will embrace Christ's Mission  
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Saint Theodore  
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve Your people as Sisters,  
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better  
and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in past bulletins, we count on  
the Sunday First Collection for our routine  
expenses.

Following is an overview of how our  
collections are allocated:

The Second Collection (excluding Diocesan,  
National Collections, Salvatorian Collections) as  
in the past are used for extraordinary expenses—  
e.g. tractor and truck repairs, heating and air  
conditioning repairs, etc.

Easter and Christmas Collections, along with  
Sunday First Collections, Second Collections and  
Fundraisers, are used to subsidize our Property  
Insurance and Diocesan Assessment payments.

Our church attendance has gone down  
considerably in the last few years, which has  
impacted our operating capital. Our Sunday First  
Collections were down \$19,621 from Fiscal Year  
2015-2016 to Fiscal year 2016-2017, and the  
decline continues this fiscal year.

It is extremely difficult to meet our financial  
responsibilities with this large a deficit. I am  
asking you, parishioners, in your goodness, if it  
is at all possible, to increase you weekly  
contribution to help us in this difficult time. With  
God's grace we will overcome this set back. May  
the Lord bless you for your continued generosity  
to the church.

In Christ,

Father Damian

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Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of our parishioner,  
**Joseph Cong Tran.**  
May he rest in peace.

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## Theodore Church Fundraiser

**50/50 Raffle: (May 27):** Parishioners will be  
receiving in the mail soon a book of tickets for  
our annual 50/50 Raffle. As in the past, the books  
are \$100-\$10 per ticket. These chances will be  
sold before and after the weekend Masses in the  
Parish Center.

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REQUESTS  
— FOR —  
PRAYER

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah  
Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira  
Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan  
Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren  
Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip  
Kinney, Peter S., Mary Supple,  
Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds,  
Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara,  
Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma  
Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars,  
Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael  
Dante, Joseph Boyle, Rosemarie Freeman, Tony  
Santos

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### April Calendar

**Bible Study** Every Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

**April 23, 6:15 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in Church

**April 30, 6:15 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in Church for First  
Communion Rehearsal

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### *Our Offering*

April 15: \$1,715.50

April 8: \$1,977.

April 1: \$1,941.17

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### **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

#### *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*

Saint Theodore contributions as of April 13.

Pledges: \$5,385; Payments: \$4,027.50

Parishioner Families: 40;

Amount is 76.9% of our \$7,000 Goal

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