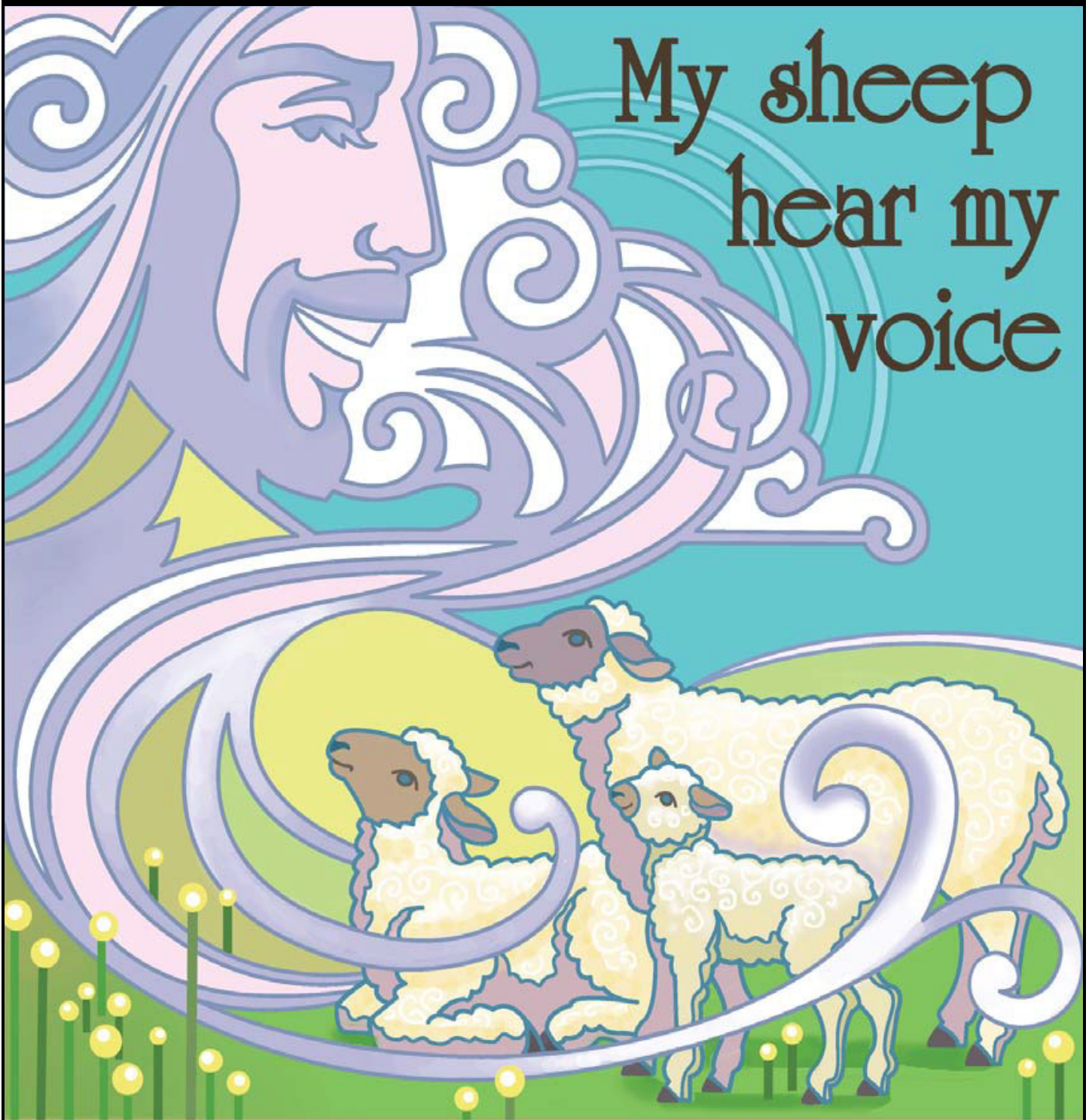


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**My sheep
hear my
voice**



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 17, 2016
THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK**

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (**Acts 13:14, 43-52**).

Psalms — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (**Psalms 100**).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (**Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (**John 10:27-30**).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances.

In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced.

Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Thursday:** St. Anselm
- Friday:** Earth Day; Passover begins



**SAVE THE DATE!
RCIA REUNION
GATHERING
NEXT SUNDAY,
APRIL 24TH**

If you are a RCIA "graduate," were a sponsor, catechist, or spouse/family member of a RCIA "graduate," please join us in the parish hall immediately after the noon Mass for a covered dish to welcome the newest members of our Catholic faith. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 20th** to Celeste Amos: celesteamos3@gmail.com, or: 261-5896. We look forward to seeing you there!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Communion: Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on May 7, 2016.



ST. MICHAEL GIFT SHOP

Please Note – We are now in our new location at the former Youth Building (the little Green House) - Come and share our joy in this new endeavor.

Along with our regular inventory, First Communion items are on special display.

Our hours of operation are:

Wednesday: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am to 1:30pm



**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICE
INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

Anyone interested in utilizing the parish assisted listening devices is invited to attend an informational meeting on **Tuesday, April 19th at 11:00am in the church.** These devices are designed to assist those with hearing impairments and/or hearing aids. For more information in advance of the meeting please see Walt Edwards or Roger Wasik. You may also call the Parish Office, 904-261-3472.



**SHRIMP FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Michael Men's Club is asking for volunteers from the Parish to join us at our annual "Onion/Pepper Peel & Cut Event" in preparation for the St. Michael Men's Club Food Booth at this year's Shrimp Festival. **The "peel & cut" event will be held Wednesday, April 27th, between 4:30pm – 6:30pm at our Parish Hall.**

Please bring your favorite knife and cutting board and join us for this annual gathering of Parishioners. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Don Cacciola: doncacciola@comcast.net.

Thank you.

We will be signing up volunteers after all Masses to work at our Food Booth from Friday, April 29th thru Sunday, May 1st.



**ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY
GOLF OUTING**

Join us for the 12th Annual St. Michael Academy Golf Outing **on Friday, May 27th** at Long Point Golf Club. This year we are celebrating the life of Trinity Hoblit and part of the proceeds will go to establish a scholarship in her name.

You can contact our registration coordinator Andy Godek: **904-583-7028** or andrewgodekatc@yahoo.com with any questions. Tickets for the golf dinner are also available for \$60/person. Bring your spouse and enjoy a wonderful evening supporting St. Michael Academy!



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
JACKSONVILLE OFFICE**

The Catholic Charities 2016 Gala Picnic-Style will be held Saturday, **April 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront.** Tickets are \$150 or \$100 for ages 21-35, including beer, wine and Lynchburg lemonade (cash bar available). The evening will feature cocktails and appetizers from 6 to 8 p.m. with old-fashioned, backyard games for fun! Michael Corrigan will serve as Master of Ceremonies, with dinner and dancing to the music of Str8Up from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets for a drawing for a fabulous trip to Banff in Alberta, Canada are available now. You don't have to be present at the Gala to win! For tickets or sponsorship opportunities: **visit www.ccbjax.org, call (904) 899-5505, or email rhepler@ccbjax.org**



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1613	April 11, 2016
Offertory	\$17,625.80
Children's Collection	106.75
Debt Reduction	1,413.00
On Line Giving Offertory	2,851.00
On Line Giving Debt Reduction	165.00

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To report abuse, call:

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Judy Pinson at (904)262-3200, ext. 129 or
Department of Children & Families at
1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.

Brochures are available at the church entrance

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

All parishioners who are working in a ministry with vulnerable adults or with children, or plan to become involved, are required to take Protecting God's Children. **There is a class being offered on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Raphael room in our parish hall.** There is no charge, but you must register at www.virtus.org in order to attend. Any questions, please call Lori—261-3472.

DID YOU KNOW?????

Adam blamed Eve
Eve blamed the snake
And the snake didn't have a leg to stand on !!

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1 !!

Our church has been under the same management for over 2,000 years !!

There are some answers that cannot be answered by google !!

Try our Sundays—they're better than Baskin Robbins !!



- Sat. Apr. 16 (5pm) Lynn Japowicz by Marty Ahearn
- Sun. Apr. 17 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Apr. 17 (10am) Mary Ann Dunbar by Bill Dunbar
- Sun. Apr. 17 (12noon) Pureza Nunes by Tima Johnson
- Mon. Apr. 18 (8:30am) Jim Ryan by the Ryan family
- Tues. Apr. 19 (6pm) Claire Dyring by the Krohn children
- Wed. Apr. 20 (8:30am) Kathleen Donohoe by Kevin & Maureen Conboy
- Thurs. Apr. 21 (8:30am) Mary Grimmer by Kevin & Maureen Conboy
- Fri. Apr. 22 (8:30am) Paul Boczar by Kevin & Maureen Conboy
- Sat. Apr. 23 (5pm) Pat Stores by Bob Stores
- Sun. Apr. 24 (8am) Cy Yelk by Jane McCormick
- Sun. Apr. 24 (10am) Jack Crowley by the family
- Sun. Apr. 24 (12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael

Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gladys Shripka, mother of parishioner, Harry Shripka. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

A VITAL POWER

“Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the Resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.

Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference, and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit.”

—Evangelii Gaudium

COFFEE & DONUTS

You are invited to Coffee & Donuts—and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the 10:00am Mass.



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Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor
Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Shea
Deacon Art Treadwell

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am—10:00 am—12:00 noon
Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment
Daily Masses: 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.
6:00 pm Tues.
Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

Weekly visits and monthly Communion Services are held at Savannah Grand, Quality Health Care and Jane Adams House. Visits by Priest or Extraordinary Minister can be arranged by calling 261-3472.

MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic ceremony must meet with their parish priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

R.C.I.A.

For those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, call 261-3472.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades 1—8. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 491-0180

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Denise Ziegler: 654-3855

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

Pre-K—Grade 8 Principal—Jackie Stewart
Call 321-2102 for information
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St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement

We are the body of Christ at St. Michael's Parish, called to: Gather for Worship, Celebrate the Paschal Mysteries, Preach the Gospel, Minister to Others, Be Witnesses to the World.