

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
AND THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**April 20 - 26, 2026**

**Monday, 4/20 † Easter Weekday**

6pm: SS. C & M – †† Robert “Bob” Jachim by  
Vanek & Headley Families

**Tuesday, 4/21 † Easter Weekday, Saint Anselm,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9am: A. S. – †† Chester Potempa by Eloise Valadez  
& Family

**Wednesday, 4/22 † Easter Weekday**

6pm: SS. C & M – Olivia

**Thursday, 4/23 † Easter Weekday, Saint George,  
Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

9am; A.S. †† Daly Family

**Friday, 4/24 † Easter Weekday, Saint Fedelis of  
Sigmaringen Priest & Martyr**

9am; A.S. Erin & John Maniatis (Anniversary) by Jan  
Duttlinger

**Saturday, 4/25 † Saint Mark, Evangelist**

8:30am: Michael by Grandma

**Saturday, 4/25 † Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:30pm -. †† Frank Kida, Sr. by Wife, Donna

**Sunday, 4/26 † Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9am: A. S. †† Lillian Potempa by Family  
11am: †† Greg Allender by Wife, Angela

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Thurs., Apr. 23 – 2:15pm -Legion of Mary

Thurs., Apr. 23 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Apr. 26 – 9:30am – Religious Education

†† RIP ††  
*Florence Tumback*

**Starke County Food Pantry Needs**

**Peanut Butter**, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit,  
laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper,  
small packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh  
fruits & vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with  
meat.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
April 26, 2026**



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly 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), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life. 2026 marks the **63rd Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, and for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him.  
Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

## Dear Padre

April 26, 2026

**Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.**

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●

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## Good News!

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36–41 / 1 Peter 2:20b–25 /  
John 10:1–10

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It is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the odd-est of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

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## **Fulton J. Sheen Quotes About Communism**

Never will we be able to understand our times if we naively 'think' of this system of self Government as the work of a few gangsters or the creation of a pack of criminals we call a political party. The appeal of Socialism, Fascism and communism was principally negative; they were protests against a live and let live anything goes liberalism, a spineless indifference to causes, a failure to recognize that nothing was evil enough to hate, and nothing was good enough to die for.

Communism is the final logic of the dehumanization of man. The industrial civilization of the Western world has no intent to destroy man's freedom or to deny his personality. But Communism does. Denying God, it reduces man to a robot.

Communism is an aggressive religion of the species.

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Nothing can do men of good will more harm than apparent compromises with parties that subscribe to antimoral and antidemocratic and anti-God forces. We must have the courage to detach our support from men who are doing evil. We must bear them no hatred, but we must break with them.

There are three ways in which a man becomes a slave. He may be born into slavery, or forced into it, or he can deliberately accept his servitude. All three forms flourish in the modern world. Men are born and forced into slavery in Russia and her satellites states. Men in the free world invite slavery when they ask the government to provide complete security, when they surrender their freedom to the "Welfare State."

The basic struggle today is not between individualism and collectivism, free enterprise and socialism, democracy and dictatorship. These are only the superficial manifestations of a deeper struggle which is moral and spiritual and involves above all else whether man shall exist for the state, or the state for man, and whether freedom is of the spirit or a concession of a materialized society.

The Western world generally has lost the concept of man as a creature made to the image and likeness of God, and reduced him either to a component part of the universe, to an economic animal or to a "physiological bag filled with psychological libido." Once man became materialized and atomized in Western thinking, it was only natural for a totalitarianism to arise to gather up the fragments into a new totality and substitute the collective man for the individual man who was isolated from all social responsibilities.

The denial of the right of ownership to a man is a denial of his basic freedom: freedom without property is always incomplete. To be "secured" - but with no accompanying responsibility - is to be the slave of whatever group provides the security.

## **Exorcist Fr. Ripperger: 'The situation for the Antichrist is just about present'**

(LifeSiteNews) Mar 6, 2026 — Exorcist Father Chad Ripperger warned in an interview published on Thursday that the stage is almost completely set for the arrival of the Antichrist.

While we ultimately cannot be certain about when the Antichrist will publicly appear, the situation needed for his arrival "is just about present," Fr. Ripperger told podcaster and former U.S. Navy SEAL Shawn Ryan.

The Church Fathers say there will be a "worldwide implosion of people's morality" before the Antichrist arrives, which we have seen since the 1950s, noted Fr. Ripperger. There has been a widespread defiance of the laws of God and natural law.

Another condition for his rule is the "unification of the worldwide economy," said the exorcist, because it is through the economy that the Antichrist will control people, although "he'll have control of governments too."

Fr. Ripperger said such a worldwide unification of economies appears to be "a little bit down the road." "So I don't think he is immediately around the corner, but I could be wrong," he added.

Fr. Ripperger also points to Catholic prophecies, like the one given by Our Lady of La Salette, which say there will be a chastisement involving a war, which will be "brutal even for those of us who are good and who are prepped for it."

Regarding the Mark of the Beast, Fr. Ripperger said, "We're almost there."

"They could literally just decide, unless you decide to sign off on certain things, you're not going to have access to the digital currency that [they're] going to enact worldwide," he said.

"I think that's one of the ways he's going to control people, through digital currencies," he continued, noting that these currencies can be used to shut people out of access to goods and services.

"And that's how they'll basically starve people out if they're not willing to sign off on the Antichrist's rule," said Fr. Ripperger, affirming to Ryan that this would or could be enacted like a social credit score.

Ryan asked Fr. Ripperger what people should do once the Mark of the Beast is ushered in. "What are we supposed to do if we can't eat, take care of ourselves, provide for families?"

The priest highlighted the nature of the mark, which he said will be "something in our bodies that will give us access" to goods, like an RFID chip that can be scanned, or involve a device similar to Neuralink.

"The Fathers of the Church say you're not going to be able to get that chip without some type of renunciation of Christ," Fr. Ripperger said. This means people must accept something they "know is contrary to the will of God and to the will of Christ."

Ultimately, to refuse the mark, we "have to be willing to sacrifice the lesser good in order to achieve the greater good."

However, he pointed out that God can help people survive without the mark.

"God will very often provide for people. If it's His will that people survive that time frame, He'll make it possible," said Fr. Ripperger.

He advised that people "have to be smart about it and learn basic survival skills and learn how to fend for themselves."

Fr. Ripperger added, however, that it is "going to be extraordinarily difficult to even be able to evade detection," given the current level of technology.

During his interview, he highlighted the opinion of the Church Fathers – that he is familiar with – that the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem will never be rebuilt.

Scripture's reference to the "abomination of desolation" standing in the holy place "is actually a reference to the Catholic Church" suffering desecration, according to the Church Fathers.

This means the Catholic Church would "become compromised in that process."