



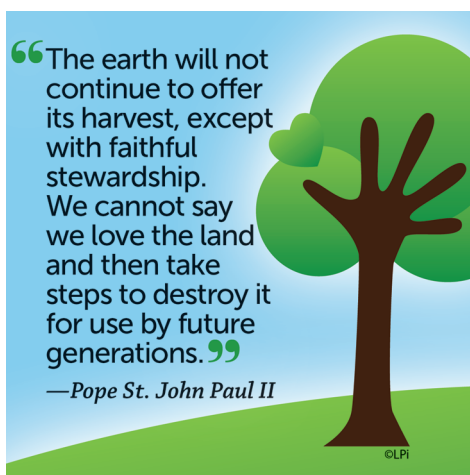
Readings for the Week of  
April 23, 2017

**A HEALING AGENT:  
THE CHICAGO CATHOLIC  
ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION ON  
MENTAL ILLNESS**

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, a few volunteers started The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness. Over the past 20 plus years, we have tried, in different ways, to increase awareness of the needs of people with mental illness and families, and break through barriers of misunderstanding. Our annual Mass for people with mental illness celebrates their lives and that of their families, friends and professionals who are part of the healing process. We gather for worship and fellowship as an opportunity for getting to know one another as people of God. We also provide workshops and seminars for clergy, chaplains, seminarians, parish ministerial leaders and anyone who will listen! Our motto is: "Where two or three are gathered, we'll come and speak." If one person's mind is changed, or one's commitment increased, we have been successful. We also collaborate with Faith and Fellowship which ministers to people in residential facilities who have mental illness. For some, Faith and Fellowship is their only spiritual support. Occasionally, we offer retreats and days of recollection. Other parts of our network include the St Dymphna Society and St Thomas of Villanova. Information for all these is on our website [www.miministry.org](http://www.miministry.org) which also provides prayers, educational material, and announcements of events. Our commission comprises a dedicated group of volunteers including people with mental illness, family members, clergy and professionals. We have seen what a difference God makes in all of our lives, and what a difference being accepted by a community makes in the healing process. It confirms God is an essential part of who we are and a critical part of our being whole. That message is worth shouting from the rooftops! For more information about our ministry contact Deacon Tom Lambert at 773- 525-0453 x21 or [olmcfinfo2@aol.com](mailto:olmcfinfo2@aol.com)

O God, you are our creator.  
You are limitlessly good and merciful.  
To You is due the praise of every creature.  
O God, You have given to us an interior law by which we should live.  
To do Your will is to perform our task.  
To follow Your ways is to find peace of soul.  
To You we offer our obedience.  
Guide us in all the steps that we undertake on earth.  
Free us from evil inclinations which turn our heart from Your will.  
Do not permit that in invoking Your Name we should ever justify the human disorders.  
O God, you are the One Alone to whom we make our adoration.  
Do not permit that we should estrange ourselves from You.  
O God, judge of all mankind, help us to belong to Your elect on the last day.  
O God, author of justice and peace, grant us true joy and authentic love, as also a lasting fraternity among all peoples.  
Fill us with Your gifts for ever. Amen!

--St. John Paul II, August 19, 1985



Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the Week of April 23, 2017

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy  
Monday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Mark, Evangelist  
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; Arbor Day  
Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; Día del Niño

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**April 23 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega  
& Kellee Athens  
Lectors.....Odell Gordon  
& Debra Blake  
Communion Ministers.....Pat Cummings,  
Pervis Balthzar, Betty Ferguson,  
Bob Johnson, Vernon Lam, & Pearl Luss  
Altar Servers.....Javadia Rylon  
& Alaric Rylon  
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

**April 23 at 5 pm**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....Alison Conlon

**April 30 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Lectors.....Regina Baiocchi  
& Erin Shields  
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios  
& Daveion Hightie  
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

**April 30 at 5 pm**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

**April Ushers**

Eastside.....Phil Tellazzino  
East Center.....Rose Kelly  
Westside.....Tom Justic  
West Center.....Jim Gausselein

**Mercy Home Mentoring Program**

A friend can make all the difference...  
Be that friend, consider mentoring.

The Friends First Program of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is a one-on-one mentoring program for youth ages 9-17 in the Chicago area. Our purpose is to engage youth in fun, meaningful activities that promote healthy personal and social development.

To learn more about becoming a mentor, call the Friends First Program at 312-738-9560 or visit [www.mercyhome.org/mentor](http://www.mercyhome.org/mentor).

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Kay Ansani, Evelyn Battles, Monica Belby, Sandra Smith Bell, Bonnie Cannon, Mary Ellen Castroverde, Mary Cleveland, Michael Crosse, Sarah Jones, Alicia Kramer, Lettece Lee, Octavia Miller, Phillip Miller, Marla Moore, Felice Morales, Patricia Morris, Sister Marion Murphy, Fannie Robinson, Charlene Stacker, Jim Sweeney, Shirley Tremble, and Endy Turner



Evelyn & Edward Bogus

Joseph & Mary Butler Carey

Sister Marion Murphy

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED**

**Question:**

On our pulpit there is an eagle, a lion, an angel, and a bull. What do they represent?

**Answer:**

Each symbol represents a Gospel. These symbols helped people to differentiate the Gospels at a time when most people could not read. The image of a man or angel represents the Gospel of Matthew and signifies Christ's human nature. The lion, a symbol of royalty and power, represents the Gospel of Mark and denotes Christ the King. The ox or calf, the sacrificial victim, represents the Gospel of St. Luke and highlights the priestly character of Christ's mission. The eagle stands for the Gospel of St. John because his theology is much more developed than the three synoptic Gospels. Just as an eagle soars above the earth, so John's theology soars above the other Gospels. The symbols for the Synoptics probably come from how each one begins. One of the initial lines of the Gospel of Mark begins: "A voice of one crying out in the desert." In the wilderness you can hear the roar of the lion for miles around. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, and represents Jesus' human roots. The Gospel of Luke opens with the story of Zechariah the high priest who offered a sacrifice of a bull on behalf of the nation.

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,500.00

April 9 -9:45.....\$1,651.10  
-5:00.....\$482.00  
Give Central.....\$1,290.00  
Difference -\$76.90

April 16 -9:45.....\$4,480.11  
-5:00.....\$2,237.50  
Give Central.....\$790.00  
Difference \$4,007.61

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings \$122,228.12  
\*Budget \$143,500.00  
Surplus/(Deficit) (\$21,271.88)

\*((\$3,500 a week for 41 weeks.)

Easter Vigil \$1,418.60  
Easter \$335.00  
Holy Thursday \$429.04  
Good Friday \$173.65

Contributions can also be made at [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) Call Sharon in the office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can click on the 'Donate' link on our web page at [www.holyfamilychicago.org](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org)

Thank you for your support.



**Calendar**

**April 25 - Confirmation at Notre Dame de Chicago**  
7 PM Mass

**May 7 - First Holy Communion**  
9:45 mass

**July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017** - Opening Mass marking first mass celebrated

**November 11<sup>th</sup> 2017** - Mass of Remembrance

**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017** - Feast of the Holy Family

**February 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>** - History in the making

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Marriages celebrated here at Holy Family

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Closing of our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary