

EPIPHANY



April 21, 2024

"I will lay down
my life for the sheep"

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

WELCOME to Epiphany

The comforting image of the Good Shepherd

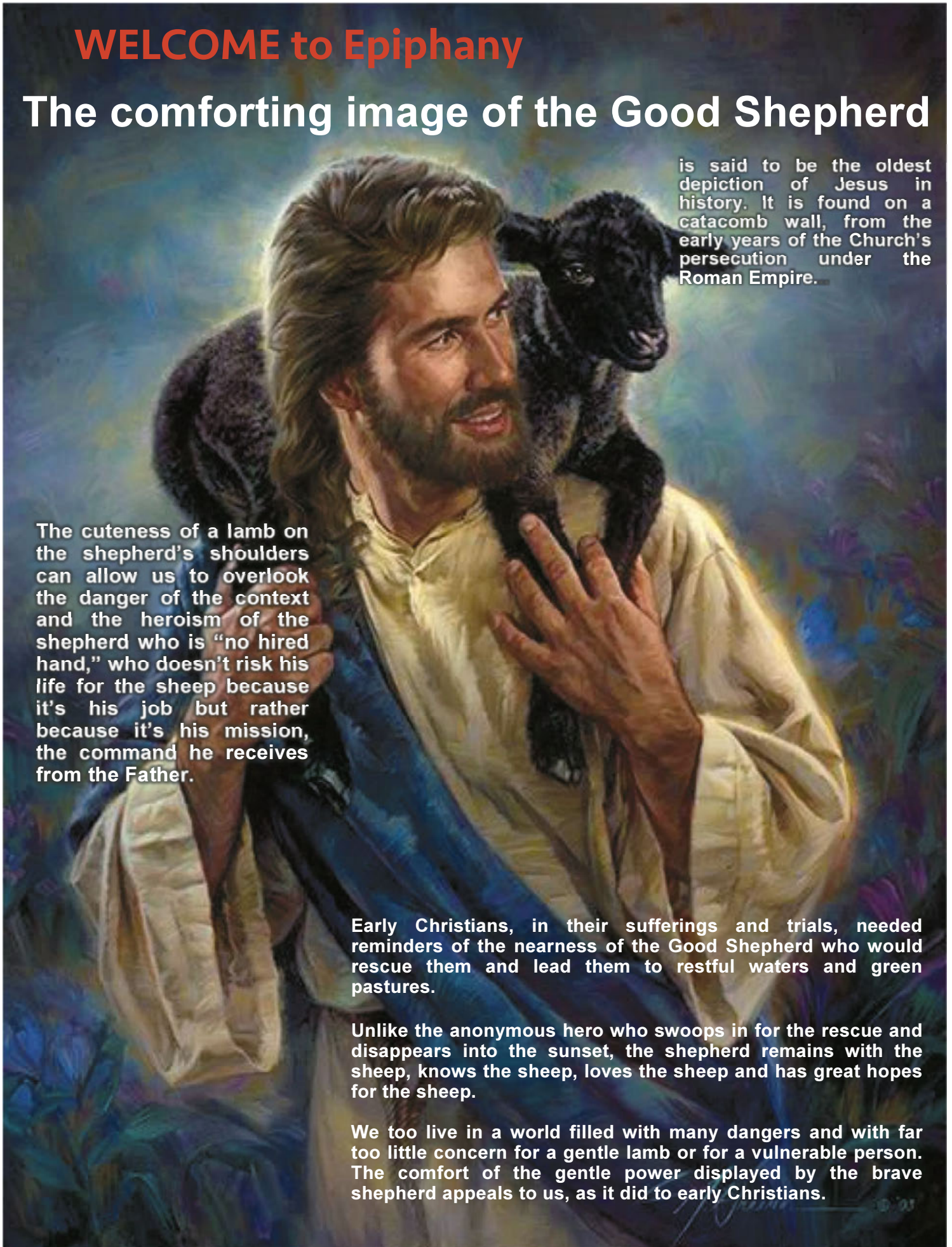
is said to be the oldest depiction of Jesus in history. It is found on a catacomb wall, from the early years of the Church's persecution under the Roman Empire.

The cuteness of a lamb on the shepherd's shoulders can allow us to overlook the danger of the context and the heroism of the shepherd who is "no hired hand," who doesn't risk his life for the sheep because it's his job but rather because it's his mission, the command he receives from the Father.

Early Christians, in their sufferings and trials, needed reminders of the nearness of the Good Shepherd who would rescue them and lead them to restful waters and green pastures.

Unlike the anonymous hero who swoops in for the rescue and disappears into the sunset, the shepherd remains with the sheep, knows the sheep, loves the sheep and has great hopes for the sheep.

We too live in a world filled with many dangers and with far too little concern for a gentle lamb or for a vulnerable person. The comfort of the gentle power displayed by the brave shepherd appeals to us, as it did to early Christians.





I am frequently touched by how many of my fellow shepherds from other folds recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd in that of Pope Francis, who is called, among his other titles, the Universal Shepherd. His willingness to lay down his life is obvious, especially as he struggles with pain in his legs and with lungs prone to illness. We've even seen him willing to be wheeled into war zones to plead for peace, or to pray for forgiveness in the midst of Native peoples harmed by the church's own ministers, who acted more like wolves than shepherds.

This shepherd has been calling us all to greater care for our common home, warning us about polluted waters and sterile valleys, and even using increasingly strong language to warn us stubborn sheep about the ravenous wolf of climate disaster who is coming for the sheep. Francis knows the sheep of the human family well enough to be able to call us to conversion, to call us to repentance for overusing the earth's resources, to a more responsible shepherding of the resources entrusted to us, and to be mindful of the needs of the rest of the world and of future generations.

Bishop John Stowe



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**MONDAY, APRIL 15
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**April 29th
at 7pm**

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APR 21 - APR 28

EVENTS



Food Drive
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
6:15pm Hope Ministry
7:30pm Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
**12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena**
7:00pm The Chosen



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open The Word
Soulcraft: Unleashing Spiritual Creativity



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm SOS Group
7:00pm YA Alpha
7:15pm Legion of Mary



12:10pm Mass
**6:00pm Curia of Legionnaires
of Mary**



2:30pm Parish Alpha
4:00pm Vigil Mass



Hunger Sunday
**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture**
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Your Easter & Christmas giving provides vital support for our parish. We thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

Don't Forget Your Mother!

Throughout the month of May, every Mass will include a special prayer for mothers, living and deceased, who are listed on our Mother's Day envelopes, which can be found in the back of the church. Please complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest. We need our mothers, and our mothers need us and our prayers.

April 27-28 - 2nd Collection for Central & Eastern Europe

As an act of mercy for the suffering in central & eastern Europe, please show your support as generously as your means allow. Your kindness is a blessing to our parish and to our brothers & sisters around the world.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm Dorothy Walsh

Sunday, April 21

11:00am Ines Graham

7:30pm Liam Dunne

Monday, April 22

12:10pm Salve Martinez Opeda

Tuesday, April 23

12:10pm Eleanore L. McGroarty

Wednesday, April 24

12:10pm Christian Mazzariello

Thursday, April 25 *Feast of Saint Mark*

12:10pm Carol Stone

Friday, April 26

12:10pm C. Patrick Wagner

Saturday, April 27

4:00pm Jaime Barroso

Sunday, April 28

11:00am Mary Spadaro & Joann Frontino

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, April 29 *Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,*

12:10pm Ellen Hergen

Tuesday, April 30

12:10pm Thanksgiving for answered prayers

Sanctuary Lamp
Altar Bread & Wine
Apr 21 - Apr 27
John Caradonna

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