



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**I am the gate; whoever
enters through Me
will be saved.**

- John 10:9

————— SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 —————

Welcome To

ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

You are loved by God and are welcomed to celebrate with us here in our community.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
(RESPONSIBILIDAD COMPARTIDA)**

Please make a personal family decision to help us reach our **weekly goal of \$7,500**

Offertory totals for April 19, 2026

Offertory	\$5,118.00
Online Sun. Giving	\$2,313.00
TOTAL	\$7,431.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Kindly go to our parish website: www.stjulies-dsj.org

Please go to **FORMED.ORG** and sign up using our parish zip code **95119** and search for St. Julie



Sun	4/26	7:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		9:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		11:00AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		1:00 PM	Parroquiano De Santa Julia
Mon	4/27	9:30 AM	Erika Cuevas y familia, Erick Cueva.
Tue	4/28	9:30 AM	Pablo & Bernabe Bustamante + Philip Madathiletty +
Wed	4/29	9:30 AM	Emmy C. Grey (birthday) Rose Ruda Furlong +
Thu	4/30	9:30 AM	Abel, Alan, Alexa Denise Cuevas (may the Holy Spirit guide and protect them) Erick Cuevas +
Fri	5/1	9:30 AM	Dolly C. Grey + Rosamma Matthew +
Sat	5/2	5:00 PM	Mitos, Dolly & Lydia Grey +

DAILY MASS READINGS

4/26 | SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49)

4/27 | MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice) (279)

4/28 | TUESDAY

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis
Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

4/29 | WEDNESDAY

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)

4/30 | THURSDAY

Saint Pius V, Pope
Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)

5/1 | FRIDAY

Saint Joseph the Worker
Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)

5/2 | SATURDAY

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)



**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
For the Sick & HOMEBOUND:
(Para Los Enfermos Y Confinados En Casa)**

*Kathy Rodriguez, Gerardo Maeno,
Jesse Prado, Ma Guadalupe Guzman and
Carmen Cabral*

Recently Died (Murieron Recientemente)
*Dominic Galicia+, Howard Jenkins+, Eliseo
Plata+, Crisostomo D. Ibarra+, David Peredia+,
Pablo J. Ortega+, Angelita Narvaez+
and Tom Hess+*

*Members of our Parish Family who are in the
military, hospitals, nursing homes and all who
have no one to pray for them.*



St. Julie Billiart Parish
Campaign Goal:
\$630,000

FORMATION

Sowing Seeds of Wisdom

\$15,750,000

This campaign will support Catholic education, catechesis, and faith-building across all ages, digital tools, and retreats to spiritually nourish, strengthen, and accompany people in every season of life.

The diocese plans to make a significant investment in the priority area of formation during the initial phase of implementing the Pastoral Plan. Among the areas identified are:

- New opportunities for prayer to encounter God for all levels of spiritual maturity
- More support for seminarian education and vocations
- Tuition assistance for quality, faith-based Catholic education
- Comprehensive Christian initiation ministry for those joining the Church
- Expanded training for parish and school catechists and lay ministry leaders
- Increased retreat and small faith-sharing group opportunities in parishes and schools
- Digital technology for spiritual growth, learning, and engagement



How is God calling each of us at St. Julie Billiart Parish to use all that He has entrusted to us to sow seeds of faith for generations to come?

SUNDAY CONNECTION

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

Conexión Dominical

Primera Lectura

Hechos de los Apóstoles 2:14a,36-41

Pedro y los otros apóstoles bautizan a 3,000 personas.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 23:1-6

El Señor es mi pastor.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 2:20b-25

Hemos sido sanados por las heridas de Cristo.

Lectura del Evangelio: Juan 10:1-10

Jesús es la puerta de sus ovejas.

Contexto de la Lectura del Evangelio

Este cuarto domingo de la Pascua a veces se llama Domingo del Buen Pastor porque en cada uno de los tres ciclos del leccionario, la lectura del Evangelio nos invita a reflexionar sobre Jesús como el Buen Pastor. En cada ciclo, la lectura es del capítulo diez del Evangelio de Juan. Este capítulo establece el marco para la enseñanza de Jesús sobre sí mismo como el Buen Pastor.

La lectura de hoy se sitúa entre las historias de la curación del hombre nacido ciego y la resurrección de Lázaro. Ambas historias fueron proclamadas en los Evangelios de la presente temporada de Cuaresma. Tras la controversia que surgió cuando Jesús sanó al hombre nacido ciego, Jesús dirige su alegoría sobre el ovejas y el pastor hacia los líderes religiosos judíos de su tiempo, los fariseos. A lo largo del Evangelio de Juan, los fariseos no logran aceptar el ministerio y la enseñanza de Jesús. Se muestran a sí mismos como "ladrones y rateros" porque intentan guiar a las ovejas sin entrar por la puerta, que es Jesús. A través de estas metáforas, Jesús les está diciendo a sus oyentes que aquellos que lo sigan a él y a su camino encontrarán vida abundante. Se identifica a sí mismo tanto como el pastor como la puerta. Los pastores que son fieles a él son aquellos a quienes las ovejas (los discípulos de Jesús) deben seguir. La relación entre las ovejas y su pastor se basa en la familiaridad. Las ovejas reconocen a su pastor y no seguirán a un extraño. Al final del día, los pastores conducen a sus ovejas desde los pastos hacia un área común cercada llamada corral de ovejas. Allí, un pastor protege a todas las ovejas hasta el día siguiente, cuando cada pastor regresa para guiar a sus propias ovejas al pasto. A medida que los pastores se mueven entre las ovejas, las ovejas los siguen solo su pastor.

El Evangelio de hoy también nos da la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre el liderazgo cristiano. Las palabras de Jesús nos sugieren que aquellos que lideren la comunidad cristiana serán conocidos por su fidelidad a Jesús. Los líderes reconocerán que Jesús es la puerta para todas las ovejas y que tener una buena relación con Jesús es la característica principal de un líder cristiano. La alegoría de Jesús también sugiere que el liderazgo cristiano fiel requiere una buena relación con la comunidad: el pastor conoce a sus ovejas, y ellas lo conocen a él. Los líderes cristianos siguen el ejemplo de Jesús, el Buen Pastor, siendo fieles a él y siendo un buen pastor.

Finding God in Each Other

A Rebirth at Easter



Easter vigil always renews my hope. As we stand in the dark church, each of us holding a taper, the Pascal candle is lit. Then one to another the light is passed, flame to flame, until the interior of the church is wonderfully, dramatically bright. Praise, song, and prayer fill the space as we wait in churches around the world, going from darkness to light. Every year this ritual is performed, and the long wait of Lenten Holy Week ends in triumph. Every year we declare that we stand in the light of Christ, the light that darkness cannot overcome.

This year I stand with the OCIA class as teacher, sponsor, and parent of a sponsor. My 17-year-old son Mike stands with his girlfriend, Jessi, as she formally enters the Roman Catholic Church. She and 11 other baptismal candidates wear baptismal garments, waiting for the moment when they will be called to enter the font, kneel, and submerge their heads under the water three times. I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The candidates arise, and the priest anoints their foreheads with chrism. I anoint you priest, prophet, and king. Go now and put on a white garment of salvation. As Jessi and the others leave to change clothes, I see my son wipe away a tear.

The 12 candidates, still damp from their moments of initiation, rejoin the rest of their OCIA class. The others in the class have already been baptized and have chosen to profess the Creed, receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, and stand together with us as the body of Christ.

Others Find God in Us

Without cost you have received, without cost, give. Why do the class members choose this path? How has God called them, and through whom has God called each one to this moment, to stand in the middle of the assembly and become one of us? What witness to the power of the Holy Spirit, and what witness to the light in the darkness! Another quotation pops into my mind: Keep in mind that you may be the only Gospel someone ever hears. How many times in class have these catechumens said that one of the major attractions of the Catholic Church is the teaching of the sacredness of the ordinary moments and interactions in our lives—those times and places we find God if only we will look?

I stand with the girl who has asked me to sponsor her, another one of my son's friends. Jane and Jessi have been attending church with our family for the past few years. At this moment they are part of our family more than ever. They witness to all of us gathered here on this vigil of the Resurrection that no matter what we hear of darkness and despair, Jesus is with us always, giving freely to all who seek him. Our commission as the baptized is to witness to all whom we meet that God is present in all moments of life. This witness is both our mission and our privilege.

The Easter Vigil (April 4, 2026)

Congratulations to the newest members of St. Julie Billiard Parish Community:
Fabian, Joshua, Diana, David R., Evelyn, Edgar, David S., Alena and Amy



How to Teach Your Child to Pray the Rosary After First Communion

First Communion opens the door to a deeper relationship with Christ — and the rosary is the key that keeps it open every day. Here is how to teach your child to pray it, step by step, in a way that is simple, meaningful, and built to last.

Why Children Should Pray the Rosary After First Communion

First Communion is an invitation — into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through the Eucharist.

The rosary complements and sustains that relationship by giving children a structured, daily way to meditate on Christ's life, seek Mary's intercession, and build the habit of prayer that will carry their faith forward through every season of life. The rosary is simple enough for a child to learn and deep enough to accompany them into adulthood. Unlike prayers that can feel abstract, the rosary is tactile — beads in the hand, mysteries in the mind, Mary alongside. It connects the child to what they received at the altar and to the broader tradition of Catholic prayer that stretches back centuries.

Understanding the Rosary Before You Begin

Before praying the rosary with your child for the first time, take a moment to show them what they are holding. A rosary has 59 beads: 6 large beads for the Our Father, 53 smaller beads for the Hail Mary, and a crucifix. Show them each part and explain what it is for — giving them a physical map of the prayer before the words begin.

Step-by-Step: How to Pray the Rosary With Children

Walk through these steps together the first few times, with your child repeating after you. Keep explanations short and clear — the goal is familiarity, not a theology lecture. The understanding will deepen as the habit grows.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

Hold the crucifix together and guide your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Explain that this gesture begins every prayer by reminding us who we pray to — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of faith before a single word of the rosary is spoken. Have them repeat: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Recite the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is the first prayer of the rosary — a profession of everything Catholics believe. Tell your child: "This prayer tells God what we believe." Recite it with them once, then gently ask what certain phrases mean to check their understanding. Don't correct anxiously — this is a growing conversation, not a test.

3. Recite the Our Father

Also called the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father was taught to us by Jesus Himself — which makes it the most important prayer a Christian can know. If your child already knows it, recite it together. If any lines confuse them, explain simply: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name" means God is holy and we honor Him. "Give us this day our daily bread" means we trust God to take care of us every day.

4. Recite Three Hail Marys

After the Our Father, three Hail Marys are prayed on the introductory small beads — traditionally offered for an increase in faith, hope, and charity. Introduce Mary gently: "We ask Mary to pray for us, the way you might ask a kind person to pray for you when you need help." Explain the key lines simply: "Hail Mary, full of grace" means God chose Mary because she is full of His grace. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners" means we ask her to pray for us, especially when life is hard.

5. Recite the Glory Be

After the three Hail Marys, the Glory Be is prayed — a short doxology that praises the Holy Trinity. Explain: "This prayer gives glory to God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit." It closes the introductory section and sets the tone for the decades ahead.

6. Announce the Mystery

Before each decade, announce the mystery to be meditated upon. Start simply: "In this mystery, we think about when the angel came to Mary and told her she would be the mother of Jesus." For younger children, visual and storytelling language works best. The mystery gives the Hail Marys their context — each one is prayed while holding that image in mind.

7. Pray the Decade: Our Father + 10 Hail Marys + Glory Be

Each decade follows the same rhythm: one Our Father on the large bead, ten Hail Marys on the small beads, and one Glory Be at the end. The repetition of the Hail Mary is not mindless — it is the rhythm that frees the mind to meditate on the mystery rather than focus on the words. After the Glory Be, many families add the Fatima Prayer: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Repeat for each mystery.

Join the UIC youth group to a Cinco De Mayo Celebration

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LIFE AND DIGNITY

A CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SERIES

Please join us for an evening of informed awareness of our Church's teachings.

DATES

- March 20 - Life is Sacred
- May 7 - The Poor
- September 10 - Dignity of Work
- November 12 - God's Creation

IN THE MARCH SESSION, WE WILL COVER

The core of our Catholic Social Teaching is Human Dignity, which teaches that life is sacred, the most sacred gift from God. Life has value regardless of circumstances. It is the Church's mission to keep life precious and protect it from all harm and sin that might endanger it.

In our current modern society, the culture of life has been transformed into a culture of death. Life is often not seen as a value in itself, but the value of life decreases depending on the needs of others.

In this talk we will be presenting on the need to hold life sacred, especially with the dangers of modern society that include topics of Assisted Suicide, IVF, Abortion, and the Death Penalty.

7PM - 8PM at the Chancery

Have questions or for more info, contact our Life, Justice and Peace office at ljp@dsj.org

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A CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 | 4:30 - 9:00 PM

OUR LADY OF PEACE AUDITORIUM
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FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PATRICIA SANDOVAL
INTERNATIONAL PRO-LIFE SPEAKER & EWTN HOST

PLUS: A PRO-LIFE PANEL DISCUSSING PROJECT RACHEL & WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED, LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE, AND DISCOVERING A VOCATION

EVENT TIMELINE (Subject to change)

- 4:30pm - Rosary near Shrine of Our Lady
- 5:15pm - Holy Mass concelebrated by Fr. M. Carson
- 6:00pm - Registration opens in auditorium
- 6:15pm - Reception with Hors D'Oeuvres
- 6:45pm - Welcome & Opening Prayer
- 7:00pm - Patricia Sandoval Keynote
- 7:45pm - Panel Discussion
- 9:00pm - Closing Prayer & Thank You

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DYR 2026

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