

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church

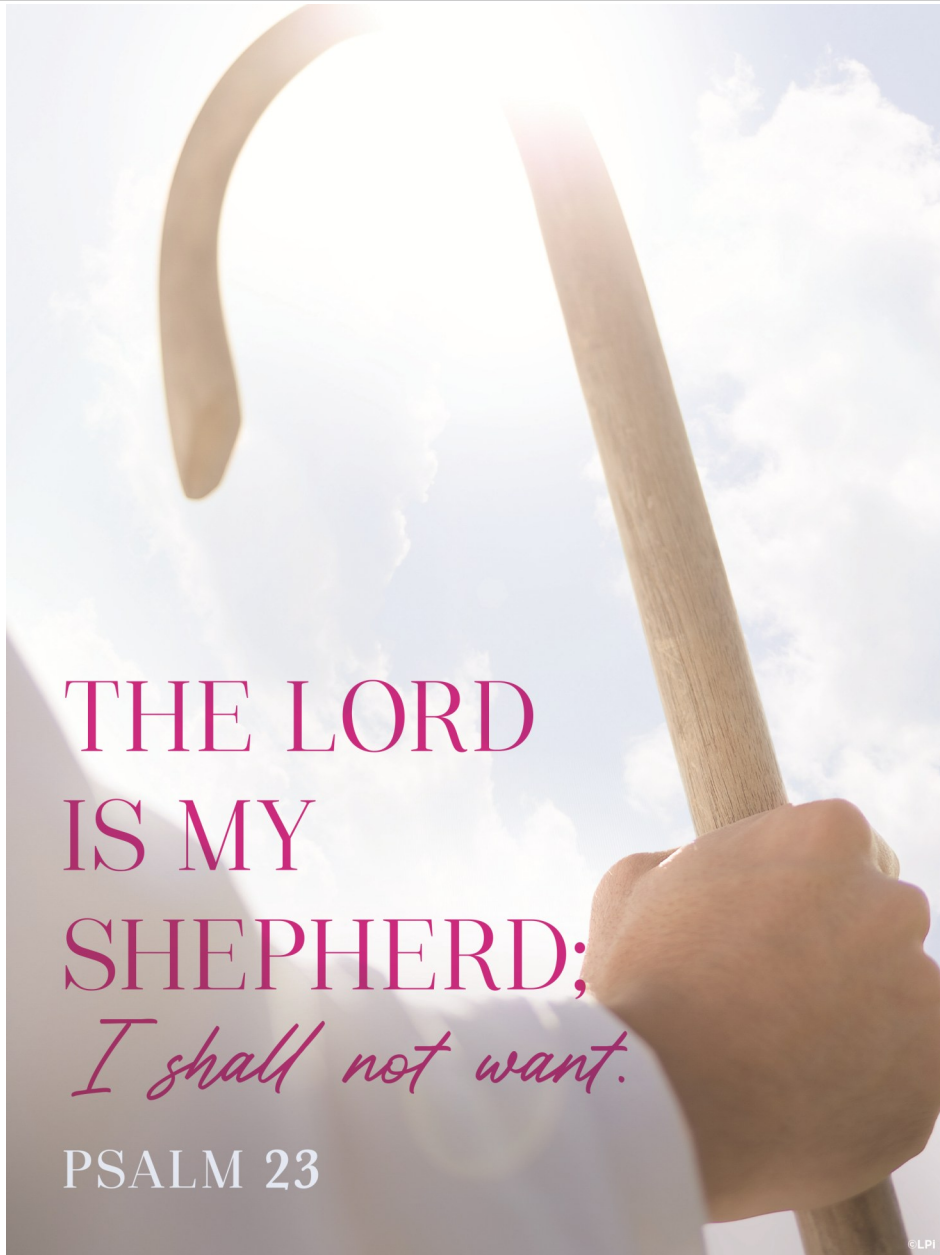
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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026

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Church is closed at 12 noon, Monday thru Thursday. On Fridays at 7:00pm.
La Iglesia cierra a las 12 mediodía lunes a jueves, los viernes a las 7pm.



THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD;
I shall not want.

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Our Mission - We, as members of Our Lady of the Desert Church, through the guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary, are a community of believers in Jesus Christ, from whom we have the mission of making His Gospel alive in our parish and in the world. By living out His Gospel, we help to shape a society with greater respect for human life, economic and environmental justice, cultural diversity, and global solidarity, so that we will build a church where everyone feels welcome and through it will find happiness and salvation.

Nuestra Misión - Nosotros, como miembros de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Desierto, con la dirección de Nuestra Madre María, somos una comunidad de creencia en Jesús Cristo, que tenemos la misión de hacer su evangelio vivo en nuestra parroquia y en el mundo. Viviendo su evangelio, ayudamos a formar una sociedad con mayor respecto a la vida humana, a la economía y justicia al ambiente, diversidad cultural, y la solidaridad global, de modo que construyamos una iglesia donde todos se sientan bienvenidos con felicidad y salvación.

Today is Vocation Sunday. And our vocation is to become Jesus' sheep and Jesus' shepherds. Jesus said: Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep (Jn 10:7). Whoever enters through me will be saved (Jn 10:9). If we are the sheep, why is Jesus the gate? Because if you want to get to heaven...you've got to go through Jesus. Like Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me" (Jn. 14:6).

That means there is no Muslim gate, no Buddhist gate, no Hindu gate, no New Age gate, no Confucius gate. Only Jesus is the gate into heaven. And to pass through it we have to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus into heaven (Mt. 16:24).

But we don't have to do it alone. The Good Shepherd Jesus leads us, guides us, and accompanies us. More than that, Jesus gives us the power of grace to pass through the gate—through the cross to the resurrection and into heaven. Like Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world" (Jn. 6:51).

That can mean only one thing: the Holy Eucharist. When we hear the Word and when come up to receive Holy Communion the power of grace transforms us so we become like Jesus. We repent of our sins, we can resist temptation, and we can obey God's will. We put on the mind and heart of Jesus so we have a new way of understanding and living life in Jesus. All we have to do is open our heart, trust in Jesus, and let him transform us into him.

But there is more. Jesus said something really profound "Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." Does that mean only Jesus is the shepherd? What if Jesus is the gate? Then who becomes the shepherd? I think that when we are transformed into Jesus we also become shepherds for Jesus. In other words, Jesus is calling us to share in the ministry of the Good Shepherd. So let's lay down our life like Christ the Good Shepherd for others. Let's begin by listening for his voice. Let's ask ourselves: How can I reach out with my heart of understanding and compassion to the other sheep--the weak and misguided, to all who are hurting, to all who are afraid, to all who are lonely, to all who are vulnerable, to even those who we consider our enemies? To offer hope. To offer peace. To offer joy. To offer God's love. So that through me they may hear the loving voice of Christ the Good Shepherd who loves them.

Hoy es el Domingo de la Vocación. Y nuestra vocación es convertirnos en ovejas de Jesús y pastores de Jesús.

Jesús dijo: Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta por la que deben entrar la ovejas (Jn 10:7). Todo el que entre en el corral de las ovejas por esta puerta será salvado (Jn 10:9). Si somos las ovejas, ¿por qué Jesús es la puerta? Porque si quieres llegar al cielo... tienes que pasar por Jesús. Como dijo Jesús, "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie puede llegar hasta el Padre, sino por mí" (Jn. 14:6).

Eso significa que no hay puerta musulmana, ni puerta budista, ni puerta hindú, ni puerta de la Nueva Era, ni puerta de Confucio. Solo Jesús es la puerta al cielo. Y para atravesarlo tenemos que negarnos a nosotros mismos, cargar con nuestra cruz y seguir a Jesús al cielo (Mt. 16:24).

Pero no tenemos que hacerlo solos. El Buen Pastor Jesús nos guía, nos guía y nos acompaña. Más que eso, Jesús nos da el poder de la gracia para pasar por la puerta—por la cruz hacia la resurrección y hacia el cielo. Como dijo Jesús: "Yo soy el pan vivo bajado del cielo. El que come de este pan, vivirá para siempre. Y el pan que yo daré es mi carne. Yo la doy para la vida del mundo" (Jn. 6:51).

Eso solo puede significar una cosa: la Sagrada Eucaristía. Cuando escuchamos la Palabra y cuando subimos a recibir la Sagrada Comunión, el poder de la gracia nos transforma para que nos volvamos como Jesús. Nos arrepentimos de nuestros pecados, podemos resistir la tentación y obedecer la voluntad de Dios. Nos ponemos la mente y el corazón de Jesús para tener una nueva forma de entender y vivir la vida en Jesús. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es abrir nuestro corazón, confiar en Jesús y dejar que Él nos transforme en él.

Pero hay más. Jesús dijo algo realmente profundo: "Quien entra por la puerta es el pastor de las ovejas." ¿Significa eso que solo Jesús es el pastor? ¿Y si Jesús es la puerta? Entonces, ¿quién se convierte en pastor? Creo que cuando nos transformamos en Jesús también nos convertimos en pastores de Jesús. En otras palabras, Jesús nos llama a compartir el ministerio del Buen Pastor. Así que entreguemos nuestra vida como Cristo Buen Pastor por los demás. Empecemos escuchando su voz. Preguntémosnos: ¿Cómo puedo tender mi corazón de comprensión y compasión a las demás ovejas—las débiles y desorientadas, a todos los que sufren, a todos los que tienen miedo, a todos los que están solos, a todos los vulnerables, incluso a quienes consideramos nuestros enemigos? Para ofrecer esperanza. Para ofrecer paz. Ofrecer alegría. Ofrecer el amor de Dios. Para que a través de mí puedan escuchar la voz amorosa de Cristo el Buen Pastor que los ama.



A tribute to Gilda Vincent †
Senior Potluck Luncheon on Wednesdays, May 13 and June 10th at 12 noon in the Hall.
Bring a dish to share with others.

For information call Michael 760 447-1458 or Wendy 760 680-6683.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25th, 4:00pm Vigil Mass:

Sally Evans †
Janis Watkins (comfort & healing)
Barbara Thomas (healing)
Carmen Elisa Suarez †
Gilda Vincent †

Sunday, April 26th, 7:30am Mass:

Derrick Wyatt †
Eleuthero "Terry" Mendoza †
Angelina Balderama †

Sunday, April 26th, 9:30am Mass:

Patrick Negrete †
Mary Hepler †
Lorie J. Slavick †
Jake Padilla (wisdom & development)
Lusine Padilla (healing)
Edwin Mbiam †

Domingo, 26 de abril, 11:30am misa:

Jesse Félix (por protección)
Amelia Trejo †
Juanita Trejo †
Filiberto Hernandez Santiago † (6 años)
Maria Elena & Jesús Vaca (sanación física & espiritual)
Jordan Vega (cumpleaños 3 años)
Gerardo Ismael Diaz †
Alejandro Alvizures †
Diacono Simón Pinemtel †

Sunday, April 26th, 2:00pm Mass:

Rey Martinez (protection, conversion & health)
Steven Rice †
Regina Duran (healing)

Monday, April 27th, 7:30am Mass:

Amelia Morelos †
Veronica Angulo (special intention)
For all souls in purgatory

Tuesday, April 28th, 7:30am Mass:

Veronica Angulo (special intention)
For all souls in purgatory

Wednesday, April 29th, 7:30am:

Thursday, April 30th, 7:30am Mass:

Hector Carpio †
Patrick Negrete †

Friday, May 1st, 7:30am Mass:

Sergio Bert Pacheco †

Saturday, May 2nd, 7:30am Mass:

Mariana Keegan †

Mass intentions are \$10.00. You can call the office or drop your request in the mail slot of the office door a week ahead to appear in the bulletin.



Ministries

Adoration Fridays 8am-7pm: Arcelia Diaz 760 784-1840

Alpha: Tom Strand 760 242-4463

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Schafer 760 508-9872

Bible Study (Thursdays): Margaret Curran
margaret@curraninc.com

Catholic Daughters: Regent Lorena Meza, 760 617-7816,
meetings 2nd Sat. of the month 11:15am

Choir Directors:

Wendy Durke (4:00pm Sat. English Vigil Mass)

Stephen Arment (7:30am English Mass)

Christina Rohrbaugh (9:30am English Mass)

Ramiro Alvizures (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Rhonert Pascual (2:00pm English Mass)

Dance/Exercise Senior Class: Cicy Rosado 760 219-6022

Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Tina Wilson 818 631-8462 V/Text

Emmaus Spiritual Accompaniment: Anne Bremser,
(760) 985-7664 or atbremser@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Mendoza 760 242-4427,

Spanish: Jesus & Norma Martinez 909 261-9742909 265-6387

Finance Council: Steve Curran, Sylvia Uranda & Cheryl Oakleaf

Flowers (Church- Altar): Ortencia 714 737-2224

Food Pantry: 760 242-5544, Wed. & Thurs., 9am-11:30am

Knights of Columbus: Art Negrete 760 881-0686

Lectors: Steve Tyrrell 909-224-1500, sttyrrell@gmail.com;
Spanish: Sylvia Felix 909 709-3316

Life Teen: Chris Hoover (760) 792-0731

Linen Ministry: Flo 760-887-1117

Marriage Preparation Classes:

English- Tom & Ilene Gilmore 760 490-4568,

Spanish- Patrick & Lisette Lopez 626 626-1960

OL of Fatima Blue Army Prayer Group: 8:30am,

1st Saturday in Church, Maryellen 760 885-9290

Pro-Life: MaryAnn Carroll 760 508-2390

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Serra Club High Desert: Diane Seixas 760 596-1333

Sunday Scripture Study: Tuesdays 10am,

Peggy Perring-Mulligan 760 961-2617

Ushers: Robert Wilson 909 695-2020 (Head of Ushers)

Ralph Knipstein (4pm Vigil Mass)

Patrick A. Lopez (7:30am Mass)

Flo Donaldson & Roger Perez (9:30am Mass)

Jose Fernandez (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Robert Cardenas (2:00pm Mass)

Narcotics Anonymous — Call David 760 979-9192,
7:00pm Mondays in the Ministry Building

A.A. Alcoholics Anonymous — Call Nick 760 900-8290,
5:30pm Tuesdays in the Ministry Building

A.C.A Adult Children of Alcoholics - Call Liz 760 242-8310
Mondays 6pm & Thursdays 10am in the Ministry Building

CEA H.O.W Compulsive Eaters - Call Liz 760 242-8310
Saturdays 9:30am in the Ministry Building

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If you register for Online Giving, check with the office if you are registered to the Church. **It is a different registration.** Parish registration form can be printed from our website or stop by the office.

Weekly Collection: April 11 (12), 2026

Plate: \$5,831.84
 Envelopes: \$4,253.00
 Online Giving: \$6,535.00

2026 Diocesan Development Fund Campaign Progress

Diocese Goal: \$84,000.00
 Gifts Received: \$36,329.90
 Donors: 61 As of: April 19, 2026



We PRAY for ALL our brothers & sisters!
¡Rezamos por TODOS nuestros hermanos y hermanas!

Aracely Segarra , Rey Martinez, Diana Martinez, Jim Chambers, Phillip Macaluso, Andres Dominguez, Mo Hatley, Nancy LaCivita, Terri Koenig & Family, Sonja Caudle & Family, Billie Ford, Mitcha Green, Eddiee Oster Hues, Eddie & Ana Chro, Pablo Luna, Homer Mercado, Remy Vasquez, Rhode Qcubillo, Rhodel Qcubillo, Niles Perlas, Fely Uy, Lita Santiago, Monica Acab, Norma Padilla, Milagros Agoncillo, Celestino Agoncillo, John Perring-Mulligan, Jesse Felix, Sr. Mary Jo Piccione, Sr. Josephine Bryan, Alex, Anthony, Eric, Hans, Victor & Leonor, Maria Luisa, Nando & Yaddy De Leon, Rosa Arcilia, Rich Phillips, Jim Huegel, Diane Marasco, AB Brand, Debbie Brice, Diane Cipriano, George & Karla McCague, Sue Cirillo, Ruth York, Barbra Dillman, Robert Dillman, Chris Pullen, Steve & Sue Rossen, Bernadette Hinshaw, Louise & Gary Smith, Fr. Paul Smith, C.R., Ramon Salvatierra & Family, Richard Avalos & Ophelia Salvatierra, Joseph Fierro & Family, Erick Vidana, Monique Avalos & Kids, Santos Family, Gil Lopez, Andeson Family, Mari Krampach, Deb Huff, Sandra Perrault, Joseph M. Senteno, Richard D. Senteno.

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 Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:1-10

"Volunteers Needed"

The Food Pantry of Our Lady of the Desert Church has been invited to participate in the upcoming Apple Valley Post Office Food Drive. This event takes place on Saturday, May 9th, from 3pm to 7pm. **Volunteers will be needed at both the Apple Valley Post Office to receive and help in delivering that food to the volunteers that will be waiting to sort at Church in the Food Pantry.** Food Pantry, located in the Ministry Building. Help from our young parishioners would be most appreciated. If you would like to help in this effort or if you have any questions, please call the Food Pantry at (760) 242-5544 either on Wednesday or Thursday, during 9am -11:30am. Thanks for your consideration.

May is the month of Mary

Come honor the Mother of God during the month of May and ask Mary to intercede for us through her son Jesus to ask for God's help for our daily needs. Every day in May in the Church at 5:30PM. Mary Queen of heaven pray for us!

Mayo es el mes de María

Vengan a honrar a la Madre de Dios durante el mes de mayo y pida que María interceda por nosotros, a través de su Hijo Jesús, para solicitar la ayuda de Dios en nuestras necesidades diarias. Todos los días en mayo, en la iglesia, a las 5:30pm.

¡María, Reina del Cielo, ruega por nosotros!



Pancake Breakfast is BACK!! And so is the Quarterly Blood Drive!

On Sunday, May 3rd, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pancake breakfast and Blood drive. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, hashbrowns, toast and OJ. Adults \$10.00, children six (6) to eight (8) - \$5.00. Under five (5) breakfast is FREE. Breakfast served from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Blood drive is from 7:30 am to 1pm.

If you donate a pint of blood BEFORE 11:00am, your breakfast is FREE!!!

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 LifeStream Blood Bank



Families who have a service member in the family that has been called up or deployed to Iran, may bring a picture to the office and it will be posted in the lobby of the church for prayers.

Familias que tengan un miembro en el servicio que han sido llamado a Irán pueden traer una fotografía a la oficina; estarán puestos en el vestíbulo de la iglesia para rezar por ellos.

Donations for the Food Pantry

Please **DO NOT** put frozen food items or produce in the basket located in the church concourse. These items can spoil and make people sick so they are immediately placed in the trash. The Food Pantry only accepts non-perishable and canned goods for distribution.

If the food item needs refrigeration, it should **NOT** be put in the donation basket. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Donaciones para la Despensa

Por favor, **NO** ponga alimentos congelados ni productos frescos en la canasta situada en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Estos artículos pueden echarse a perder y causar enfermedades, por eso se tiran a la basura de inmediato. La Despensa solo acepta productos enlatados para distribución. Si un alimento requiere refrigeración, **NO** lo triga para donar en la canasta. Gracias por su atención a este asunto importante.

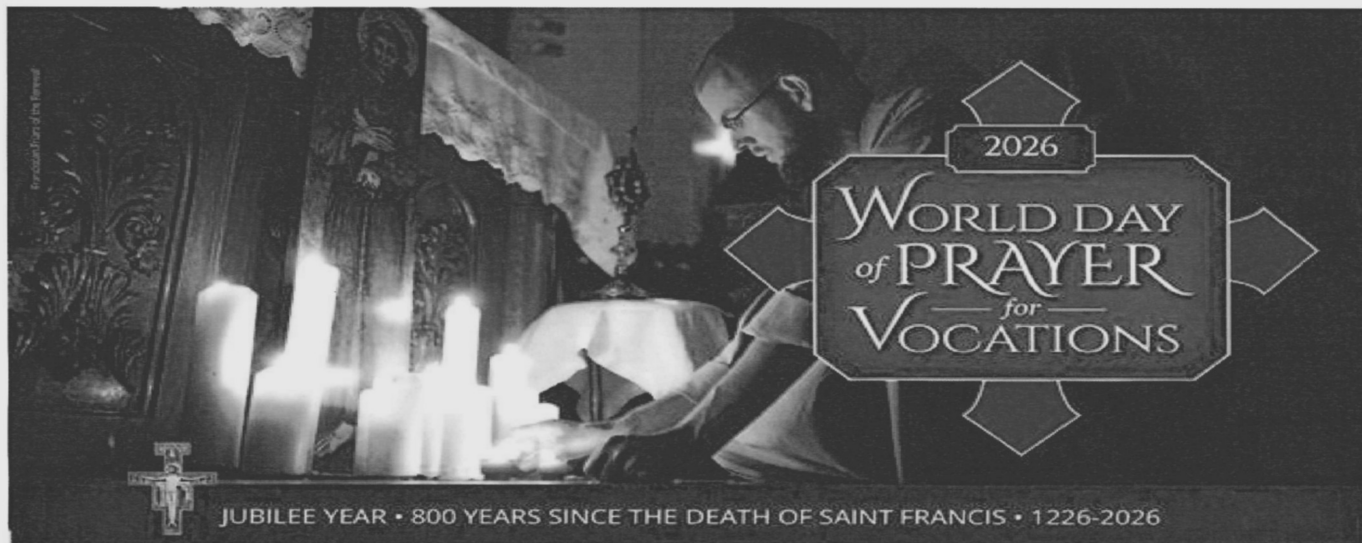
Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Lecturas de la semana 26 de abril, 2026

Domingo: Hch 2, 14. 36-41/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/1 Pe 2, 20-25/Jn 10, 1-10
Lunes: Hch 11, 1-18/ Sal 41, 2-3; 43, 3. 4/Jn 10, 11-18
Martes: Hch 11, 19-26/ Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 10, 22-30
Miércoles: Hch 12, 24-13, 5/ Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/ Jn 12, 44-50
Jueves: Hch 13, 13-25/ Sal 88, 2-3. 21-22. 25 y 27/ Jn 13, 16-20
Viernes: Hch 13, 26-33/ Sal 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Jn 14, 1-6
Sábado: Hch 13, 44-52/ Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 14, 7-14

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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



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11:00a	LUNCH
12:00p	SPEAKER

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Special Guest Speaker

DR. MARY RUTH HACKETT

Mary Ruth Hackett is a mom of four with a doctorate in educational psychology. Her passion for helping others make informed decisions in daily catholic life led to the development of the podcast Parenting Smarts, and an unexpected career writing and speaking about the practical applications of developmental psychology. Dr. Mary Ruth is the author of two books: Daughter by Design and Discernment of Spirits for Beginners.

Catholic Daughters Corner

Court Our Lady of La Salette, #2499

April:

Baby Shower: Blessing Call For Life Pregnancy Center

May:

A Day With Mary

May 16th, 10a-2p

Rosary, Crowning, Lunch & Guest

Speaker

June:

6/13/26: Last Meeting Before

Taking Summer Break... See you in

September!

