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OFFICE HOURS ~ HORAS DE OFICINA: Mon.– Wed. & Fri. 8:30am ~



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The fundamental thing in this fourth Sunday of Easter is to know the Shepherd's voice and to know how He identifies Himself: 'I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be safe; they will come in and go out and find pasture' (John 10:9). By entering through His gate, we will find everything, and especially we will know how to listen to Him. Saint Teresa of Ávila said: 'To seek friendship, often being alone with the one we know loves us' (Life 8,5). It is there, in daily prayer, that we discover that He calls each of us by our name, that we are not strangers to Him. In those pastures of the Kingdom of God, we have a place assigned to work on the gifts that God has given us. In the experience of life, there are many thieves who steal innocence and derail many people towards the abyss. Only the Good Shepherd, who is Jesus, helps us to distinguish the false doors and voices that surround us. The tools that help us recognize Jesus are the Sacraments and the practice of the Commandments, as a way of living Christian morality. Pope Francis, happy memory, said: 'The voice of God and that of the tempter, ultimately, speak in different environments: the enemy prefers darkness, falsehood, gossip; on the other hand, the Lord loves the sunlight, truth, sincere transparency. The enemy will tell us: "Lock yourself in, because no one understands or listens to you; do not trust!" The good, on the contrary, invites us to open up, to be clear, and to trust in God and in others.' Let us ask the Lord for the grace to hear His voice. ©LPI

Sunday Mass- 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Question: What is the history behind the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer: Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death. ©LPi



EVERY STEP OF THE WAY TO HEAVEN IS HEAVEN. ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice,” Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, April 26th 2026—9:30 AM

† Gary & John Paul Montano (by Ruby Montano)

† Sam Torres (by Alice Torres)

† John Vargas (by Angela Vargas)

Domingo 26 de abril, 2026—11:30 AM

Bendiciones de cumpleaños para el Padre Bijoy (de Conci & Julian Chavez)

APRIL WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 26th: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-6, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10

Mon. 27th: Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18, Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4, Jn 10:11-18

Tues. 28th: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-7, Jn 10:22-30

Wed. 29th: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 12:24-13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Jn 12:44-50

Thur. 30th: St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27, Jn 13:16-20

Fri. 1st: St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-11b, Jn 14:1-6

Sat. 2nd: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 14:7-14



ENTER

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JOHN 10:2

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Bobby Chavez, David Sanchez, Alex Casillas, Tina Martinez, Deacon Andy, Mike Lopez, Jose Lopez, & Virginia Rodriguez