

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I AM THE GATE.

— JOHN 10:9 —

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 9:00 am (*Livestream on Facebook*)

Saturday 5:00 pm (*Livestream on Facebook*)

Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am (*Spanish - Livestream on Facebook*),
10:30 am (*Livestream on Facebook*) & 12:30 pm

Confessions (*Parlor*) – Thursdays 9:35 am & Saturdays 3:30pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday – Sunday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026



FINDING ONES' WORK

We spend a large portion of our lives at work, so the way we understand our labor matters deeply. When our work is filled with meaning, it becomes a blessing; when it is empty of purpose, it can feel like a burden.

In the Gospel, Jesus Christ contrasts the good shepherd with the hired hand. The difference lies not in the task itself, but in the heart behind it. The hired worker labors out of obligation; it is simply a job. The good shepherd, however, serves out of love. His concern is not for the work alone, but for the sheep entrusted to him—even to the point of laying down his life for them.

Those who approach their work in this spirit discover something precious. They find not merely employment, but a vocational calling into which they can pour their gifts and their hearts. Even when the work is demanding or unnoticed, it is filled with meaning because it is offered in love.

A fulfilling life is not necessarily an easy one. In fact, the challenges we embrace for the sake of love can lift us up and deepen our joy. True happiness comes from giving ourselves fully and from the quiet satisfaction of work done well.

Blessed are those who discover their calling, no matter how humble it may seem. Such work draws out the best in them and can become a path to holiness.

The greatest gift life offers is the opportunity to devote ourselves to something worthwhile. To live with passion and purpose—even when it involves sacrifice—guards us against a half-hearted life.

Jesus Christ himself reveals the model for us. As the Good Shepherd, he cares deeply for his flock and knows them intimately. In him, we see that love transforms work into mission.

And as John the Apostle reminds us, we are not merely servants—we are children of God. The Lord desires that we have life, and have it abundantly, both now and forever.

ENCONTRAR EL PROPIO TRABAJO

Pasamos gran parte de nuestra vida trabajando, así que la forma en que entendemos nuestro trabajo es muy importante. Cuando nuestro trabajo está lleno de significado, se convierte en una bendición; Cuando está vacía de propósito, puede sentirse como una carga.

En el Evangelio, Jesucristo contrasta al buen pastor con el jornalero contratado. La diferencia no radica en la tarea en sí, sino en el corazón que hay detrás. El trabajador contratado trabaja por obligación; Simplemente es un trabajo. El buen pastor, sin embargo, sirve por amor. Su preocupación no es solo por el trabajo, sino por las ovejas que le han confiado—incluso hasta el punto de dar la vida por ellas.

Quienes abordan su trabajo con este espíritu descubren algo valioso. No solo encuentran empleo, sino una vocación vocacional en la que pueden volcar sus dones y sus corazones. Incluso cuando la obra es exigente o pasa desapercibida, está llena de significado porque se ofrece con amor.

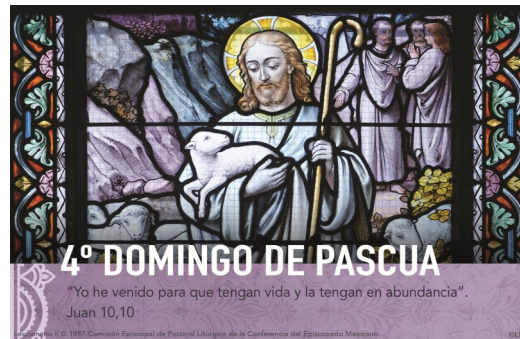
Una vida plena no es necesariamente fácil. De hecho, los desafíos que afrontamos por amor pueden elevarnos y profundizar nuestra alegría. La verdadera felicidad proviene de entregarnos plenamente y de la satisfacción silenciosa de un trabajo bien hecho.

Bienaventurados los que descubren su vocación, por humilde que parezca. Este tipo de trabajo saca lo mejor de ellos y puede convertirse en un camino hacia la santidad.

El mayor regalo que ofrece la vida es la oportunidad de dedicarnos a algo que valga la pena. Vivir con pasión y propósito—incluso cuando implica sacrificio—nos protege de una vida a medias.

Jesucristo mismo nos revela el modelo. Como Buen Pastor, se preocupa profundamente por su rebaño y los conoce íntimamente. En él vemos que el amor transforma el trabajo en misión.

Y como nos recuerda Juan el Apóstol, no somos simplemente siervos—somos hijos de Dios. El Señor desea que tengamos vida, y la tengamos en abundancia, tanto ahora como para siempre.



4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 26th

7:00 AM

Special Intention for the healing of Richard Bennett by Judy Crawford

8:30 AM

Intención especial para Ramiro, Guillermo y Rosaura Cisneros y familia de parte de Oliva Cisneros

Intención especial para Gabriela Arzabala y Maria Lenor Soria de parte de Oliva Cisneros

Intención especial para Ana Soria y Lupe y Sergio Villegas de parte de Oliva Cisneros

10:30 AM

†Eileen Emley by Herbert Bludeau & family

†Douglas C. Wilmer by Wilmer family

†Patrick Pape by his loving family

12:30 PM

For all St. Anthony de Padua Parishioners

Monday, April 27th 9:00 AM

Special Intention for the healing of Diana Ryan by Judy Crawford

Special Intention for Melody Rainey

†Rosemary Valentine by Pattie Thompson

Tuesday, April 28th, 9:00 AM

Special Intention for Jason Vargyas by Jeanette Rhodes

Special Intention for the healing of Kay Laird by Judy Crawford

Special Intention for the healing of John Canty by your daily mass friends

Wednesday, April 29th, 9:00 AM

†Amy Hoffman Noe by Judy Crawford

†Ed Griepenkerl by Judy Crawford

Thursday, April 30th, 9:00 AM

†Michael Christopher Dacey by Connie Dacey

†Janette F. Sekula by St. Anthony de Padua

In Thanksgiving for Chuck Anderson & the Anderson family by Judy Crawford

Friday, May 1st, 9:00 AM

†Roberta Langlinais by Paulette Langlinais

Special Intention for the healing of Barbie Roberts by Judy Crawford

Saturday, May 2nd, 5:00 PM

For all St. Anthony de Padua Parishioners

Sunday, May 3rd

7:00 AM

†Mike Narciso

†Fr. Andrew Wueste, O.M.I. by Mike Wueste

†John Neutzling by Mike Wueste

8:30 AM

†Gloria, †Octavio y †Ana Cisneros de parte de Josefina Garcia

†Rafael, †Josefina y †Nieves Soria de parte de Josefina Garcia

†Jose, y †Pilar Cisneros y Carmen Orozco de parte de Josefina Garcia

10:30 AM

†In Loving Memory of Patrick Pape by his loving family

†Aaron Palacios Parra by Mary Ann Haun

†Jeanette Marie Robinett by her loving family

12:30 PM

†Jeff Moorman by Betsy & Jay Gwin

†Jeanette Marie Robinett by Betsy & Jay Gwin

†Victor Ferrari by Betsy & Jay Gwin

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Offertory: \$12,032.00

Online: \$6,550.13

TOTAL: \$18,582.13

April 20, 2025

TOTAL: \$22,346.19



April 26, 2026

World Day of Prayer
for Vocations



4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 26th

7:00 AM Mass—Church
7:30 AM KOC Breakfast Tacos—Parish Hall
8:30 AM Mass (Spanish)—Church & Livestream on Facebook
9:00 AM R.E. Elementary Classes—FFC
10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook
10:30 AM R.E. Pre-K & Kindergarten Classes—FFC
11:00 AM R.E. Middle School & Conf. I Classes—FFC
12:30 PM Mass—Church
5:00 PM RE Impact—Parish Hall

Monday, April 27th

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Tuesday, April 28th

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Wednesday, April 29th

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Thursday, April 30th

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook
9:30 AM Confessions—Parlor

Friday, May 1st

9:00 AM Healing Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Saturday, May 2nd

3:30 PM Confessions—Parlor
5:00 PM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Sunday, May 3rd

7:00 AM Mass—Church
7:30 AM KOC Breakfast Tacos—Parish Hall
8:30 AM Mass (Spanish)—Church & Livestream on Facebook
10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook
12:30 PM Mass—Church

ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 26 de abril

7:00 AM Misa—Iglesia
7:30 AM KOC Tacos de desayuno—salon de banquetes
8:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook
10:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook
12:30 PM Misa—Iglesia

Lunes, 27 de abril

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook
6:00 PM Biblia para jóvenes adultos—FFC

Martes, 28 de abril

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook

Miércoles, 29 de abril

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook

Jueves, 30 de abril

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook
9:30 AM Confesiones—Parlor (en ingles)

Viernes, 1 de mayo

9:00 AM Misa de sanación—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook

Sábado, 2 de mayo

3:30 PM Confesiones—Parlor
5:00 PM Misa—Iglesia y vivo en Facebook

Domingo, 3 de mayo

7:00 AM Misa—Iglesia (Ingles)
7:30 AM KOC Tacos de desayuno—salon de banquetes
8:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook (Espanol)
10:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook (Ingles)
12:30 PM Misa—Iglesia (Ingles)

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
Help me to know your voice and to respond.
Help me to find your fold and the paths on which
you lead. Bless me with verdant pastures and
restful waters. Refresh my soul. *Amen.*

Bendición del Buen Pastor

Querido Señor,
Sé el Buen Pastor en mi vida.
Ayúdame a conocer tu voz y a responder.
Ayúdame a encontrar tu redil y los caminos por los
que guías. Bendíceme con pastos verdes y aguas
tranquilas. Refresca mi alma. *Amen.*

Weekly Readings

4/26 Sun: John 10:1-20
4/27 Mon: John 10:11-18
4/28 Tue: John 10:22-30
4/29 Wed: John 12:44-50
4/30 Thu: John 13:16-20
5/1 Fri: John 14:1-6
5/2 Sat: John 14:7-14



Lecturas de los días laborables

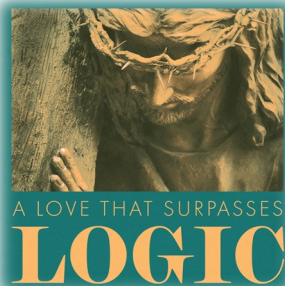
Domingo 26 de abril: Juan 10:1-20
Lunes 27 de abril: Juan 10:11-18
Martes 28 de abril: Juan 10:22-30
Miércoles 29 de abril: Juan 12:44-50
Jueves 30 de abril: Juan 13:16-20
Viernes 1 de mayo: Juan 14:1-6
Sábado, 2 de mayo: Juan 14:7-14

IN THE PARISH

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 26, 2026—4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:1-10



“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, “I just want you to know, I’m willing to die for these files.” She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel: **“I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.”** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **“He is out of his mind.”**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John’s Gospel won’t let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd’s madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

—Father John Muir

Mini reflection: We can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

The Devil’s Long Con

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you’re not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of “the long con.”

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman’s savings account. Every victim says the same thing: “I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real.”

I think the reason I’m so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I’ve never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he’s the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something *is* right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don’t pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep’s clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

EN LA PARROQUIA

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

26 de abril de 2026: IV Domingo de Pascua

Juan 10:1-10

Lo fundamental en este cuarto Domingo de Pascua es conocer la voz del Pastor y saber cómo se identifica Él: *“Yo soy la puerta; el que entre por mí estará a salvo; entrará y saldrá y encontrará alimento”* (Juan 10:9). Al entrar por su puerta lo encontraremos todo, y especialmente sabremos escucharlo. Santa Teresa de Ávila decía: *“Tratar de amistad, estando muchas veces tratando a solas con quien sabemos nos ama”* (Vida 8,5). Es ahí, en la oración diaria, donde descubrimos que a cada uno nos llama por nuestro nombre, que no somos desconocidos para Él. En esos pastos del Reino de Dios tenemos un lugar asignado para trabajar los dones que Dios nos ha regalado.



En la experiencia de la vida hay muchos ladrones que roban la inocencia y descarrilan a muchas personas hacia el abismo. Solo el Buen Pastor, que es Jesús, nos ayuda a distinguir las puertas y las voces falsas que nos rodean. Las herramientas que nos ayudan a reconocer a Jesús son los Sacramentos y la práctica de los Mandamientos, como una forma de vivir la moral cristiana. El papa Francisco, feliz memoria, decía: *“La voz de Dios y la del tentador, en definitiva, hablan en diferentes ambientes: el enemigo prefiere la oscuridad, la falsedad, el chismorreo; por el contrario, el Señor ama la luz del sol, la verdad, la transparencia sincera. El enemigo nos dirá: ‘Enciérrate en ti mismo, porque nadie te entiende ni te escucha; ¡no te fíes!’ El bien, contrariamente, nos invita a abrirnos, a ser claros y a confiar en Dios y en los demás”*. Pidamos al Señor la gracia de escuchar su voz.

Mini-reflexión: Podemos reconocer lo que es real por su origen. Como se escucha. Esta capacidad de discernir la verdad está grabada en nuestra alma. Podemos ignorarla, si queremos. Reprimirla. Podemos seguir al desconocido. ¿Pero a dónde nos llevará?

La Larga Estafa del Diablo



El algoritmo de mi servicio de streaming ha estado sugiriendo muchos documentales de estafas románticas últimamente. Si no las conoces, las estafas románticas son una forma especialmente cruel de "la estafa larga".

Un hombre se presenta ante una mujer como el Príncipe Azul. Él la alaga con vino y cena. Él encanta a su madre y pone celosas a sus amigas. Aparecen pequeñas señales de alarma aquí y allá, pero ella las ignora todas. Acepta explicaciones convenientes.

Solo quiere ser feliz.

Y entonces, un día, el Príncipe Azul desaparece, junto con el contenido de la cuenta de ahorros de la mujer. Todas las víctimas dicen lo mismo: "Debería haberlo sabido, pero quería que fuera real."

Creo que la razón por la que me atraen tanto estas series es que me identifico con estas mujeres. No, nunca he sido víctima de una estafa romántica (si mi marido se casó conmigo pensando que tendría acceso a algún tipo de fortuna, él es el que ha sido estafado). Pero todos nos hemos dicho a nosotros mismos que algo *está* bien porque se *siente* bien. Hemos dejado de lado dudas sobre una elección, una relación, un hábito.

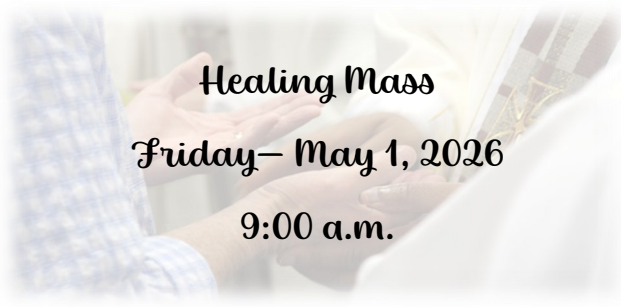
Hemos aceptado respuestas fáciles que no pasan la prueba— porque realmente, realmente queríamos una respuesta, y realmente, realmente queríamos que fuera fácil.

El diablo es un estafador romántico. Un minorista externo que vende alegría y satisfacción de imitación. Un lobo con piel de cordero. Un falso profeta. Un ladrón, un bandido que ha escalado la valla, sabiendo que la puerta no le dejará entrar.

Todas estas son formas diferentes de decir lo mismo: podemos reconocer lo que es real por su origen. Como se escucha. Esta capacidad de discernir la verdad está grabada en nuestra alma. Podemos ignorarla, si queremos. Reprimirla. Podemos seguir al desconocido. ¿Pero a dónde nos llevará?

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

IN THE PARISH



Healing Mass
Friday— May 1, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Due to the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th, **THERE WILL NOT BE A DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH.**

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will resume on May 31st, at 2:45pm, in the Church.

ST ANTHONY DE PADUA

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INFLUENCING MY PEERS AS A CATHOLIC TEEN
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Sunday – April 26, 2026
5:00 pm – Parish Hall

St. Anthony de Padua 2026 Society

Guadalupeana Mother's Day Luncheon!

"El Amor de Una Madre"

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

Banquet Hall
Doors Open: 10:30am
Lunch: 11:30am

- Door Prizes
- Raffle Prizes
- 50/50 Drawing

\$35 Entry
Must present ticket at entry

Fashion Show after lunch!

TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET:
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ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD BOX REPORT FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

HELPED: 35 FAMILIES (94 TOTAL PEOPLE)
GAVE: \$1,750.00 HEB GIFT CARDS FOR PERISHABLE FOOD

FOOD WE CAN USE: CANNED PASTA
●CHUNKY SOUP●MAC & CHEESE
●DRY SPAGHETTI●CEREAL●TUNA

-Thank you for your continued support!



ENTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep."
JOHN 10:2

ENTRAR

"El que entra por la puerta, ése es el pastor de las ovejas".
JUAN 10: 2

PRAY FOR OUR SICK!

Remember in your prayers the members of our parish who are seriously ill. If you know a parishioner who is sick, in need of prayer, or bedridden and needs Eucharist, contact the parish office. *After 4 weeks, names will be removed.*

**DEACON JOE BORREGO,
MARGARET COLLAZO,
LANNY McIVER, SANDY McIVER,
PABLO MUÑOZ,
GRISelda ULLOA**

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED!

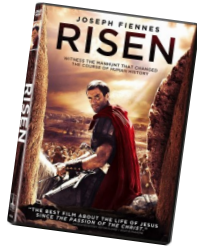
Please remember those who are deployed in your daily prayers. Call the parish office if you would like someone added to this list or if you have a loved one who has returned home. *After 9 months, names will be removed.*

**ADAM SIFUENTES, ALLEN ESCOBEDO, CHRISTIAN CHÁVEZ,
CODY GRANBY, CODY SWIERC, CONNOR HALLORAN,
DAVID RAMIREZ, ISABEL ESCOBEDO, JAMES LOWE,
JOHN BOUCHARD, JOHN L. QUINLAN IV, JOSHUA PALOS,
JUAN CARLOS RIVERA CEDEÑO, LARRY WILLIAM JR.,
ROGER GONZALES, WILLIAM PALOS, &
PATRICK YZNAGA JR., LUKE SIMERLY, JUNIPER WEIDNER**

IN THE PARISH



Roman Officer Experiences the Crucifixion and Resurrection — RISEN



Good for older teens and adults (PG-13: Biblical violence & some disturbing images)(107 minutes)

Date: Wednesday April 29–6:30 p.m.

Location: Parlor (English)

Library Conference Room (Spanish) *Free Snacks*



“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. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”
- Jn 10:2-4



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Event: Parish Zoom Scriptural Rosary

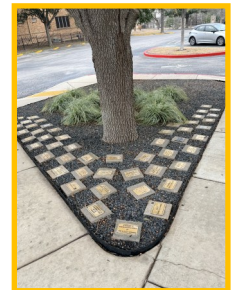


Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
When: 7pm (every Wednesday)
Meeting ID: 819 2362 3053
Passcode: 10927

Meeting normally opens about 5 minutes before for reflection and sharing and the rosary begins at 7pm with special intentions and dedications. First Wednesday of each month is reserved for Healing Rosary.

Please text to 210-865-3179 (Nilan Ratnayeke) if you have any questions or trouble connecting.

Would you like to memorialize a loved one with a plaque in the area surrounding the St. Francis of Assisi statue?



There is limited availability for the parish community to purchase a memorial plaque. The inscribed plaque, bearing the name of a loved one, is a wonderful way to remember and honor the person, living or deceased.

This cast aluminum plaque has a raised double border in silver and a recessed area for your personalization plate. It is a perfect way to honor those you love and respect. This plaque is outdoor durable, creating a permanent tribute. *Space is limited, get yours today!* Memorial Plaque applications are available in the back of the church, parish office or st.anthonypadua.org !

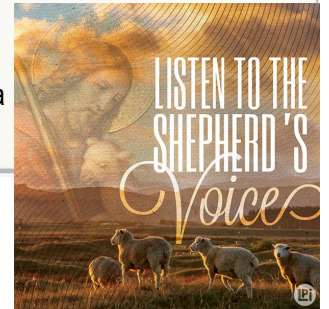
Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

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Reconociendo la Voz de Jesús

Cuando mi proveedor de servicios inalámbricos presentó Voz HD, la voz que escuché en mi teléfono era increíblemente clara, y en ocasiones sentía que tanto la persona que llamaba como yo estábamos en la misma habitación. El mejor aspecto de esta función es que no le costaba al cliente ninguna tarifa adicional, y no requería ningún cambio en el teléfono. Podría decir que era gratis, pero sospecho que de todos modos ya lo estaba pagando en mi factura mensual. Al menos se sintió libre.

Cuanto más clara sea la voz que te llama, más fácil es reconocer quién está al otro lado de la línea. En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús habla del cuidador que abre la puerta y llama a sus ovejas. Responden porque conocen su voz. Otros, intentan atraer a las ovejas cuando el cuidador no está allí, pero las ovejas encuentran sus voces poco claras o desconocidas.

Jesús es nuestro cuidador. Pero a diferencia de recibir algo gratis de una compañía inalámbrica, para poder escuchar su voz necesitamos prestar atención y practicar la escucha. Al desarrollar una forma de vida de corresponsabilidad que sea atenta y de oración, nos sintonizamos con su voz y podemos discernir cuándo la llamada es de nuestro Señor y cuando es de un impostor. Es genial hablar sobre todas las cosas que podemos hacer y todos los regalos que podemos compartir, pero si no estamos escuchando su llamada para saber dónde se necesitan nuestras ofrendas, podemos terminar como una oveja perdida buscando al cuidador.

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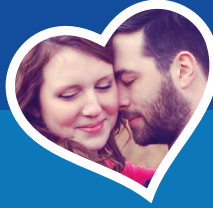


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