

## The Papacy (part I)

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Dom Prosper Gueranger (The Liturgical Year, vol.8), says Good Shepherd Sunday is an apt feast to speak on the Church & her shepherd, “who is to govern it to the end of time!”

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus prepared for his replacement by promising to build a Church & giving it his authority. (see Mt 16:18-19) This happened in the third year of his public life, at the village of Caesarea Philippi, about 20 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Here, stood a temple dedicated to Julius Caesar (44 BC+) on which account, his grand nephew, Octavian (aka Caesar Augustus, 14 AD+) declared himself *divi filius* i.e., “the son of god.”

One day, perhaps at this temple, he asked his apostles: “Who do you (*vobis*) say I am?” Simon replied, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” By “living God,” Simon distinguished Christ from the pagan god of stone; more, Jesus said Simon’s declaration came from God: “Blessed art thou Simon, son of John, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee but my Father in heaven.” Next, Jesus states two verses dear to every Catholic: First - “**And I say to thee, thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**” (16:18) This verse needs our careful hearing: 1) By “Thou art Peter,” Christ changes Simon’s name to Peter; from this moment on, *Simon, son of John*, is called “Peter” which means “rock” a term used by the prophets to denote the Messiah. Again, by “Thou art Peter,” Christ gives Simon something common to himself which the other apostles would not have. 2) By “and upon this rock I will build my Church,” Christ plainly reveals he intends a future reality i.e., an organized religion with Peter as its foundation. 3) By “And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” Christ indicates this institution’s strength; again, as in scripture *gates* signify powers, so we know that the Church cannot be destroyed by any power of hell. Second - “**And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed in heaven.**” (16:19) 1) By “And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven,” Christ promises to give authority to Peter to act in his name; again, as “keys” signify the powers of governing and as Christ’s parables on “the kingdom of heaven” denote the Church he would establish, so does Jesus basically tell Simon: “and I will make thee the king of my Church of which thou art to be the foundation!” 2) By “And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, it shall be loosed in heaven,” Christ, plainly & simply, reveals the extent of this conferred authority. So Christ promised 2000 years ago; so is our current reality.

**Recall, too**, when the Risen Lord met the apostles on the shores of Galilee, he asked Peter three times: “Simon, son of John, love thou Me more than these?” (Jn 21:15-17) Peter affirmed his love each time to which, in turn, the Lord responded: “Feed my lambs.” “Feed my lambs.” “Feed my sheep.” Noting the Lord’s partiality towards Peter, the apostles remembered the events of Caesarea Philippi - not even a year old – and see Peter’s authority as now complete. Again, on the shores of Galilee, Peter is made shepherd by the Good Shepherd. Twice over, the Risen Lord orders Peter to care for the *lambs* or laity of his Church; but his role of shepherd is not complete until he is also ordered to tend the *sheep* or the hierarchy of his Church. At this moment, the entire earthly flock of God is placed under the authority of Peter.

**To end**, Christ never intended to have many folds, but one church under one shepherd, as we read in today’s Gospel: “there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” “Preserve us, Jesus, in the fold of Peter, which is Thine. Keep the *hireling* who usurps the place & rights of this shepherd; anathema to him who would command as in Thy name, and yet not be sent by Peter!”



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## 2nd (Good Shepherd) Sunday after Easter

April 19, 2026, A.D.

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**Church Office Hours:** 8:15 am to 4:15 pm, Monday – Friday

**Bookstore** – open Sundays after the 9 am & 10:30 am Masses and 1st Saturdays after the 9 am Mass.

**Baptism:** Contact the parish three months before a birth.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish six months before a wedding.

**Inquiring about the Catholic Faith?** Call the office.

### Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

### Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass

9 am low Mass

10:30 am high Mass

1 pm low Mass

**Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.**

### Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday:  
8:15 am – 4:15 pm.

Closed on Holy Days

## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 04-19	2nd Sunday after Easter		2/W
Mon 04-20	Feria		4/W
Tues 04-21	St Anselm, <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor</i>		3/W
Wed 04-22	Ss Soter & Caius, <i>Popes &amp; Martyrs</i>		3/R
Thu 04-23	St George, <i>Martyr</i>		4/R
Fri 04-24	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>Martyr</i>		3/R
Sat 04-25	St Mark, <i>Evangelist</i>		2/R
Sun 04-26	3rd Sunday after Easter		2/W

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 04-19	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (9 am) The Preservation of Fssp & TLM (frf) (10:30 am) Bella Repucci (frf) (1 pm) Noah & Nicolas Chancey (frh)	rb K Repucci rb A Garstin
Mon 04-20	(6:30 am) Michael Shoffeitt family (9 am) Souls in Purgatory	rb Rev. M/M D Anderson rb C Jackson
Tues 04-21	(6:30 am) Amy Startari + (12 pm) Suzanna Bryant +	rb A Nixon rb M Bryant
Wed 04-22	(6:30 am) FssP (9 am) Our new church	rb V Stephens rb L Le
Thu 04-23	(6:30 am) Marjorie Ziesel + (12 pm) Michael Tario family	rb C Giuffre rb M Tario
Fri 04-24	(6:30 am) Ethyl M Nolan + (7 pm) Nora Dixie	rb K Hanlon rb Anonymous
Sat 04-25	(7 am) Lucija Chancey (9 am) Adrenna (frh)	rb L Chancey rb Anonymous
Sun 04-26	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (9 am) Christian & Tatiana Villareal (frf) (10:30 am) Aliria & Victoria (frh) (1 pm) Anna Jagiella + (frf)	rb J Sanchez rb Anonymous rb C Jagiella

**Today**, Catechism Class from 9:15 to 10:10 am and the Project Study Team presents to the Finance & the Parish Councils at 3 pm in the social hall.

**This week**, Monday, staff meeting (1 pm); Thursday, St Gerard Guild; Friday, FNE (4:30-6:45 pm), Mass & Holy Hour (7 pm); Saturday, Rogation Procession followed by Mass (frh) (9 am).

**Last week's collection**: cash \$ n/a; online \$3,600.00 total: \$n/a.

**Attendance**: 7am-92; 9 am-162; 10:30 am-273; 1 pm-135; 662 total souls.

**Dear Faithful,**

**4/15/26**

Thank you for your patience while we transition from the gym to the church for all Sunday Masses. Two items need addressing, namely, CCD and the social.

**CCD** The change from 8 am Mass to 9 am is an effort to allow more time for the 7 am Mass. I know this excludes some from attending catechism. Please know, I freely excuse any child from catechism attendance. Again, the parents are the primary educators of their children; the church is there to support them in thier grave duty. As long as a candidate for First Communion or Confirmation can pass their respective tests (already made available to you), they may receive these sacraments. Fr Favole and I will be available to test your child during the following periods (you may make appointments through the office):

**First Communion testing** (May 17 to May 31). Also, please know First Communion Day has been changed from Sunday, June 7 to Saturday, June 6 at the 9 am Mass. (Scott Calta advises this to avoid Sunday crowding.) As normal, there will be the Corpus Christi procession the following day

**Confirmation testing** (May 3 to May 16.) Confirmation Day is Saturday, May 23 at 6 pm; a reception follows with Bishop Shlesinger at 7 pm.

**The Social** Currently, as few use the social hall for Sunday overflow, so there is hope that the coffee & donut social may return following the 10:30 am Mass. And, as most socializers will disperse before the following 1 pm Mass, there is no worry on my end about noise etc. Before deciding this, however, we need to monitor social hall use over a few more Sundays.

**Next Sunday**, I will address the gym closing & plans going forward. Stay tuned!

God bless you, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
frh

**Please** remember to place a donation of \$5 (or more) for your votive candle. Like the donation donut jar, there seems always a shortfall on this matter.

**Would you like a cat?** A past parishioner is moving & must give up her cats. If you would like one, please let Fr Hathaway know. There are 16 of them.

**2026 AAA status at SFdS as of April 14, 2026**: \$58,975.50 owed; \$8,653.08 pledged; \$6,377.77 paid (78.64% of goal); from 73 donors (18.25% of parish).  
**Thank you for your support!**

**Maxim of St Francis de Sales**

*Lord Jesus, what true happiness for a soul consecrated to God to be strongly exercised in tribulation before leaving this life!*