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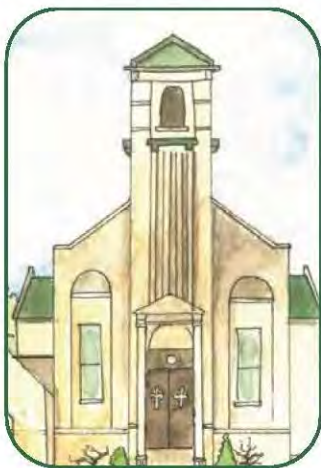
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St. Patrick's Confirmation Retreat – March 14, 2026

"I am the Good Shepherd" (Jn 10: 11)



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

April 25-26, 2026: Good Shepherd Sunday

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #907 of the Journey songs Book

Monday April 27

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (St. Peter Claver) April 28

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday (St. Catherine of Siena) April 29

9:15 A.M. John Hermann

Thursday (St. Pope Pius V) April 30

9:15 A.M. The Cordano & Brehn Families

Friday (St. Joseph the Worker) May 1

9:15 A.M. The Health of Cynthia Vickery

7:00 P.M. † Rt. Rev. Edward Smaza

Saturday (St. Athanasius) May 2

4:00 P.M. † Richard Demack

The Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church

Sunday May 3

10:30 A.M. † Rick Gall (Cindy & Mark Provost)

12:00 P.M. **BILINGUAL FIRST COMMUNION LITURGY**

† John & Joseph Cosenza

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COLLECTION COUNTERS:

April 26, 2026 B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken

May 3, 2026 D. & C. Bramer

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at

☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE: To Dedicate

a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, May 2 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

S. Pansa, D. Rademacher

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, May 3 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M. Meyer

Lector: J. Rehmer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: M. Facko

P. & C. Bickel, J. & B. Miller

Sunday, May 3 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: F. Franco, L. Ojeda

Ushers: B. Aguirre, G. Carreño

G. Camacho, R. Camacho, N. Viveros

Altar Servers: A., K. & L. Flores

PEW DEDICATION PROGRAM

We invite those who wish to remember a loved one by dedicating a church pew (\$2,500), a classroom (\$5,000) or even have a building named in honor of your loved one for

\$1,000,000! For more info, contact St. Patrick's at ☎ (815) 472-2864, St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at pjankowski@yahoo.com.





NEWS & NOTES
FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI
 Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

This weekend and next, the focus of parish life is directed towards a group of students who have been preparing over the last two years for the sacraments of Confirmation [which we celebrate on April 25th at 2:00 p.m. (St. Anne's) and 4:00 p.m. (St. Patrick's)] and First Communion on Sunday – May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. (St. Anne's) and 10:30 a.m. (St. Patrick's). I would like to thank **KIM EMERSON (DRE AT ST. ANNE'S)** and **JOHN REHMER (DRE AT ST. PATRICK'S)** for their ongoing dedication towards the youth of our community. Neither John nor Kim earns much financial compensation for what they do (at times, they *lose* money for serving us) but neither are offering this ministry for any other reason but their love of God and the children under God's care.

Kim and the staff at St. Anne's offered this wonderful custom on Palm Sunday each year to have the kids to process into the church with palms, something we brought over to St. Patrick's as well. As some of our adults sometimes ask where the youth are within our parish communities, I remind myself of that moment when the kids processed into the churches on March 29th, the same way I remembered our young adults participating in our Confirmation Retreat Masses on March 7th & 14th. To see almost one-hundred-twenty students in our churches those days was a symbol to me of what the Church can be, if we support and encourage the next generation in getting involved with their faith lives.

Sometimes we do not think about that relationship until the end of our respective lives (if we make it to our senior years), reflecting on the story of the Rich Man & Lazarus and the fact that God has been communicating without throughout our lives – the question becomes

whether we pay attention to what God has offered us and whether we do our part in building that relationship with God. Over these next two weekends, we will have the opportunity to celebrate with the youth of our parishes and pray they understand about a relationship that even adults often tend to push aside.

To raise our children in the faith is really difficult, considering that the secular world lives out its own kind of religion that seems appealing now but fades away quite rapidly (like most things in life). God's love endures and has endured over the centuries. When we recognize that God's way gets us to heaven and if we can install this into our kids' lives, we then understand the importance of Catholic education. God bless all of you!!

WHY CATHOLIC EDUCATION STILL MATTERS IN 10 REASONS

- 1 An Incarnational View of the World**
 Catholic School students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world. They learn to recognize the "footprints of God" in their daily experiences, especially in the midst of life's challenges. They develop a sense of "sacramental awareness". They see the signs of God's love around them, and become instruments of God's grace in their own neighborhoods, communities and the world. In an incarnational view of the world, there is no such thing as a secular subject as all learning helps to develop and bring to full bloom that image of God that is in each person.
- 2 Immersion in the Paschal Mystery**
 Our lives are a series of small and not so small dyings and risings. In union with the Paschal Mystery, we realize that there is redemptive power in suffering, and in the power of the cross. In it lies the answer to the mystery of all of life's successes and failures. In the experience of the Paschal Mystery, we also realize the need for community. Like Jesus, we encounter our own Simon of Cyrenes to help us along the way. Wins and losses on the athletic field, As and Fs in class, and laughter and tears in our lives are the way we participate in Jesus' dying and rising.
- 3 The Value of Relationships as a Reflection of the Divine**
 Catholic school students learn to experience God's grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends and teachers. The loving and supportive relationships they experience are reflections of the love and life-giving dynamic of the Trinity. As a community we celebrate our successes and achievements. We share grief and downfalls. We unite together in solidarity, and even challenge each other to become better reflections of the divine. We are made for community.
- 4 A Nuanced View of Scripture**
 Catholic school students are given the opportunity to explore the beauty and richness of Sacred Scripture seen through the lens of faith and lived out in daily practice. They experience the ongoing revelation of God in Scripture as the One who leads the Israelites through the promised land, and who redeems them through His cross and resurrection. They also come to view the human person as created in God's image and likeness, and destined for eternal life. They learn to apply Scripture to their own lives as a tool for prayer and the true guide for virtuous living.
- 5 Civic Engagement**
 In recent research, it has been reported that private school graduates are significantly more likely to actively participate in civic activities than their public school counterparts. Catholic Schools were ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic and community activities such as voting, volunteering, letter-writing to legislators, Catholic Concerns Day, and donations to charity, not just for a tax write-off, but out of a sense of the requirements of justice.
- 6 Service for the Common Good**
 Catholic schools promote service as an essential component of their curriculum. Many Catholic schools have service programs from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Higher education programs such as the Jesuit or Dominican Volunteer Corps promote service at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Diocesan organizations such as Catholic Family Services provide resources and help to people from all walks of life. Catholic school students learn that since community is at the heart of who we are, there are no strangers, only brothers and sisters in the Lord. We have a responsibility to respond to the needs of others because we are all part of God's family.
- 7 Discipline as a Faith Expectation**
 Catholic schools promote self-discipline through clarity of moral vision that is based on the Gospel. Students are challenged to be Christ-like in word and action. They are asked to examine their choices and action in light of the Ten Commandments and the Gospel law of love. They are given a theological foundation for ethical behavior. Students are not good because they act in accord with rules and expectations. Rather, because students are good, i.e. sons and daughters of God, they are expected to act and make choices that are in keeping with this dignity.
- 8 The Centrality of Arts, Ritual, Drama, Music to the Life of Faith**
 Through Catholic education, students are exposed to the richness of the religious tradition. Music, Art, Literature, Drama and Ritual are rooted in the rich history of the Church, and find their truest glory as an expression of divine praise.
- 9 The Fullness of the Catholic Identity at the Heart of the Church**
 Catholic education has always been at the heart of the Catholic mission. Catholic education, and the students who are the product of it, have been called the "greatest work of the Church". They have been entrusted with the fullness of faith and have been charged with the mission of evangelization. They are to go out into the world and share the gifts they have received, as doctors, lawyers, policemen, firemen, businessmen and women, teachers, priests and religious, all as Catholic school graduates. Catholic school graduates are a leaven in society, helping the broader community to be the best that it can be.
- 10 Personal Excellence as a Spiritual Goal**
 Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings. Academic excellence is not a gospel value in and of itself. The Sermon on the Mount doesn't say "Blessed are you who get all A's." Education must have an altruistic orientation. Students learn so as to help others, and make a difference in the world around them.

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Written by: Reverend Ronald J. Nuzzi



Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

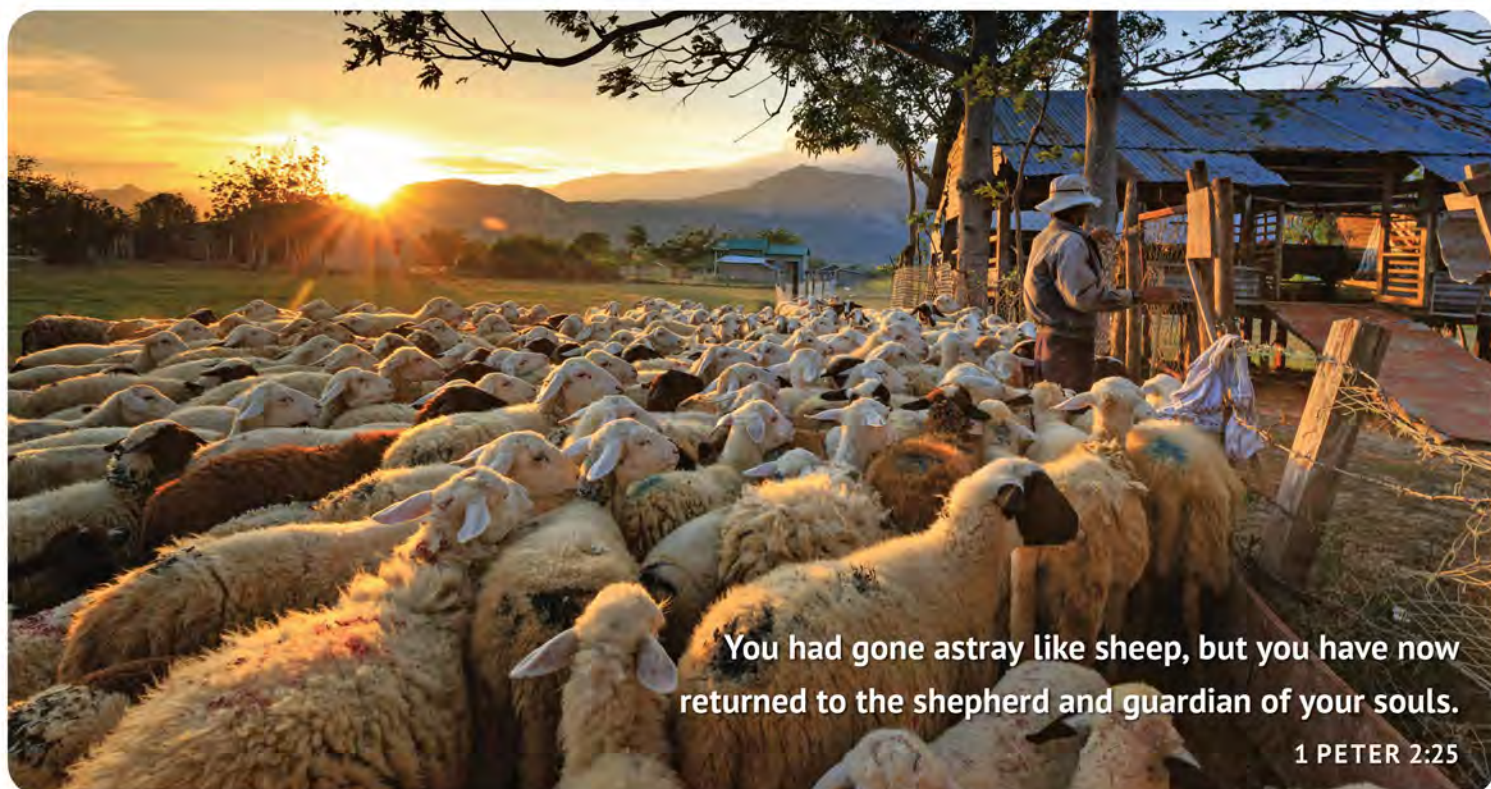
Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

Reflect

How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus’ voice?



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 PETER 2:25

Dear Padre,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:11–18	Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30	Acts 12:24–13:5a Jn 12:44–50	Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20	Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6	Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14	Acts 6:1–7 1 Pt 2:4–9 Jn 14:1–12



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2025



St. Anne's Confirmation Retreat - March 7, 2026

Congratulations Coinfirmatdi
April 25, 2026

St. Anne's Church - 2:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church - 4:00 p.m.



St. Pat's Confirmation Retreat - March 14, 2026

25-26 Abril 2026: Cuarto Domingo de la Pascua

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 19 de abril en Uruguay se conmemora a la Virgen del Verdún, que está colocada sobre una columna de seis metros en uno de los cerros que rodean la ciudad de Minas. Esta imagen fue puesta allí por el párroco don José De Luca en 1900. Su intención era dedicar esta imagen en recuerdo del siglo diecinueve y recibir así el siglo veinte, dedicándolo a María Inmaculada en honor de Cristo Redentor.

En el 2007 la peregrinación a la Virgen del Verdún llevaba como lema "De la mano de María, discípulos y misioneros de Jesucristo." Este bello refrán nos recuerda que vamos caminando de la mano de María, nuestra hermana en la fe, para ser como ella, discípulos de su hijo y misioneros del mensaje redentor de Jesucristo. No obstante, hay que reconocer que muchos cristianos, especialmente nosotros, los latinoamericanos, nos quedamos solo con María y nunca llegamos a Jesús. Eso a María no le gusta ya que toda reverencia a ella debe abrirnos a recibir a su único hijo, Jesús, y adorarlo como nuestro único Señor y salvador.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,
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EL LLAMADO DEL BUEN PASTOR

El salmo responsorial de hoy es el Salmo 23 y sin duda es el más conocido de los salmos. Los versos que rezan: "Aunque camine por cañadas oscuras, I nada temo, porque tú vas conmigo: I tu vara y tu cayado me sosiegan" (Salmo 23: 4) se vinculan en

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

ROSARIO & CATECISMO

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

La Parroquia de San Patricio



las lecturas bíblicas de esta semana con el maravilloso relato sobre el camino a Emaús, que escuchamos la semana pasada. El Señor Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, está constantemente a nuestro lado. Nos llama por nuestro nombre, atrayéndonos a una más profunda relación con él. Ese llamado, hecho a cada uno de nosotros en el momento de nuestro bautismo, lleva la promesa del Buen Pastor: "Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia" (Juan 10: 10).

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Que la alegría
y la luz del Espíritu
Santo inunden tu
vida hoy y siempre;
**felicidades en este
día tan especial.**

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Los que creyeron fueron bautizados (Hechos 2: 14a, 36-41).

Salmo - El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda Lectura - Han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus almas (1 Pedro 2: 20b-25).

Evangelio - Yo soy la puerta para las ovejas (Juan 10: 1-10).

La prueba del amor está en las obras. Donde hay amor, este hace obras grandes; pero cuando deja de obrar, deja de existir. - San Gregorio Magno

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heh 11: 1-18; Sal 42; Jn 10: 11-18

Martes: Heh 11: 19-26; Sal 87; Jn 10: 22-30

Miércoles: Heh 12: 24-13: 5a; Sal 67 (66): 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12: 44-50

Jueves: Heh 13: 13-25; Sal 89; Jn 13: 16-20

Viernes: Heh 13: 26-33; Sal 2; Jn 14: 1-6

Sábado: Heh 13: 44-52; Sal 98 (97): 1-4; Jn 14: 7-14

Domingo: Heh 6: 1-7; Sal 33 (32): 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1Pe2: 4-9; Jn 14: 1-12



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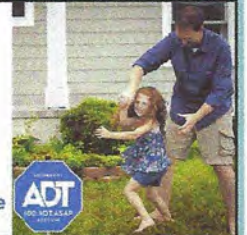
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