



April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. ~ 1 John 3:1

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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

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Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Jesus is the “stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone” (1,Ps). He is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us (3). Through his paschal mystery we have become children of God (2).

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this fourth Sunday of the Easter season, the focus shifts from recalling the appearances of the resurrected Jesus toward considering Jesus in light of primary images in scripture. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the intimate bond between the Good Shepherd and the flock and how they know and recognize each other. The Letter of John describes the intimacy of God as Father and humanity as God’s children, who recognize and love each other. In our reading from Acts, Peter tells of the religious leaders who didn’t know or recognize their God when they encountered Jesus, and so crucified him. Our readings invite us to listen for our God, active in our daily lives, and to open ourselves to the intimacy that our Good Shepherd seeks with us. God also empowers us to then extend this intimacy out into the world, through our care for others.

Lay Down My Life

In the Old Testament, God is described many times as the shepherd of the people of Israel. So when Jesus claims this image of God to describe himself, it is startling even to his disciples. In today’s Gospel, he takes the image one step beyond the Old Testament: as the Good Shepherd, he is to “lay down his life.” This phrase is stated, with slight variation, five times in today’s short passage. Jesus is describing the meaning of his life and of his death.

With firm roots in the story of Israel and their God, Jesus is now starting a new chapter. He is helping his disciples make sense of his death on the cross, and to describe how to follow this particular shepherd. When Jesus lays down his life, he is revealing the infinite love that he and the Father have for the flock. To follow Jesus, to be a part of Jesus’ flock, means participating in that same sacrificial love.

One Flock

Jesus adds another feature to the shepherd imagery, which was also disturbing to his disciples. He refers to “other sheep which do not belong to this fold,” who will become part of the same flock. This likely refers to the Gentiles, to all peoples beyond Israel. The Shepherd extends his flock, but emphasizes that there is still only one flock. Jesus spoke forcefully and frequently, especially in the Gospel of John, of the importance of unity among those who follow him.

We who follow Jesus are expected to embrace the “other sheep,” to respect and celebrate differences among Christians. We are expected to learn from one another. All those things that seem to divide Jesus’s followers in culture, ethnicity, or history of conflict fade in comparison with the deeper unity of the one flock under one Shepherd. Living in unity is essential for us to be faithful and credible witnesses of Christ to the world.

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The Glory of God

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

~ St. Irenaeus

Looking for Lay Ministers

The proclamation of the Word of God at Masses and other Liturgies is one of the sources of faith, wisdom and understanding God and Jesus have given to the Church. Because of its importance, the Church takes great care in ensuring that the Spoken Word is proclaimed with dignity and reverence. As a parish, we try our very best to fulfill these expectations.

The source and summit of our life as a people of God are the gifts of Christ’s Body and Blood, the Eucharist, and the community gathered to share in this Eucharist. Over time, the Church has seen the need for Lay Faithful to assist with the distribution of Communion at Masses and other Liturgies. As well, Eucharistic Ministers assist the parish by bringing Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

If you’re looking for a way to serve your parish, or if you’ve ever wanted to be a lay minister and serve during Mass, now is your chance. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Patrician Meeting

Join us this Sunday for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month’s topic is...

*The Life & Legacy of "Venerable" Edel Quinn,
Legion of Mary, Envoy to Africa*

Speaker ~ Emy Pasion

Date ~ Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

Join us for a lively discussion and share your thoughts and experiences with other Catholics just like you.

Confirmation Students

Please pray for our three CCD confirmation students (Faustine Gueverra, Oliver Maborang, and Rengee Rose Tuazon) who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone on Sunday, April 21 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Well done to the CCD catechists and students!!

On Wealth

Nothing is more fallacious than wealth. It is a hostile comrade, a domestic enemy.

~ St. John Chrysostom

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Remedios Lato	04/21	Trinity Guirre	04/23
Nicasio Lenon	04/21	Lily Nangca	04/25
Gabrielle Listana	04/22	Anthony Grue	04/27
Aurora Santos	04/22		



Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for April

Pope’s Intention: For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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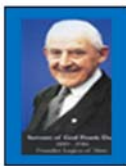
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The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

Feast of Faith

The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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Saints & Special Observances

Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. George, Martyr

optional memorial ~ St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr

Wednesday optional memorial ~

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

THURSDAY: FEAST ~ ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24;
Jn 15:1-8

Today's Readings

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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God's Word Today

What does it mean to gather together in the name of Jesus? Today's scriptures give us a hint. Saint Peter tells us that it was in the name of Jesus that the crippled man was healed. The psalm reminds us that Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders that has become the cornerstone. And Jesus himself reminds us in today's Gospel that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. So today we gather in the name of the one who is healer, a rejected stone that became the cornerstone, a good shepherd, and ultimately the one who laid down his own life to save us from our sins. Let us absorb the richness of the Lord Jesus made present in the proclamation of today's readings.

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World Day of Prayer For Vocations



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Pope Paul VI instituted the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (*the 4th Sunday of Easter*) on 11 April 1964 by saying;

“O Jesus, divine Shepherd of the spirit, you have called the Apostles in order to make them fishermen of men, you still attract to you burning spirits and generous young

people, in order to render them your followers and ministers to us”

(Pope Paul VI

launching the 1st World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special day for everyone in our parish. As we celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, we ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God’s call and be encouraged to respond generously.

A Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament for the Increase of Priestly & Religious Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Eternal Father,
Son of the Virgin Mary,
we thank you for offering your life
in sacrifice on the Cross,
and for renewing this sacrifice
in every Mass celebrated throughout the world.
In the power of the Holy Spirit
we adore you and proclaim your living presence
in the Eucharist.

We desire to imitate the love you show us
in your death and resurrection,
by loving and serving one another.
We ask you to call many young people to religious
life,
and to provide the holy and generous priests
that are so needed in your Church today.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer
Amen.

~ Justin Cardinal Rigali

Living God’s Word

The divine instinct to lay down and to take up is how the Lord Jesus shepherds us, modeling so well what it means to be divine that we find ourselves imitating him and growing in his likeness. That divine instinct is how the Spirit shepherds through us.

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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his ...

O	R	E	P
T	F	F	E
H	I	S	E
E	L	H	

L _____.”

Answer: *life for the sheep*

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Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
German lawyer who became a Capuchin friar and defender of the poor. He was a major figure in the Counter-Reformation until his martyrdom in 1622.

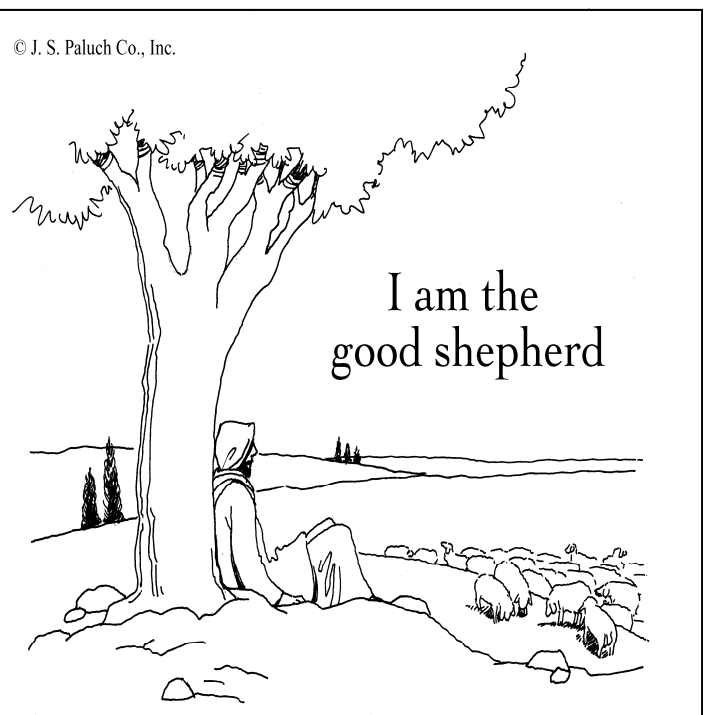
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Living Stewardship Now

Are you living by the rules, but have no peace of heart? Are you looking at others—especially within the church community—and seeing them as misguided, incorrect, or deficient? Are you standing in judgment of others for their sinfulness? What would Jesus like you to do about this?

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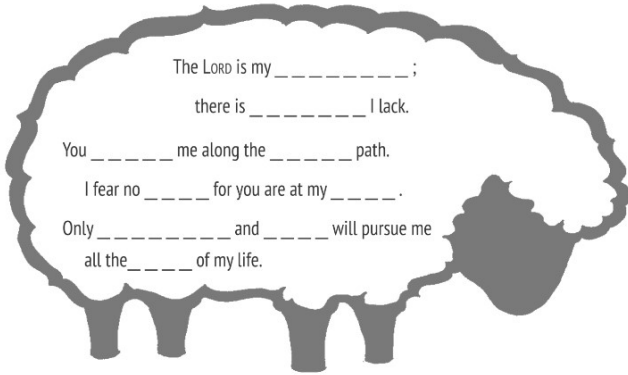
CATHOLIC CORNER

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The scriptures of the Fourth Sunday of Easter present images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Many people think the most beautiful psalm in the entire Bible is Psalm 23, the psalm about God as a loving shepherd. The words comfort us and remind us that God takes care of us, gives us courage, and promises us joy.

Inside this sheep are some verses from Psalm 23 (23:1, 3b, 4b, 6ab). Choose from the list below to fill in the missing words. Each line stands for a letter, so you can use that as a clue.

Which words comfort you most?
Try to learn some of the verses of this psalm by heart so you can pray them when you need them.



guide goodness days shepherd harm nothing side right love

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep. Jn 10:14-15

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
Easter
APRIL 14, 2024

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and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
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John 10:14-15

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Pastor Al®



"Now what made you think using the fire sprinklers would be a good way to shorten the sprinkling rite?"

The Good Shepherd

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the “good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.” It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of “trampling” on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today’s scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today’s scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.

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Reflecting on God’s Word

All of creation has the power to lay down its life. The yearly seasons lay down the bounty of their harvest, and daily our own lives pour forth their energy into tasks and labors—all a laying down. Most people want to be and are generous. Most people want to forgive. Most people want to be patient, to sacrifice for the sake of love, to give back what is received. Most people want to give of themselves for the happiness of others, to do service for the community, to donate blood, to be able to forgo their own way for the sake of harmony, to be courageous even at great cost.

All of creation also has the power to take up life again. Springtime returns; each morning we instinctively awaken to another day; weakened bodies heal. We also have the power to take up life. We seek relationships of love; we desire to enliven that love with children. We work hard; we long to be creative; we strive to be good; we seek to create harmony and peace. We hunger for a relationship with our God. And we succeed more often than not. We do have a God-given power to take up new life. It is our God’s command to us.

That dual rhythm of laying down and taking up is but the echo of the Lord Jesus and how he chose to live among us. It was his Father’s command to him, bred in his bones and in his spirit, and it is a command that continues to show itself in our lives.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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Responding to the Call

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

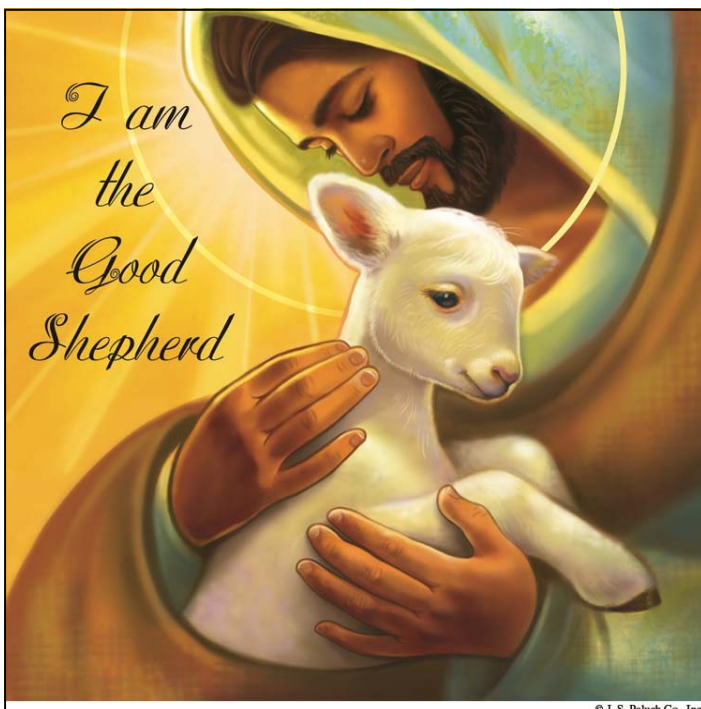
Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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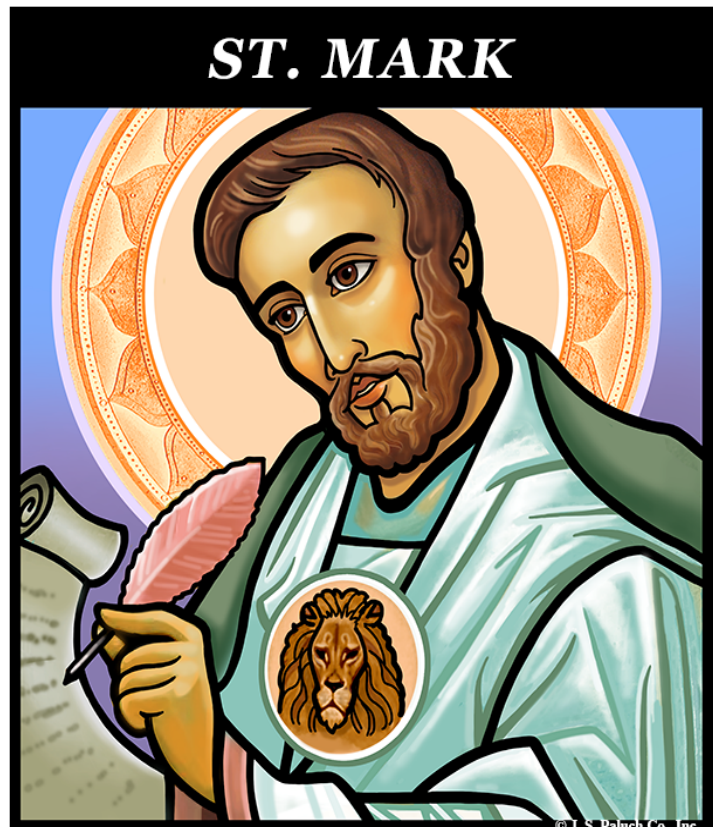
Treasures From Our Tradition

There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call.

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Good Deed Sunday

Today is popularly known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. The scriptural image of Jesus the Good Shepherd looms so large in Christian piety that it often obliterates the other images we might encounter in scripture. Peter’s speeches last week and today follow the healing of the man outside the temple. This good deed, done in the name of the good shepherd, caused Peter and John to be imprisoned, and later called upon to defend themselves. What we heard last week and what we hear today is Peter’s defense of the good deed that he and John performed. This might also be called “good name” Sunday, for Peter emphasizes that it is in the name of Jesus that the man was healed, in his name that the man stood before them, and in his name that all will be saved.

Good Children Sunday

Likewise, we might call this “good children” Sunday, based on the beautiful passage from the first letter of John. The apostle John was writing to early Christians who were being ostracized or persecuted by their communities. This is why he refers to the world “not knowing” the children of God, for they do not truly know God. On this day, when we are reminded that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the flock, we should call to mind that if we are living as good children of the loving Father, we will be taking the good news of Christ to places where it is not known and may not be welcome. If we are not encountering some who “do not know us” (who do not comprehend why our faith is so important to us), there is a good chance that we are not witnessing to our faith with the steadfastness and perseverance we ought. All we need do is follow the example of Peter and John in the Acts of the Apostles. They gave neither silver nor gold but acted as good children of a loving God, and in the name of God’s son healed a man, even though it caused them to endure more suffering. This, however, is our calling as members of the flock of the suffering, risen Good Shepherd.

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~ 1 John 3:1

Silence

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

~ St. Vincent Pallotti

Saved By the One Who was Rejected

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it’s no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world’s crops and livestock. This week’s scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John’s letter we hear that we have become God’s beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God’s beloved flock?

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord’s Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, *Eoster*. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King’s chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that *Eoster* once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn’t take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: *Yule*.

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Follow the Shepherd

We’re all familiar with the image: Jesus, staff in hand, carrying a lamb across his shoulders. It’s a beautiful image but it doesn’t reflect the reality of shepherding as hard and sometimes risky work. In the passage prior to today’s Gospel Jesus has healed a blind man on the Sabbath day and the Pharisees say he has broken the law, which forbids all work on the Lord’s day—even healing! Jesus says that, as the Good Shepherd, he is not like hired hands who collect pay for watching the sheep, but abandon them in time of need. Jewish scriptures frequently describe God as shepherd. Joseph was saved “By the power of the Mighty One of Jacob, / because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel” (Genesis 49:24). Such imagery was also used by Moses and the prophets as well as the psalmists: “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / you who lead Joseph like a flock!” (Psalm 80:1) and “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1). So the Pharisees know exactly what Jesus means: not only is he prepared to break the Sabbath law, but he is claiming to be God, an outrage in their eyes. They also know he is contrasting himself with them—the hired hands entrusted with the care of God’s people, but caring more for rules and regulations. The Pharisees were not completely evil people, but in their obsession with religious rules they had lost sight of the living heart of Judaism (see Deuteronomy 10:12–20 and Micah 6:8). In addition, they lacked humility and were quick to pass judgment on others who followed the rules less devotedly. Any time we set ourselves up to say that others are less worthy, less obedient, less devout than we are, trouble follows. Let’s keep our eyes on the Shepherd and follow him.

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Christ the Good Shepherd



I am the good shepherd. I know my own-by which I mean, I love them-and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of the heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

*From a homily on the Gospels
by Saint Gregory the Great, pope*

At Work

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

~ Anonymous

A Gentle Reminder...

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Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all-too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God's love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home-based and family-centered. Pagans didn't especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God's love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure.

~ Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

How to Receive Communion

Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. Around the year A.D. 390, Cyril of Jerusalem indicated that the early Church practiced Communion in the hand when he instructed his audience: *"Approaching, therefore, come not with thy wrists extended, or thy fingers open; but make thy left hand as if a throne for thy right, which is on the eve of receiving the King. And having hallowed thy palm, receive the body of Christ, saying after it, 'Amen.' Then after thou hast with carefulness hallowed thine eyes by the touch of the holy body, partake thereof; giving heed lest thou lose any of it; for what thou lovest is a loss to thee as it were from one of thine own members. For tell me, if anyone gave thee gold dust, wouldst thou not with all precaution keep it fast, being on thy guard against losing any of it, and suffering loss?" (Catechetical Lectures 23:22).*

The Congregation of the Sacraments and Divine Worship permitted the U.S. Bishops' Conference to authorize reception of Communion in the hand on July 25, 1977, provided the local bishop implements the practice in his diocese. Once implemented, the option to receive Communion either in the hand or on the tongue always remains with the communicant. No priest, deacon, acolyte, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion may refuse a communicant Communion on the tongue. Likewise, once the local bishop has introduced Communion in the hand, none may refuse a communicant Communion in the hand (except when Communion is being given by intinction, in which case it must be given on the tongue).

Finally, after you have received Communion, it is appropriate to stay after Mass and thank Jesus for coming to you in the Holy Eucharist. The Church mandates that: *"The faithful are to be recommended not to omit to make a proper thanksgiving after Communion. They may do this during the celebration with a period of silence, with a hymn, psalm or other song of praise, or also after the celebration, if possible by staying behind to pray for a suitable time" (Inaestimabile Donum 17).*

After receiving Jesus into one's own body and being drawn more closely into his, how could one do any less?

Faults

Usually our criticism of others is not because they have faults, but because their faults are different than ours.

~ Roger Eastman

Fourth Sunday of Easter Shepherd

The image of the good shepherd has always been with the Church. Pictures of the Good Shepherd crowd our imagination. From childhood on, we can remember a thousand pictures of the same Good Shepherd. The sheep are content and snow white. A lamb rides aloft the kindly and gentle shepherd's shoulder. This image comforts, sustains, and calms. Year in and year out, the Church celebrates Jesus as the Good Shepherd on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. It's a rich image worth our careful meditation.

Comment

Peter's first miracle got him in trouble. As leader of the early Church, he learned firsthand that his life would follow that of his master. A small introduction to today's first reading is in order: Peter's cure of the invalid who asked for money set the onlookers abuzz. Word spread rapidly, and Peter was unceremoniously thrown into jail, and the following day, he was brought before the elders and scribes. He was ordered to explain himself, his words, his actions, and the belief of those he led and served. This was his chance to justify himself and his fledgling community.

But Peter did not justify anything. He simply proclaimed his belief and suggested to the skeptical if not cynical listeners that they also accept this rejected one, Jesus Christ the Nazorean "whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." Peter's words and eventually his actions witnessed his faith. Peter spoke fearlessly of Jesus who, like a good shepherd, laid down his life for his sheep.

The Gospel reading for this "Good Shepherd Sunday" also follows upon a cure. Jesus cured the man born blind, and for this he was questioned severely by the Pharisees. Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd describes his relationship to the man born blind and to us—all of us, Pharisees included.

It is interesting to note that Jesus uses the image of a shepherd. In Israel's history, shepherds were held in high enough regard. After all, the great king, David, was a shepherd. But now in Israel, shepherds were outsiders. Their consuming occupation kept them outside, literally and figuratively. They were outside in all kinds of weather, and they were also outside the law, in that they were unable to obey its ever-demanding rigors. In the eyes of the harsh rule-makers, the shepherds were among those stones rejected by the builder, cast onto the rubble heap.

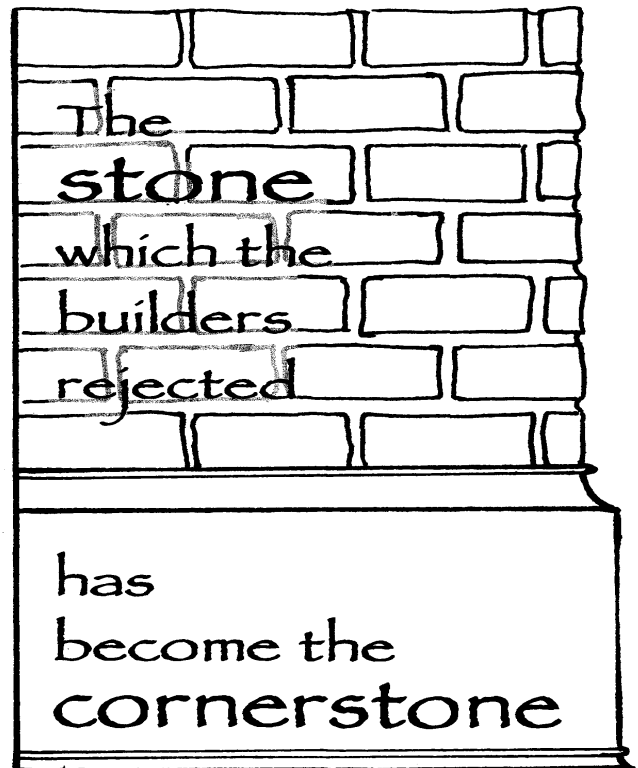
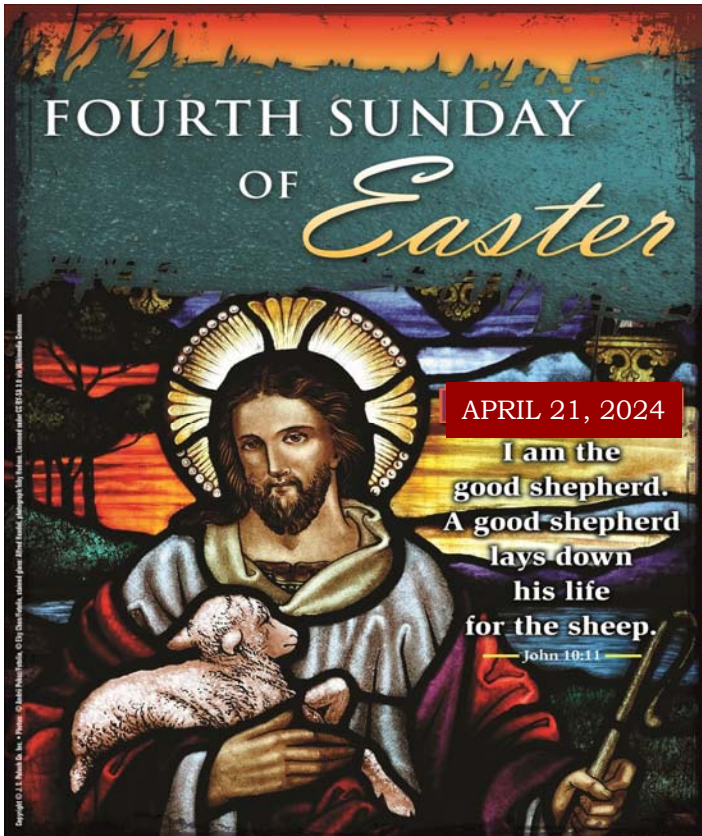
Reflection

Jesus uses these outsider shepherds as a new image of redemption. Jesus is not talking about the shepherd as such or the sheep as such, but about the relationship between the shepherd and sheep. Clearly the phony shepherd will flee at the first sight of trouble. And one can safely wager that most shepherds would not be inclined to die for a sheep, but would write the animal off as a loss and one of the costs of doing business in a harsh terrain.

But the good shepherd differs dramatically; he will go so far as to lay down his life for his sheep—an unheard-of claim. The current religious leaders of Israel clearly wouldn't do this; rather they seem to harangue their followers.

In Israel at Jesus' time, shepherds tended relatively small flocks and knew their sheep by name, knew their markings and temperaments. The good shepherd knows his own more intimately than this. He knows them the way the Father knows Jesus. The depth of intimacy between leader and follower is the same as the intimacy between Father and Son. And that intimacy can include everyone on earth.

During this Eastertide, we reflect more deeply on the Resurrection. The leader has laid down his life for the led. He has done so freely for our sake. He has laid down his life willingly and taken up his risen life gladly. Copyright World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?

Believing in Jesus, our good shepherd, makes us God's children and opens us to God's love, healing, and salvation. Out of this relationship, spiritual benefits flow. The key lies in accepting Jesus as savior.

- How am I a good shepherd? How do lay down my life for my flock? Do the people come to know God through knowing me?
- Am I a healing presence to others? Do I help reconcile people to God and one another?
- Do I lead others to trust in God's love and mercy?

Applying the Word: Good shepherds

Jesus the shepherd is our model, the one who's not for hire and can't be bought. Yet we couldn't put a price on what he offers, salvation at the cost of his own life. This rejected cornerstone is the keystone of the whole structure. He is the reason "we are all God's children now," as amazing a statement as that is. We don't have to find shepherds to do what Jesus did—Jesus accomplishes all the saving we need. All we require are shepherds surrendered to Jesus himself, and to the task of bringing his gospel forward and outward to all the world. If we proclaim this gospel effectively, we won't have any trouble raising the next crop of heralds. ~ *Alice Camille*

Scripture links

Jesus is the same: *Heb. 13:8*

Trusting in God: *Ps. 32:10; 37:3; 40:4; 131:1-3; Prov. 3:5; 20:22; Isa. 26:4*

Other shepherd images: *Jer. 23:1-4; Mic. 5:3; Ezek. 34:11-24;*

Matt. 18:12-14; 25:31-46; Luke 15:1-7; 1 Pet. 5:1-4

Catechism links

(Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph numbers)

Good shepherd: *CCC 551-553; 606; 609; 649; 753-754*

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Good Company

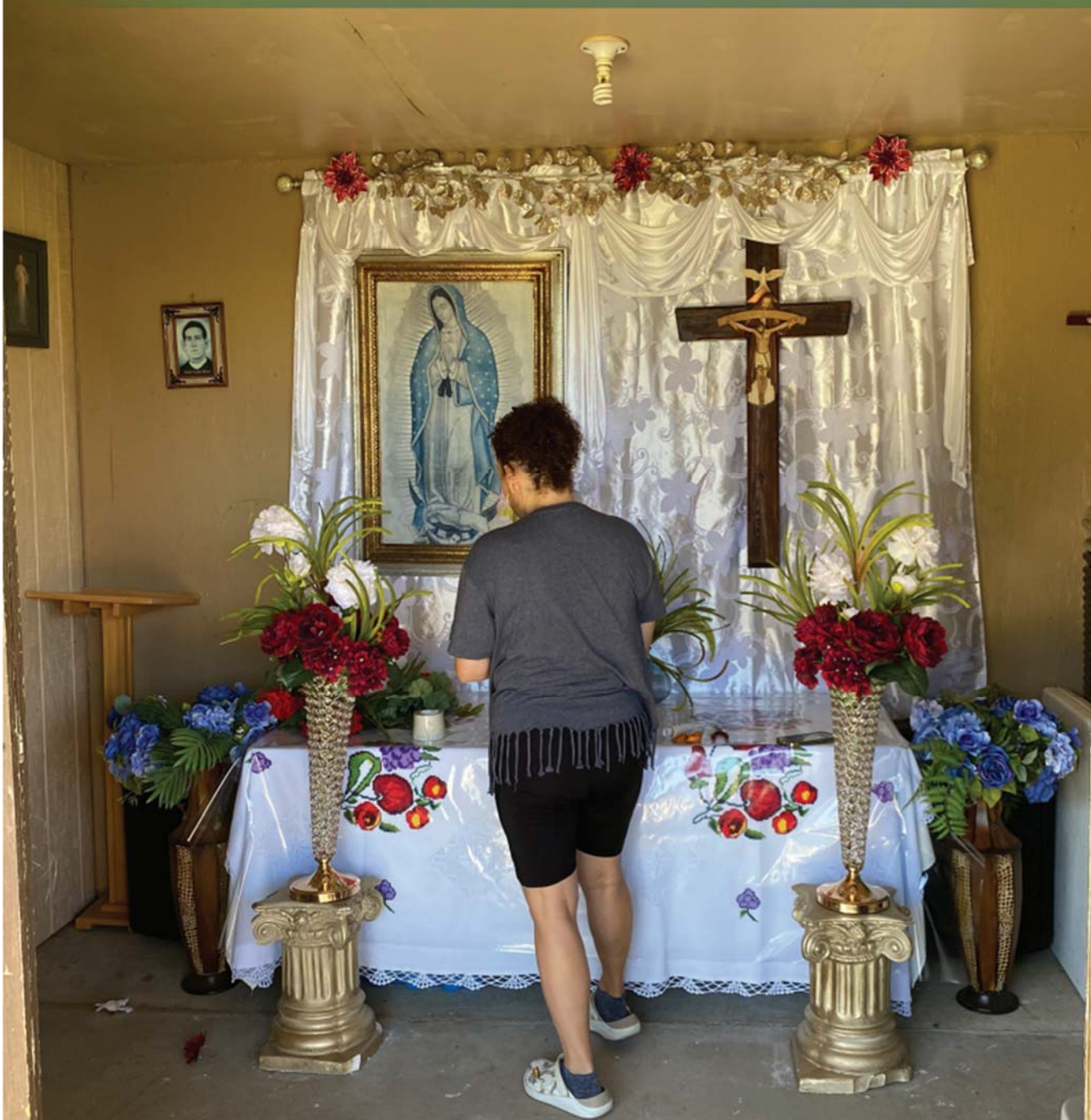
A recent issue of Fortune magazine presented its annual list of "The 100 Best Companies to Work For." While these firms use many recent management and human resources techniques, in another way their approach hearkens back to business values of an earlier era: Be generous and loyal to your employees. In an era when the first place many companies look to cut costs is what they provide employees, these firms—all successful—offer good pay, bonuses, profit-sharing, incentives, stock options, and substantial pension plans, as well as benefits like free health insurance, training, paid tuition, family health care, and wellness programs, among others.

Bucking the trend of disappearing loyalty between employer and employee, many of these companies have long-time staff and low turnover rates. Employee involvement in decision-making is high, and workers feel management trusts them and gives them responsibility. In some companies, top leadership stays in touch with staff throughout the organization. People have the opportunity for flexible work arrangements.

A good shepherd, we hear, "lays down his life for the sheep." Good business leaders are willing to risk giving of themselves and the corporate bounty in order to provide for those in their care. As one employee said of their company, "Thankfully, someone in this country cares about the American worker and what he stands for." ~ *Joel Schorn*



STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



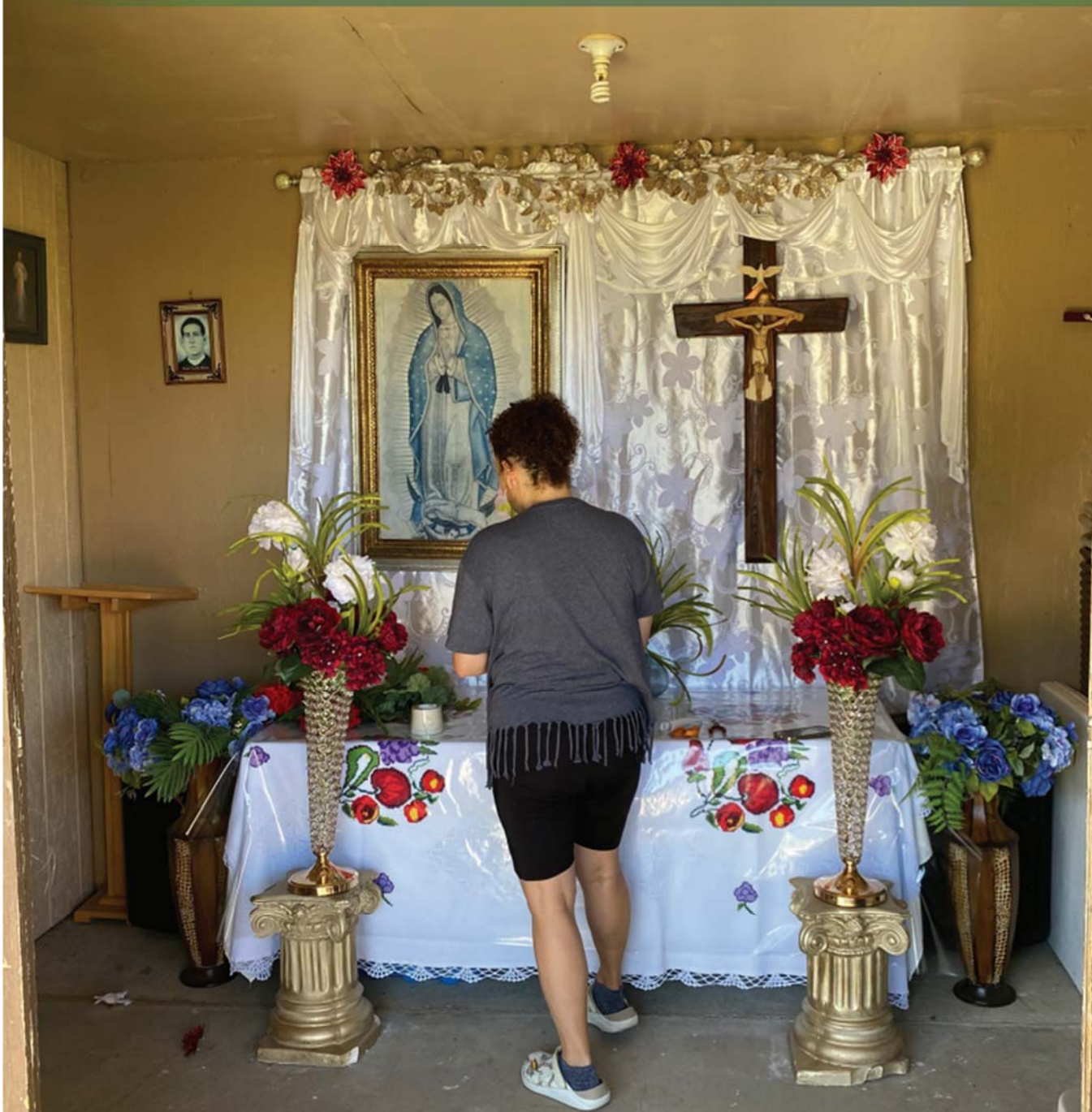
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STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Jesus calls his followers to love others as he loves them. Inspired by this call, Christians have shown his love through works of mercy such as visiting the sick and imprisoned, educating young people, and praying endlessly for others. Not only are these works of mercy directed to meet material or spiritual needs, but they are ways in which Christ draws people closer to himself.

In the Diocese of Amarillo, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop

new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions. Home mission dioceses have small or widely dispersed Catholic populations, large or rugged areas of land that make it difficult to minister to the needs of the people, or economic challenges caused by poverty, unemployment, or natural disasters. Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

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Totals by Program Area

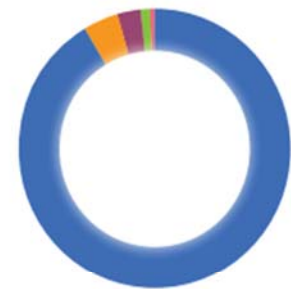
• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,715,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$2,085,000
• Special Grants*	\$1,832,200
• Faith Formation	\$1,695,000
• Cultural Ministries**	\$1,125,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$260,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person***	\$155,000

Total: \$9,867,200

* Special Grants: Eucharistic Revival, \$680,000 | Natural Disaster Recovery Efforts, \$500,000 | World Youth Day, \$320,000 | Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities, \$174,200 | Installation Grants for New Bishops, \$108,000 | Staff Discretion & Agility Fund, \$50,000

** including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries

*** including prison ministries and ministries for persons with disabilities



• Grants and Donations	\$9,761,689
• Program Costs	\$448,070
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$317,517
• Administrative Expenses	\$90,847
• Allocations - Internal Grants	\$47,935

Total Expenses: \$10,666,058



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What Are Home Missions?

“Home Missions” is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. The home missions are dioceses and parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support.

Where are the home missions?

Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country, especially Appalachia, the South, the Southwest along the Mexican border, the Rocky Mountain States, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and remote island chains like the Marshalls and the Carolines in the Pacific. Generally speaking, the home missions are everywhere that Catholics are few and the Church is fragile.

Come tour the U.S. home missions . . .

Belleville, Illinois

Let's begin our tour in southern Illinois in the diocese of Belleville. East St. Louis-Belleville is the only metropolitan area in the diocese, but it is also one of the poorest communities in the nation. The Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School (STBCS) provides the only alternative to the troubled public school system. The population of the STBCS elementary school is comprised of 99% racial minorities. In addition, 90% of the families fall below the poverty line and only 4% are Catholic. The children are often raised by someone other than their biological parents and know the realities of drugs, violence, and crime.

Funding from Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps STBCS to continue providing the best holistic Catholic education possible for the children enrolled and is a vehicle for evangelization. Despite the challenges that the children at STBCS face, 100% of its graduates enter high school, and 95% of its graduates are enrolled in college or university. This program and many more give testimony to the great benefit of the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

Great Falls-Billings, Montana

Across the country, in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in Montana, 99 parishes and missions stretch over 90,000 square miles. Many priests in the diocese serve multiple parishes, some serve up to five! Many parishes cannot meet the financial obligations of having a full-time priest and communities often feel disconnected from the larger Church. With support from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the diocese ensures priests can make the necessary travel to serve their flocks and parishes can keep their doors open. The support from this collection has touched the people in this diocese and allowed them to keep their faith communities active and connected to the universal Church.

El Paso, Texas

Let's head south, to the western border of Texas to the Diocese of El Paso. The population within the Diocese of El Paso in West Texas is about 80% Catholic, one of the highest percentages of Catholics of any diocese in the United States, and more than two-thirds are Hispanic. However, the rural parishes experience poverty, extreme geographic isolation, and rugged terrain.

With funding from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, two Missionary Sisters of Jesus have served five parishes, six missions, and nearly 4,000 Catholics through the West Texas Evangelization Program (WTEP). These two sisters are the only presence of consecrated women in the area, and with the shortage of priests, they do much to help strengthen the local Catholic communities. Through WTEP, the sisters have helped form small faith-sharing groups, conducted Lenten missions, and made door-to-door visits in the neighborhoods. WTEP also brought medical professionals to provide much-needed health and wellness presentations to these rural communities, which otherwise lack access to these resources.

Marshall Islands

Going farther west, past Los Angeles, beyond Hawaii, we arrive at the Marshall Islands. The Marshall Islands are a collection of atolls and islands covering an area of 500,000 square miles. Given the great distance between these islands, travel is often difficult and communication is unreliable. The islands themselves do not have any local priests and have only one local permanent deacon and sister; and so, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart provide for the pastoral and sacramental needs of the Islands. Additionally, many people move to the United States after high school, making it hard for the Catholic Church there to find men interested in joining the priesthood.

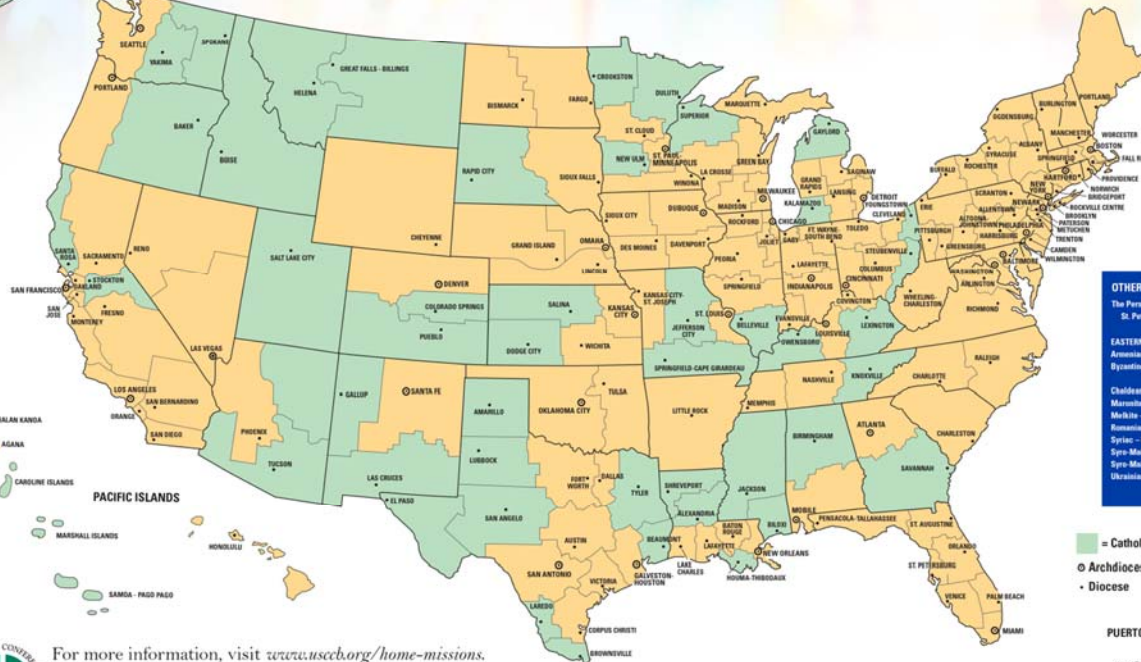
Against those odds, the Marshall Islands welcomed with great joy a seminarian in 2014! Thanks to a grant from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, they are able to afford to send him to seminary for his studies. Through his studies, he is a witness and example to other young men on the Islands.

Our tour could have touched any of eighty other home mission dioceses in the United States or in its dependencies in the Caribbean and Pacific. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps meet the faith needs of Catholics in the missions. It supports the education of priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people, so the Eucharist and the word of God can nourish Catholics. It supports religious education, so Catholics can expand their knowledge of the faith and hand it down to the next generation. It helps small parishes stay alive.

Please help your fellow Catholics in the practice of their faith. Give generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal when it is taken up in your parish.

Mission Territory, USA

Catholic Home Missions—Funded Dioceses of the United States



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 The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter - Houston, TX

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 Armenian - Glendale, CA
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 Chaldean - Detroit, MI; San Diego, CA
 Maronite - Brooklyn, NY; St. Louis, MO
 Melkite - Westborough, MA
 Romanian - Canton, OH
 Syriac - Bayonne, NJ
 Syro-Malabar - Chicago, IL
 Syro-Malankara - Elmhurst, NY
 Ukrainian - Chicago, IL; Parma, OH; Philadelphia, PA; Stamford, CT

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Heavenly Father,
 you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church
 to strengthen and direct her in the mission
 of making disciples of all nations
 in every time and place.

You raised up in your Church holy men and women,
 the missionary priests Saints Junípero Serra,
 Isaac Jogues, and Damien of Molokai
 and the Venerable Augustus Tolton,
 Saints Kateri Tekakwitha, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the
 bishop John Neumann,
 along with Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and Servant of
 God Thea Bowman.

All were filled with love for your Son, Jesus Christ,
 and were emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 They shared the Good News of your abundant mercy
 across our country.

We ask, Lord,
 that you fill us with the same love
 of Christ and of neighbor,
 as we follow their holy examples of faith and service.

Strengthen us as we work to build up
 your Church throughout the United States and
 its territories,
 as did these missionary disciples we venerate,
 and so bring us to share with them
 the glory of your presence for all eternity.

Amen.

Solemn Vespers, Rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration for Hong Kong with Archbishop Cordileone

Join Archbishop Cordileone for a special prayer service for Hong Kong, especially for Cardinal Joseph Zen and Jimmy Lai.

Cardinal Zen, 92, is the bishop emeritus of Hong Kong (2002 - 2009). He is an outspoken advocate for religious freedom and democracy. Cardinal Zen was arrested in May 2022 by Hong Kong authorities and put on trial for allegedly failing to civilly register a pro-democracy fund. He was convicted and ordered to pay a fine, which he has appealed.

Mr. Lai is a 76-year-old Catholic businessman in Hong Kong who, inspired by his Catholic faith, has peacefully advocated democracy and respect for human rights. Because he spoke the truth in the fight for freedom, Mr. Lai has been jailed by authorities since December 2020.



SOLEMN VESPERS, ROSARY, AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR HONG KONG WITH ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE

Especially for Cardinal Joseph Zen
and Jimmy Lai

Presider:

Most Reverend Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

Date:

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time:

5:00pm

Location:

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough St., San Francisco, CA 94109



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Wednesday, May 8 - St. Patrick's Seminary & University
Holy Hour & Lecture by William McGurn,
"The Prison Witness of Jimmy Lai"

The National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

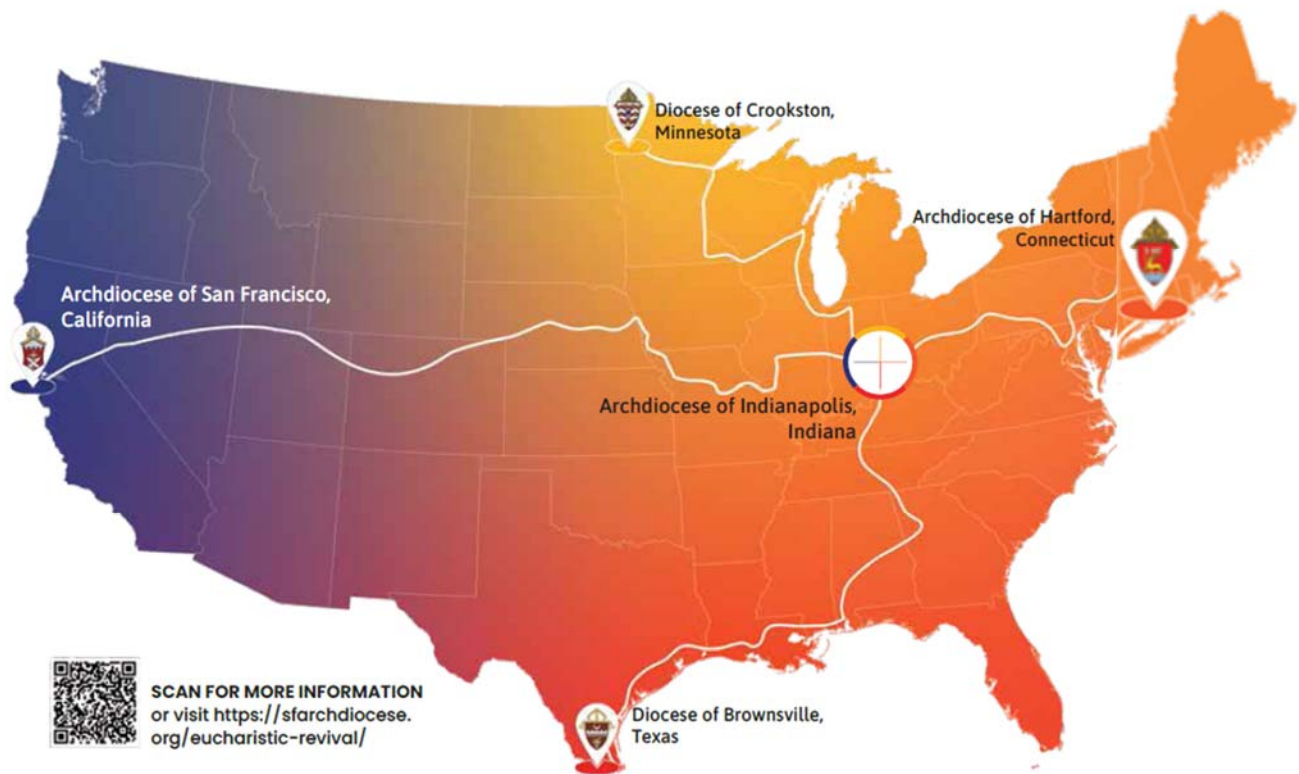
The launch from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route, May 19, 2024

The bishops of the United States have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The revival launched nationally on the feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 19, 2022. It will continue through the National

Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17-21, 2024, and Pentecost 2025. The centerpiece of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival will be the Indianapolis National Eucharistic Congress.

Leading up to the National Congress, there will be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage beginning from four points

in the United States: Archdiocese of San Francisco; Diocese of Brownsville, Texas; Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota; and the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut. Each route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin on Pentecost weekend (May 18-19, 2024) and arrive in Indianapolis on July 16. ■



SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18

6:30 p.m. Solemn Vespers
and Holy Hour

Mission Dolores Basilica
3321 16th St, San Francisco



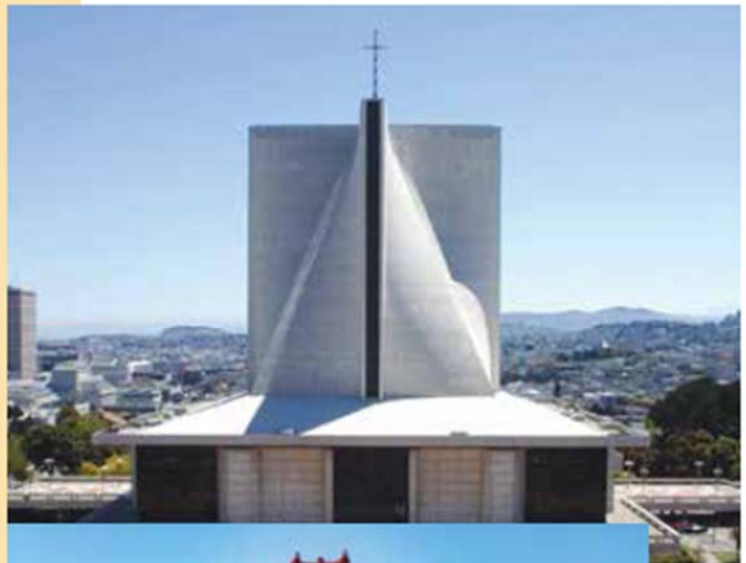
Sunday, May 19

11 a.m. Pilgrimage Kick-off Mass
with Archbishop Cordileone
St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

1 p.m. Pilgrimage begins to
the Golden Gate Bridge

3:30 p.m. Estimated time of
Golden Gate Bridge crossing

4:30 p.m. Sunday Pilgrimage
Concludes at Fort Baker (Marin side)



Monday, May 20

12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
St. Sebastian Catholic Church
373 Bon Air Rd, Kentfield, California

1:30 p.m. Eucharistic procession to
Mission San Rafael via Albert Park
151 Andersen Dr, San Rafael, California

2:45 p.m. Eucharistic procession
continues from Albert Park
to Mission San Rafael

3:15 p.m. Eucharistic Pilgrims arrive at
Mission San Rafael for
Eucharistic Adoration

5 p.m. Solemn Vespers and
Eucharistic Holy Hour
St. Raphael Catholic Church
1104 5th Avenue, San Rafael, California



*Note: Procession arrival/departure
times are approximate and
route subject to modification.*

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April 28: Respect Life Essay Contest Award Mass

The Archdiocesan Office of Human Life & Dignity will host a special Mass and awards ceremony with Archbishop Cordileone at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption at 11 a.m. to recognize the winners and honorable mention recipients of the 35th annual Respect Life Essay Contest.

May 18: Foster Care Mass

May is Foster Care Awareness

Month. As we celebrate the important role that foster parents play, all those connected to the foster care system are invited to a special Mass at St. Stephen Catholic Church at 4:30 p.m.

June 14-16: Save the Date:

Project Rachel Healing

After Abortion Retreat

The Archdiocese of San Francisco sponsors Project Rachel which helps women and men heal the pain of abortion and to find the path to peace and reconciliation. The next Women's Retreat for Healing After Abortion will take place June 14-16 at a confidential location. Bilingual in Spanish and English. Talks will be in

English. The retreat will be led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ and Father James Liebner, SVD. The retreat will include Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling.:
<https://sfarch.org/event/womens-retreat-for-healing-after-abortion-6/>

June 15: Save the Date:

Presbyteral Ordination of Deacon David Mees

Join Archbishop Cordileone for the Presbyteral Ordination of Deacon David Mees at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption at 10 a.m. on June 15.



May 18-20: Launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage Western Route

May 18: Vespers and Eucharistic Holy Hour at Mission Dolores Basilica at 6:30 p.m.

May 19: 11 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Cordileone and pilgrimage across the Golden Gate Bridge

May 20: Pilgrimage through Marin County ending at St. Raphael Church

More information: www.sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival

SAVE THE DATE

for the launch of
The National Eucharistic Revival
Pilgrimage from the West
with the St. Junipero Serra Route

MAY 19, 2024

Join Archbishop Cordileone and
the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims
For 11:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral

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Followed by a pilgrimage walk
across the Golden Gate Bridge

For More Information:
www.sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival



National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

May 18 - July 16, 2024

1 JUNIPERO SERRA ROUTE
START: Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA

2 JUAN DIEGO ROUTE
START: Diocese of Brownsville, Tx

3 MARIAN ROUTE
START: Mississippi Headwaters, Lake Itasca, MN

4 ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROUTE
START: New Haven, CT

SCAN HERE FOR MORE ON THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE ROUTES or visit www.eucharisticcongress.org/pilgrimage



WALK WITH JESUS

ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!

JOIN ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE FOR 11 A.M. MASS AT THE
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
FOLLOWED BY A PILGRIMAGE WALK WITH THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TO BEGIN THE
ST. JUNIPERO SERRA ROUTE OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE!

PENTECOST
SUNDAY
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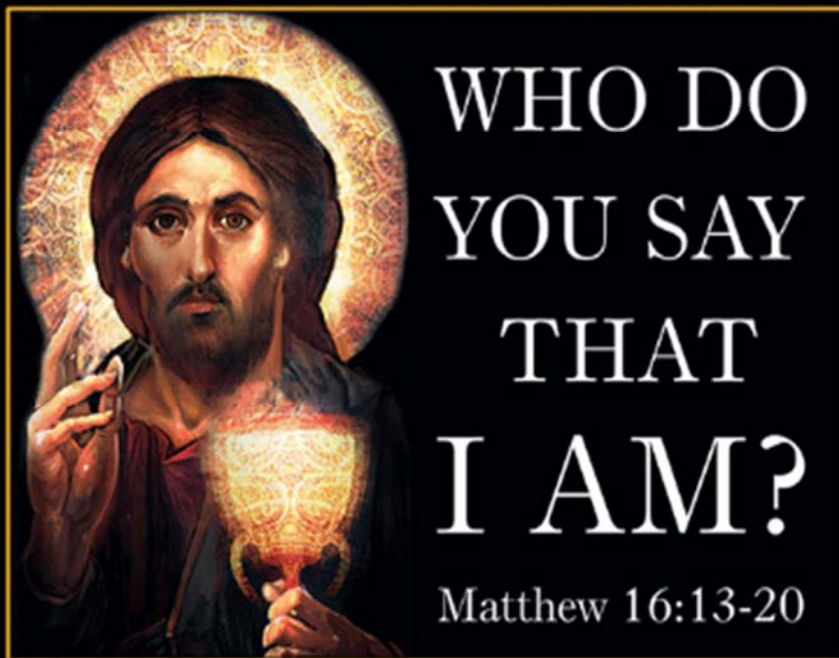


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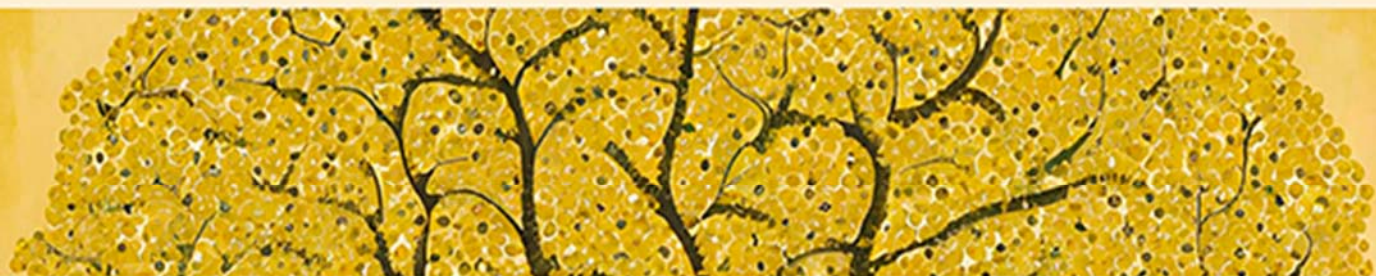
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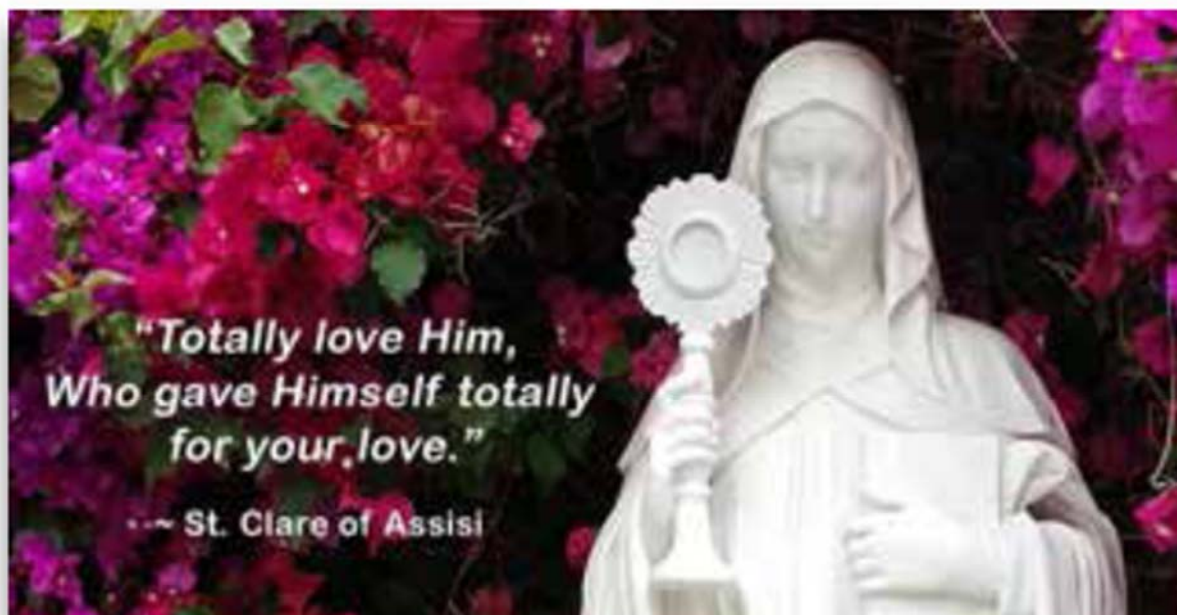
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Monday 22	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Jose Abaoag † Jordan Chavez † Francisco Villar Marcos
Tuesday 23	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Joy, Jen, & Jackie Bandelaria † Jordan Chavez SI Evelyn Bird
Wednesday 24	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Jordan Chavez SI Valente Banez
Thursday 25	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Maria Bravo † Jordan Chavez SI Mercedita Cadiz
Friday 26	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI MC Canlas † Jordan Chavez SI Sandra Cea
Saturday 27	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Dr. Beverly Lynn Bolinger † Jordan Chavez BD Patrick James Pacheco

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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sacred Heart

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St. Anne Feast Day July 26



PRAYER TO St. Anne

O GOD, You
bestowed on St.
Anne such grace
that she was found
worthy to become
the mother of
MARY, who
brought forth
Your only
begotten SON.
Grant that we may
be helped by her
intercession.
Amen.

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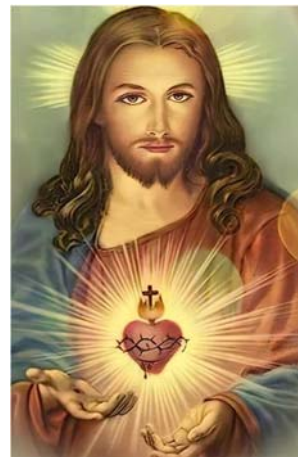
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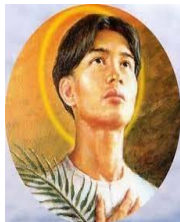
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