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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / Confessions: **Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church**

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 11:30am

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 | Psalm - 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29 | Reading 1 John 3:1-2 | Gospel - John 10:11-18
Primera Lectura - Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 | Salmo - 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29 | Segunda Lectura - 1 Juan 3:1-2 | Evangelio - Juan 10:11-18

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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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Acts (Hechos) 9:26-31**

Psalm/Salmo: **22(21):26-27,28,30,31-32**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **1 John (1 Juan) 15:4a,5b**

Gospel/Evangelio: **John (Juan) 15:1-8**

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old son, and I could tell he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. "That's James! I know him! He's in my class!" he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone he *knew*, and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today's readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that, like a good shepherd, he knows his flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but he willingly chose to lay down his life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with him. If we stay close to the Lord, we'll know his voice when we hear it - in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my son recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized - without being able to articulate it - this need, in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: "I know him, and he knows me!" But he didn't leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us - not just to know us, to simply recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts.

PRAY Spending time in prayer and reading the Scriptures are essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, like a good shepherd speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.

Life of Stewardship

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward - do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ's - even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the Sacraments and begin again. - *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Parish News

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund Collection

This week our special collection will be for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. Our Diocesan Priests have given their lives shepherding our communities, and we pray that they are adequately cared for in this next chapter of their lives.

Coinciding with this weekend's Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to consider giving generously to this collection that will directly support our priests who are in their retirement years. Envelopes are provided in this week's bulletin.

St. Pedro Calungsod Feast Day - April 21st

Together with the parishes in our West Hawaii Vicariate, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Pedro Calungsod on Sunday, April 21st at our 4pm Mass. A Pot Luck Dinner will follow in the Grace Parish Center. St. Pedro Calungsod, a student, catechist, young migrant, missionary, faithful friend and martyr is the Patron Saint for Altar Servers and Youth. For more information, contact Deacon Craig, Romana or Julie through the Parish office.

Men of Faith - Speaker Jeremy Rivera

The St. Michael's Men of Faith ministry invites men of all ages to join us weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 PM following Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5pm. Together, we seek to grow closer to Christ and His Church. On Wednesday, April 24th, acclaimed guest speaker **Jeremy Rivera** will join the meeting in the **Grace Parish Center** and will present

"Fishers of Men", a presentation on Men's Spiritual Journey in Faith. There will be a **potluck dinner** at **5:30** and Jeremy will speak at 6pm. Please contact Deacon Craig Camello or John Czajkowski for more information.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group

Couples are invited to attend a World Wide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group on **Sunday, April 28, 2024** from 2:30 to 4:30pm at St Joseph Catholic Church in Hilo. **Contact WWMEBigIsland@gmail.com or 808.478.6071 for more information.**

Immigration Ministry Seminar

The next Immigration Ministry Seminar will be held on **Sunday, April 28th at 12:30pm** in the Grace Parish Center. Attorney Evita will discuss federal immigration laws in an informational one-hour seminar. If you, or someone you know from any country in the world, are here in the USA without legal status and are not sure where to begin the process to become legal, this is a must attend. All immigration questions will be answered.

Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on **May 11, 2024**. Runners start at 6:45am and walkers start at 7:30am. We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for Team Catholic Charities. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the weekend Masses on April 20/21, April 27/28, and May 4/5 for more information or to donate.** You may also drop off your donation at the Parish Office.

The annual event features a morning of delicious food, fun, fabulous entertainment, and a little exercise to help non-profit community organizations like Catholic Charities.

Young Adult Group

Beginning May 16th, young adults (**ages 21-35**) are invited to gather at Grace Parish Center on **Thursdays from 6-7pm**. The first series will include reading through *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Fr. Jacques Phillippe. No prior reading is required and books will be provided. Please email Cole or Juliann Hamblin with any questions at stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org.

Faith Formation

Grades K-5

Faith Formation classes for Grades K-5 continue each Sunday until May 5th. Congratulations to all who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 13. - *Margaret Essex, Catechist*

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Judy, Wynn, Gwen, and I would like to thank our Parents and Youth for the opportunity to serve. Parents and Sponsors, keep up the good work of guiding your children

Stewardship of Treasure

Apr 8th - 14th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,770.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 12,153.25
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 10,170.20

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$4,996,832.88** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in 'Ohana in Christ to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

on their Faith Journey and encouraging their relationship with the Lord. There are so many resources available online, contact me for digital links. Text 808-895-7015 or email efujimoto@rcchawaii.org. Keep watch for any upcoming retreats or fun days during the summer.

- *Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The OCIA class will meet for mystagogy every Sunday after the 9am Mass until Sunday, May 19th.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You have a special hour of adoration waiting for you . . . **Wednesdays from 7:30am to 5pm.** Come and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family

would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me - and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby - blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

- *Father John Muir, ©LPi*

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.

- *Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

Everyday Stewardship - Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to

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problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back - "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - *The Good Shepherd and the Wolf*

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs - real or imagined - that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation - not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

"I will lay down my life for the sheep."
- John 10:11

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

- 4pm - Carolina Elle, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7am - Tony Silva and Frank Silva, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Oskar Richter, 1st Anniversary of Death
- 1:30pm - Mike & Mary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Victor Gazzilli, Rest in Peace

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

- 7am - Dom Chan, 74th Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Ellen Whitman, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

- 7am - John Moses, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Maria de Jesus Arriaga Servin, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

- 7am - Albert Peloquin, Ruth Peloquin, Roy Peloquin, Surang Bunrasi, Elna Juffer, Fr. Praphon Chalcharoen, Gerald Juffer, Fr. Daniel Clark, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Muyces Manarpaac, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

- 7am - Sara Mammadova, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Mary Peralta, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 7am - Pepe Bourchard, deceased, Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, **please call well in advance of the date to secure it.**

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am** at **Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

No One Forces Him

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 4:8-12 - The stone that has become the cornerstone
- ▶ 1 John 3:1-2 - The children of God
- ▶ John 10:11-18 - The Good Shepherd

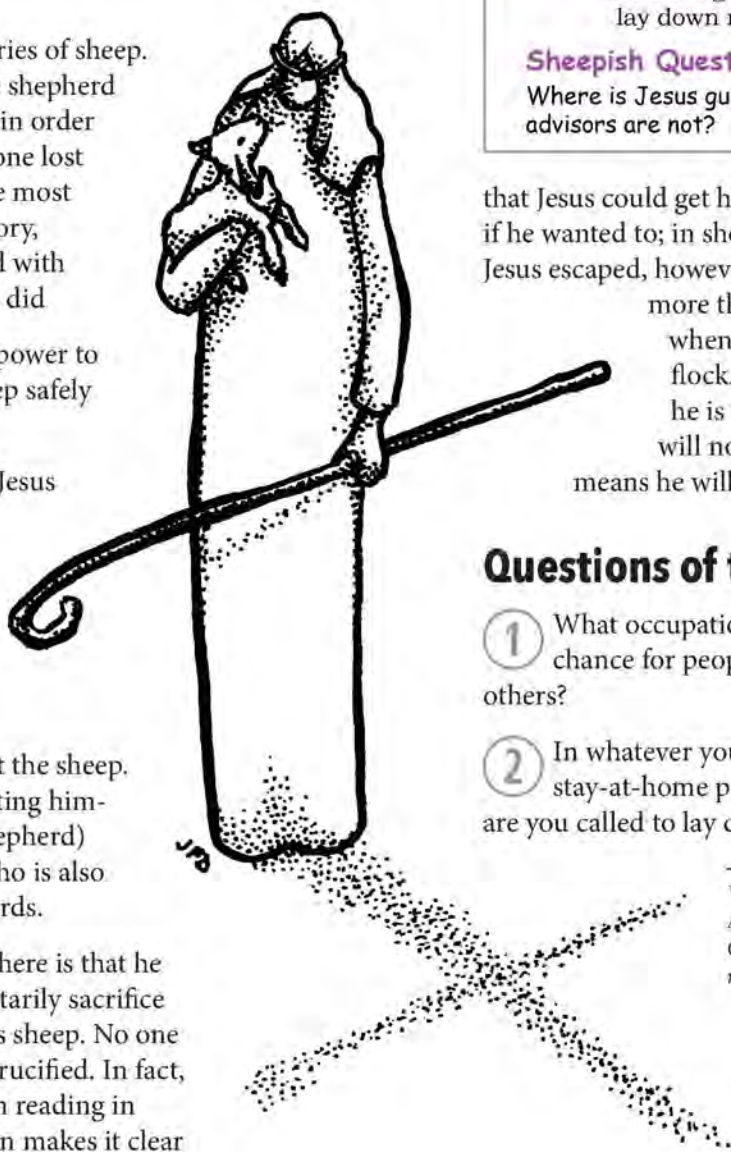
In Jesus' time and culture, raising sheep was such a common vocation that it was easy for Jesus' listeners to identify with metaphors about sheep, flocks, and shepherds. Many stories, parables, psalms, and commandments in the Old Testament revolved around sheep and shepherds. You might think here of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..."

Jesus also told stories of sheep. The parable of the shepherd who left 99 sheep in order to search out the one lost sheep is one of the most famous. In that story, Jesus equated God with the shepherd who did

everything in his power to bring the lost sheep safely home.

In today's gospel, Jesus is even more direct. He identifies himself as the ultimate good shepherd who is willing to die in order to protect the sheep. He is clearly equating himself (the Good Shepherd) with the Father who is also the best of shepherds.

Jesus' main point here is that he is willing to voluntarily sacrifice his own life for his sheep. No one forces him to be crucified. In fact, during the Passion reading in John's Gospel, John makes it clear



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"I am the good shepherd and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

Sheepish Question:
Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?

that Jesus could get himself out of his predicament if he wanted to; in short, he does not have to die. If Jesus escaped, however, he would be like nothing more than a hired hand who runs away when he sees a wolf coming for the flock. Jesus tells us ahead of time that he is willing to stand fast, and that he will not abandon his sheep, even if it means he will die for them.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What occupations in today's world offer the chance for people to lay down their lives for others?
- 2 In whatever your life situation is (paid work, a stay-at-home parent, a retired person, etc) how are you called to lay down your life for others?

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Shepherd

God the Father,
you are our shepherd,
who offer us green pastures,
and life-giving water.
Through love and kindness,
you lead your flock
to a restful place.
With your tender touch,
you cast away our fears.
There is nothing we want
but to remain by your side.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday, April 21, 2024
The Good Shepherd



Today's readings: Acts 4:8–12; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18. When you see the Good Shepherd depicted in art, do you see yourself as the lamb? Do you see yourself as one to be protected, guided, and comforted? Or do you think the lamb reflects only a child? Imagining yourself as the lamb will provide insight into who God is for you. “I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me,” Jesus says. This portrayal reveals the intimacy of our relationship with God. God knows us and has given us the capacity to know him.

The shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The Good Shepherd has already done this for us,

dying on the cross so that we may have eternal life. A hired hand, however, does not have this connection to the sheep; he would not sacrifice his life for the flock. This man “sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away.”

Our Shepherd is with us—in our loneliness and sorrow as well as in our joy. Spend a few minutes in quiet, imagining yourself with the Good Shepherd in a green pasture. Let him hear not only your voice but your deepest desires. Seek to expand your quiet prayer time this week so that you might hear the Good Shepherd’s voice. Remember your relationship with the Good Shepherd grows as you make space for him in your life.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 22

In Silence

“The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.” The Gospel of John portrays the Lord as intimately connected to his followers. They know his voice, and he has come so that “they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Only by pausing our busy lives can we hear God’s voice. Consider where you might have even a few minutes in a day to listen to God. *Today’s readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.*

Tuesday, April 23

Listen

In today’s Gospel, we hear that people continue to badger Jesus to prove he is indeed the Son of God. “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly,” they say. These people are among those who do not recognize the shepherd’s voice. Once the sheep are in the flock, Jesus says, “No one can take them [sheep] out of the Father’s hands. The Father and I are one.” In coming chapters of the Gospel of John, we will hear Jesus yearn for that same unity with humankind. *Today’s readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, April 24

Obedying the Spirit

Today’s account from Acts shows Barnabas and Saul sailing to Cyprus to spread the Good News. They wasted no time in responding to the Holy Spirit, who told the community, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” How does your community help people discern their gifts and their mission in the Church? Is there anyone you can meet with in your parish to help you discern your calling to serve the Church and the world? *Today’s readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark

On the Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist, we hear in the Gospel, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” St. Mark is believed to be the disciple referred to in Acts as “John who is called Mark” (12:25). He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem, who opened her home to the disciples. It is believed that he met Peter, Paul, and other disciples in his mother’s home and then joined them in evangelizing. *Today’s readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

Friday, April 26

Always Loving

With Thomas voicing confusion, Jesus lovingly replies, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Thomas had followed Jesus for years and still questioned where the Lord was leading the disciples. Believers live with questions. Whether your faith is new or lifelong, you may at times be unsure of the spiritual path you are to follow. Jesus offers assurance that he is not only the way but the truth and the life. *Today’s readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, April 27

In Silence

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us,” Philip tells Jesus. There is a Philip in all of us, looking for reassurance of the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes we ask God for a sign to calm our fears. Jesus directs Philip and us to look not only to his words but his works. Where do you see the work of God in your community? Is there someone who needs reassurance that God is present during struggles? *Today’s readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*



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PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group - 5/16 6:00-7:00pm

FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- OCIA Mystagogy After 9am Mass
(Apr 14-May 19)
- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:20-11:20am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm
(See the Faith Formation section of bulletin for class dates)

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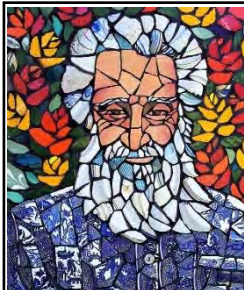
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