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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.

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WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

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

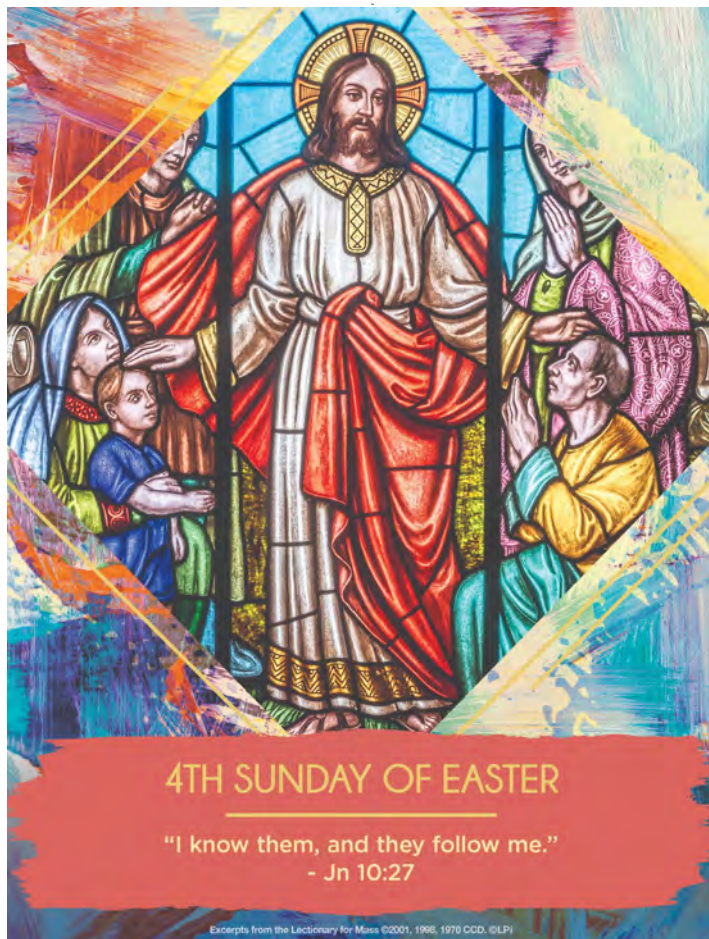
WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 12 noon

Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - **Acts 13:14,43-52** | Psalm - **100:2,3,5** | Reading II - **Revelation 7:9,14b-17** | Gospel - **John 10:27-30**
Primera Lectura - **Hechos 13:14,43-52** | Salmo - **99:2,3,5** | Segunda Lectura - **Apocalipsis 7:9,14-17** | Evangelio - **Juan 10:27-30**



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I know them, and they follow me."
- Jn 10:27

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27**

Primera Lectura: **Hechos de los Apóstoles 14:21-27**

Psalm/Salmo: **145(144):8-9,10-11,12-13**

2nd Reading: **Revelation (Apocalipsis) 21:1-5**

Gospel/Evangelio: **John (Juan) 13:31-33,34-35**

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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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.

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.



May 11, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

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

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus’ sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ’s flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world’s fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd’s voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today’s second reading, however, St. John’s vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: “For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.” In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father’s will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd’s attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep’s attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

Life of Stewardship

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that “the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What’s more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom - to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The “results” of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God’s stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward’s life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

Parish News

Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund Special Collection

Today, our Special Collection will be for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. This is a different collection from the *Religious* Retirement Fund that is done each December. Considering the beautiful connection with Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to give generously to this collection that will directly support our priests who are in their retirement years. They have given their lives shepherding our communities, and we pray that they are adequately cared for in this next chapter of their lives. Envelopes are included in the bulletin.

ASAP (Assistance and Support After Pregnancy)

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Baby Bottles after each mass this weekend for an ASAP fundraiser. Please assist by putting your daily change in the bottle. The bottles will be collected on Fathers Day June 18th. All of the monies collected will go to support mothers & children in need. If you prefer, **please make checks out to St. Michael's Church or the Knights of Columbus and note for ASAP.**

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Please join fellow parishioners for Mother's Day, May 11th, after the 7am and 9am masses for a delicious breakfast and warm fellowship in the Grace Parish Center. The \$5 per per-

son (mothers and children are free) menu items include pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice, water and Kona coffee.

Neocatechumenal Way Catechesis

What is the Mission of the Church? The answer to this question has already been given to us by the One who founded his Church, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Gospels he told his disciples that they are to be “*the salt of the earth*”; “*the light of the world*” and to be “*like leaven*”. The experience of human life is such a wondrous mystery experienced by every human being, yet we are all faced with great problems and crises that make us question the meaning of life. Saint John Paul II said there are two questions we must all ask ourselves which will help us face life: The first of these is “*Who is God for you?*” and the second is “*Who am I and what am I living for?*” The answer to these questions will lead us, not to an ideology or to some philosophical or theological answer, but on a journey of faith, a meeting, a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Neocatechumenal Way catechesis starting May 10 in the Grace Parish Center. Meetings start at 6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until June 28. For more information, please contact Jonathan at stengerjp@hotmail.com.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus chose the desert as a place to pray in solitude. He fought temptation, the temptations of the devil himself. He taught us how to be victorious over temptation. We must desire victory over it. Call upon the Lord to help you fight temptation. Often, we crowd out the opportunity to be victorious for Christ. We allow “My schedule”, “My time”, “My life” to come before the voice of Christ which says, “Come to Me”. When we permit this, temptation wins. Think about it! Try to pray as St. Augustine prayed, “*God, give me the grace to triumph over my enemy, temptation.*” You have a special hour of adoration waiting for you . . . **Wednesdays from 7:30am to 5pm.** Call the office to claim your victory!

Spiritual Book Club

Our next Spiritual Book Club meeting is on Thursday, May 15 at 4pm in the Grace Parish Center. Meetings are available via Zoom. Call the Parish Office for more info.

Baptism Class

Our next Baptism class will be held on Saturday, May 24 at 9am in the Parish Office Conference room. All parents and godparents are required to attend. Please email baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org to register.

Grief Recovery Method Program

The Grief Recovery Method program provides a safe environment for you to look at your old beliefs about coping with loss, which losses continue to affect your life, and take effective actions that will lead you to complete unresolved emotions that may still be causing you pain. This is an “action-based” program, involves reading and writing assignments outlined in *The Grief Recovery Handbook, 20th Anniversary Expanded Edition*. This program is not a drop in group, and registered participants meet for 8 weekly

Stewardship of Treasure

April 28th - May 5th, 2025

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 5,158.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 14,126.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 29,293.00

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,965,035.19** 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 APRIL 2025

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

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.

sessions. There is **no cost for this program**, but it does require a firm commitment and attendance at all sessions for success in learning to recover from unresolved grief.

The 8-week program will be held **Wednesdays, June 4 - July 23, 2025**, from **10 am - 12 noon** at St. Michael's. To register, contact **Suzanne Zaw**, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, at (808)339-7980.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Classes

Have a great summer! Please check the weekly bulletin for updates on next year's schedule. *-Margaret Essex, Cathecist*

- Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister

Encounter . . . Summer Bible Camp

We are excited to present our first ever Bible Camp for youth entering grades 6-12. Register now as space is limited! Join us for Bible Camp from 8am - 4pm on July 14 through July 18 in the Grace Parish Center. Registration forms are available in the kiosks. There is no cost to attend.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried - how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine

silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul. *- Father John Muir, ©LPI*

Treasures from Our Tradition

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the Bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the Church of their Baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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Everyday Stewardship - Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on

YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Coffee with the Priests 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
- Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm
- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00pm

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00pm

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 3:00pm
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

Baptism

Baptism Classes are held monthly as needed. Parents and Godparents must attend class. To register, please email baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org

Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation.

anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep - at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - We Don't Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all - I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you do know, but that's another therapy provoking conversation we can have when they are older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him. Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me?" But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

- Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, LPI



SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

4pm - Laura Sampang, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7am - Sam & Shirlen Haanio, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - JP Urgino, Rest in Peace

MONDAY, MAY 12TH

- 7am - Thomas Nescall, Anniversary of Death
- 5pm - Repose of the Soul of Charles Perez

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

- 7am - David Torres, deceased, Birthday Remembrance & 1st Anniversary of Death
- 5pm - Robert Sanborn, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

- 7am - Angel Garcia, Rest in Peace

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH

- 7am - William Shenk & Patricia Kissel Shenk, Special Intention
- 5pm - Charles Perez, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH

- 7am - Wayne Essex and John McMullen, May they Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Maria Jaramillo, Anniversary of Death, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

- 7am - Fr. Eli Escanilla, Rest in Peace

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

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.



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We Can Know His Voice

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Acts 13:14, 43-52 - Paul's and Barnabas' address to the gentiles
- Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 - Rejoicing of the elect of every nation
- John 10:27-30 - The Good Shepherd

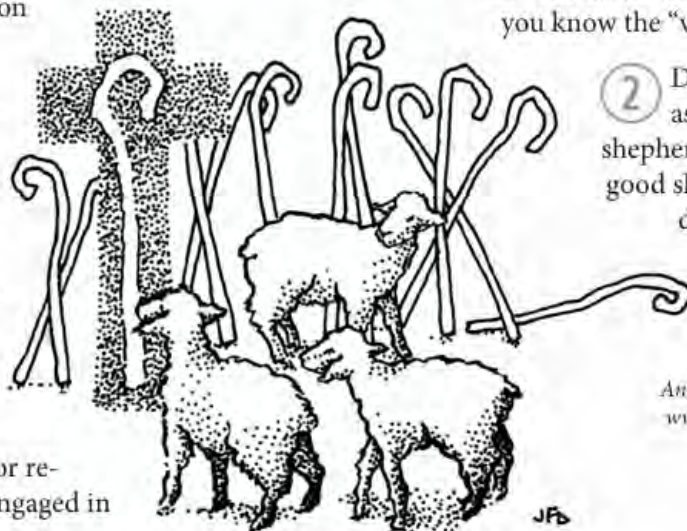
Today's Gospel reading emphasizes that Jesus is the ultimate good shepherd. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." We might wonder how we can recognize Jesus' voice as humans living in the 21st century, not sheep following a shepherd in the first century. It begins by trusting that the shepherd wants what is best for the sheep. Do we believe that God wants what is best for us? Because he does.

Jesus also said, "I have come that they may have life in abundance." God wants us to have joy, freedom, fulfillment, and love, not deprivation, emptiness, and loneliness. If we have internalized the latter message, we have been tricked into following a shepherd who is not interested in our care and protection. In that case, the first step is to ask God for a greater trust that he wants us to have life in its fullness, here and now, not just after we die.

When we believe that Jesus loves us enough to have our very best interests at heart, we can practice listening for invitations that bring us more energy, excitement, joy, and peace. Maybe a new job offer is particularly invigorating—that is probably Jesus' voice calling us to follow.

Perhaps an invitation from a friend or acquaintance leads us to a sense of greater joy or contentment than what we are currently spending our time on. That could be the voice of Jesus calling us to follow.

Maybe an activity or relationship we are engaged in



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"My sheep hear my voice; I know them. No one can take them out of my hand."

Sheepish Question:

How could I come to know the Good Shepherd as well as he knows me?

is contributing to depression, anxiety, self-hatred, or substance abuse. In that case, the thought of ending that activity or relationship may give us a glimpse of freedom and relief. If that is the case, perhaps it is the voice of Jesus calling us to leave that behind us. There are many ways Jesus can call to us. If we listen for and follow the invitations that lead to greater life, then we can trust we are following Jesus' voice.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you have followed an invitation that you felt was from Jesus. How did you know the "voice" was from God?
- 2 Describe a time when you went astray by following another shepherd who didn't care for you as a good shepherd cares for his sheep. How did you realize you were astray? How did you find your way back to God's path?

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Instruments of Salvation

God our Light,
your kindness endures forever.
You know us
and grant us eternal life.
Help us remain faithful to you.
When our sights waver
from being set on you,
guide us back

to serve you with gladness.
When we are persecuted,
help us respond as instruments
of salvation:
give us strength to shake the dust
from our feet
and continue spreading your Word.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Shake the Dust from Your Feet



Today's readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30. Today, we hear that Paul and Barnabas reach Antioch. They proclaimed the Word of the Lord and exhorted many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism “to remain faithful to the grace of God.” A week later, the city gathers to hear the word of the Lord. Upon seeing the massive crowds gathered to listen to Paul and Barnabas, the Jews are “filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.”

But Paul and Barnabas continue to speak out boldly. They turn to the Gentiles, who are delighted to know that they, too, are worthy of eternal life. The Jews continue to

persecute Paul and Barnabas “and expelled them from their territory.” Paul and Barnabas shake the dust from their feet and resume their journey: filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, their mission to take the word of the Lord to the ends of the earth continues.

Paul and Barnabas teach an important lesson: despite being persecuted, they remain faithful to their call to share the new life that can be found in Christ’s resurrection. They are filled with the Spirit and, thus, are strengthened to continue their mission. Where do you get your strength when you are feeling discouraged? How can you embrace the resurrection of our Lord and share that Good News with others?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 12 **Athirst Is My Soul**

We yearn to be in relationship with God. In today's responsorial psalm, words are put to our desire: "As the hind longs for the running waters, / so my soul longs for you, O God. / Athirst is my soul for God." As you enter this week, consider how you search for God in your day-to-day life. When and how shall you go and behold the face of God? When the shepherd calls you by name and leads you, how do you respond? *Today's readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3, 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.*

Tuesday, May 13 **Our Lady of Fatima**

On the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, we remember that the Virgin Mary appeared to three impoverished shepherd children in Portugal in 1917, toward the end of the First World War. She asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and for the end to the war. She appeared several other times, calling for penitence and prayers for peace. Today, pray the Rosary and say a prayer for peace in our world. *Today's readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, May 14 **Feast of St. Matthias**

After the ascension of Jesus, the first act of the apostles was to replace Judas as one of the twelve. Two men were suggested, and after praying about it in community, Matthias was chosen (Acts 1:21–26). Much like the other apostles (and like us, too), Matthias was chosen for what he would become as a follower of Christ. How can you enter into being a witness to the resurrection of the Lord? How has your community invited you to embrace your God-given gifts? *Today's readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm; John 15:9–17.*

Thursday, May 15 **St. Isidore the Farmer**

When St. Isidore was young, he was destined to work on a wealthy landowner's farm. He was known to pray before and while he worked. To celebrate his feast today, say a prayer on your way to work: pray in gratitude for those who work on farms and cultivate the crops required to sustain us. Consider starting a new habit of praying before work every day, just as St. Isidore did. *Today's readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

Friday, May 16 **The Way, the Truth, the Life**

Jesus tells the disciples that he is "the way and the truth and the life." Look for opportunities for Eucharistic adoration at a parish near you. Commit to praying before the Eucharist at least once in the coming week. While you are at Eucharistic adoration, look back on this Easter season. How have you responded to the joy of the resurrection? Say a prayer reflecting on the ways you and the resurrected Lord have encountered one another. *Today's readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, May 17 **Doing the Lord's Work**

Jesus says that whoever believes in him will do the works that he does. How have you dedicated yourself to healing and serving others this Easter season? Do you realize your baptismal call is to continue the Lord's work in the world? When you have fallen short on healing and serving others during Easter Time, make a commitment to visit the infirmed, the elderly, or someone who is homebound next week. *Today's readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*

REV. KONELIO FALETOI
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