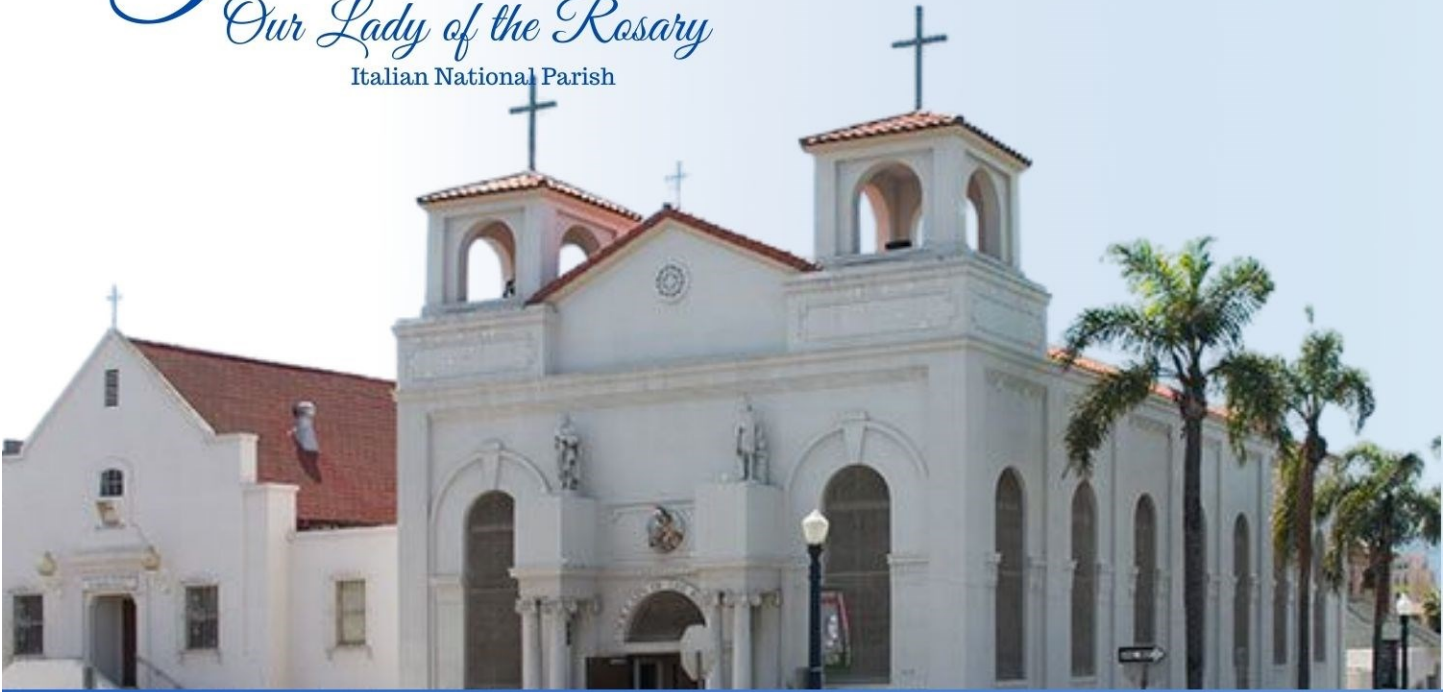


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Good Shepherd Sunday

The Good Shepherd

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

Becoming Good Sheep

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.





Mission Statement of Our Lady of the Rosary

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, are a pilgrim church. Under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we grow as a people of God following Jesus, celebrating the Eucharist, living apostolic service, continuing faith formation and Marian devotions.

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Masses

Monday to Saturday
7:30 am (live streamed)
& 12:00 pm

Sunday
7:30 am*, 9:00 am,
10:30 am* 12:00 pm
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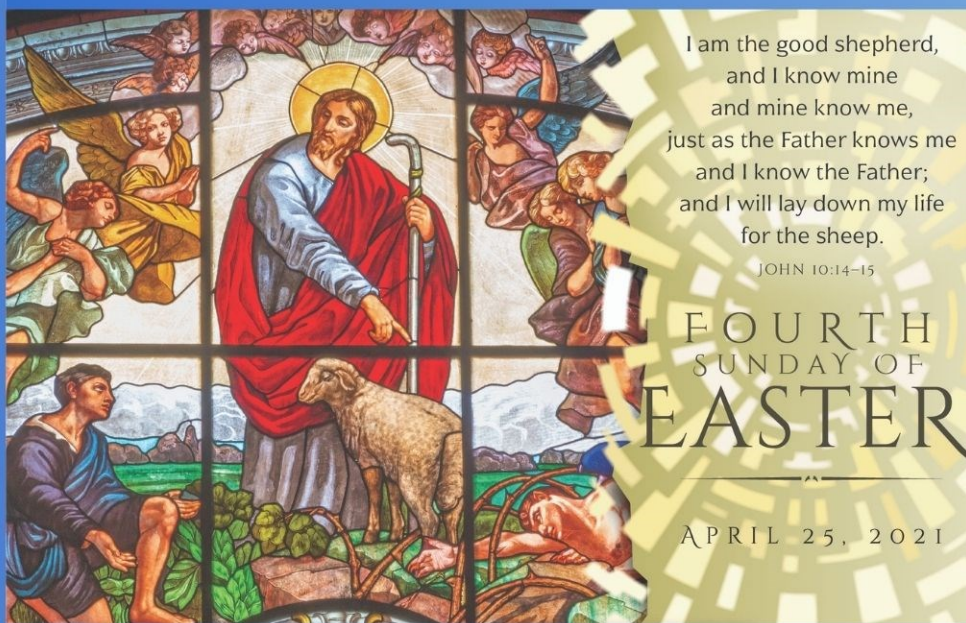
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St. Catherine of Siena

Dominican theologian who had great influence in the Church in the 14th century; patroness of fire prevention and of those ridiculed for their faith

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April 29



Hours:
9:00 am to 11:00 am &
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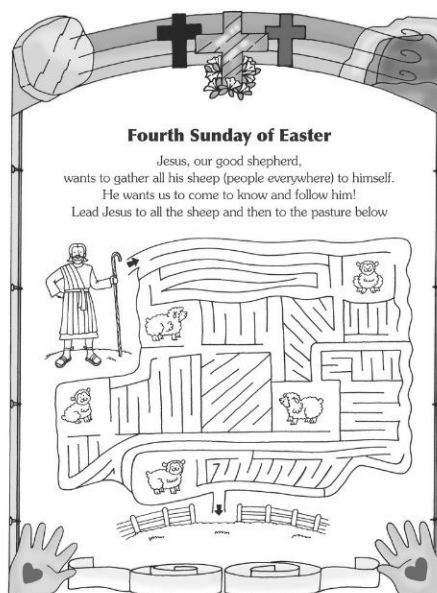
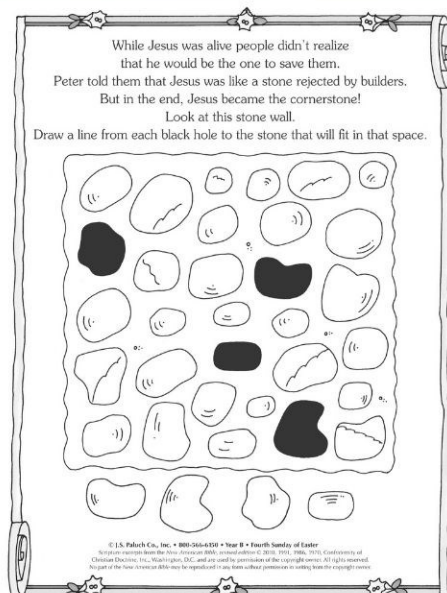
CONFESSION

SCHEDULE UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTED



Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
11:00 am to 11:30 am

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 25 - May 2

Sunday, April 25: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 291 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 26: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 30: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday, May 2: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Loved Ones Who Have Gone Home



Frances Sardina
Helen Valatka
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Cindy Staples
Margherita Battaglia
Vince Giacalone

Penelope Madrid
Grace D'Acquisto
Agatha Principato
Tomaso Maggiore
Hector Benavides
Bill Smirniotis



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



Mass Intentions

WEEK OF APRIL 25 - MAY 1

Sunday, April 25

7:30 am Rose Nagel † Cousins, Rose & Anna
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Ignazio Sanfilippo † Giuseppe Family
12:00 pm Dale Pearson † Shirley Pearson

Monday, April 26

7:30 am Most Abandoned Souls † Stephen Beuerle
12:00 pm Katie Asaro † Andrew

Tuesday, April 27

7:30 am Felix G. Barahona † Lyli Barahona
12:00 pm Tony & Grace D'Acquisto † Leslie D'Acquisto

Wednesday, April 28

7:30 am Ageed & Amira Manni † Amira's Sisters
12:00 pm Sandy Lewis † Vito & Lena Ingrande

Thursday, April 29

7:30 am Susan R. Toland † Elena
12:00 pm Adele Patricola † Andrew

Friday, April 30

7:30 am Frances Sardina † Larry & Susan Zuanich
12:00 pm John Ku † Smith Family

Saturday, May 1

7:30 am Perpetual Membership
12:00 pm Prof. Vicente Rey † Donnah Locsin
5:30 pm Josephine Pecoraro † Jack & Chandra Pecoraro

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 28: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

April 29: St. Catherine of Siena

April 30: St. Pius V; National Arbor Day

May 1: St. Joseph the Worker;
First Saturday





Francesco Aiello



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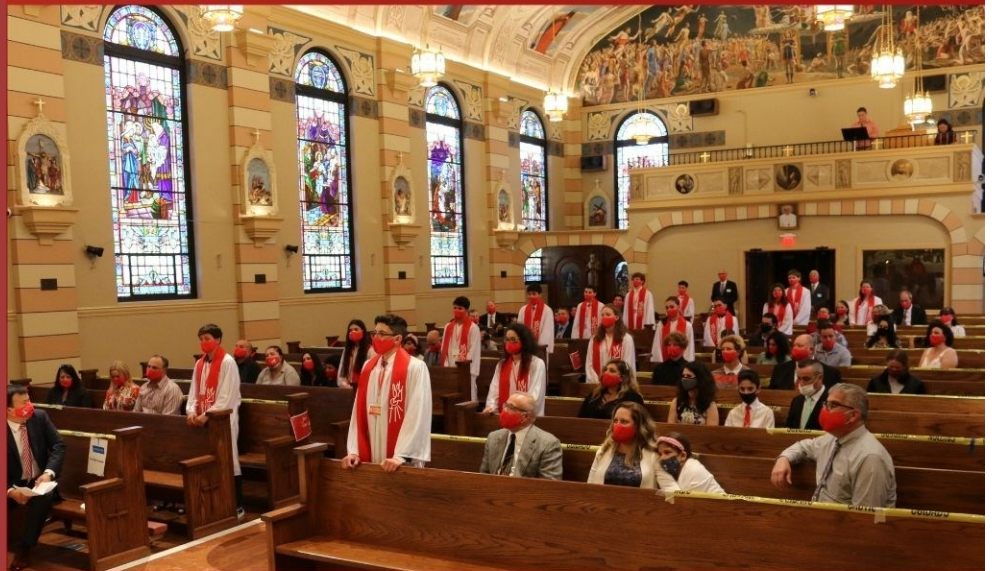
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Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are, according to Catholic Tradition, heroic character traits that Jesus Christ alone possesses in their plenitude but that he freely shares with the members of his mystical body (i.e., his Church). These traits are infused into every Christian as a permanent endowment at his baptism, nurtured by the practice of the seven virtues, and sealed in the sacrament of confirmation. They are also known as the sanctifying gifts of the Spirit, because they serve the purpose of rendering their recipients docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their lives, helping them to grow in holiness and making them fit for heaven.

The nature of the seven gifts has been debated by theologians since the mid-second century, but the standard interpretation has been the one that St. Thomas Aquinas worked out in the thirteenth century in his *Summa Theologiae*:

Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth (I/I.1.6; I/II.69.3; II/II.8.6; II/II.45.1–5).

Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see” God (I/I.12.5; I/II.69.2; II/II.8.1–3).

Counsel allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation (II/II.52.1).

Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life (I/II.61.3; II/II.123.2; II/II.139.1).

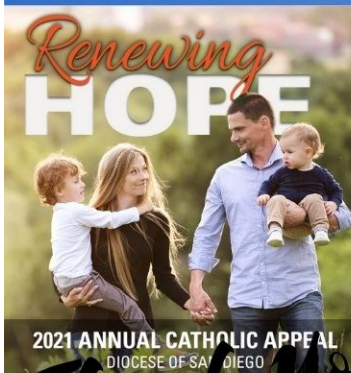
Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice (II/II.9.3).

Piety is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety (I/II.68.4; II/II.121.1).

Fear of God is, in this context, “filial” or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to “servile” fear, whereby we fear punishment (I/II.67.4; II/II.19.9).

These gifts, according to Aquinas, are “habits,” “instincts,” or “dispositions” provided by God as supernatural helps to man in the process of his “perfection.” They enable man to transcend the limitations of human reason and human nature and participate in the very life of God, as Christ promised (John 14:23). Aquinas insisted that they are necessary for man’s salvation, which he cannot achieve on his own. They serve to “perfect” the four cardinal or moral virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance) and the three theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity). The virtue of charity is the key that unlocks the potential power of the seven gifts, which can (and will) lie dormant in the soul after baptism unless so acted upon.

Because “grace builds upon nature” (ST I/I.2.3), the seven gifts work synergistically with the seven virtues and also with the twelve fruits of the Spirit and the eight beatitudes. The emergence of the gifts is fostered by the practice of the virtues, which in turn are perfected by the exercise of the gifts. The proper exercise of the gifts, in turn, produce the fruits of the Spirit in the life of the Christian: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (Gal. 5:22–23). The goal of this cooperation among virtues, gifts, and fruits is the attainment of the eight-fold state of beatitude described by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:3–10). Frank X. Blisard, Catholic Answers



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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.

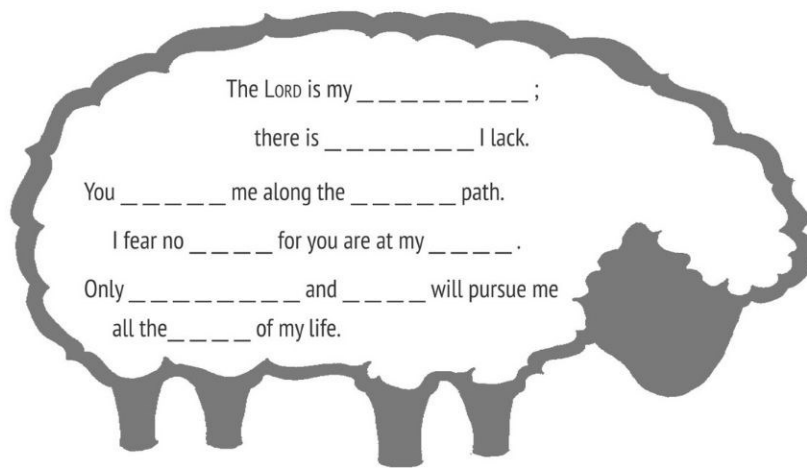
Inside this sheep are some verses from Psalm 23 (23:1, 3b, 4b, 6ab).

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.



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4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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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V. Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia:

R. For He Whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,

V. Has risen as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

All - Let us pray. O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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