

# PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

May 12, 2019

The mercy of the Lord  
fills the earth!



Saturday, May 11	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 12	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, May 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 18	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:14:21-27: Building the early church amid hardships**

**Rev:21:1-5a: The great vision of a renewed earth**

**John:13:31-33a, 34-35: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another"**

### Comments on the Reading

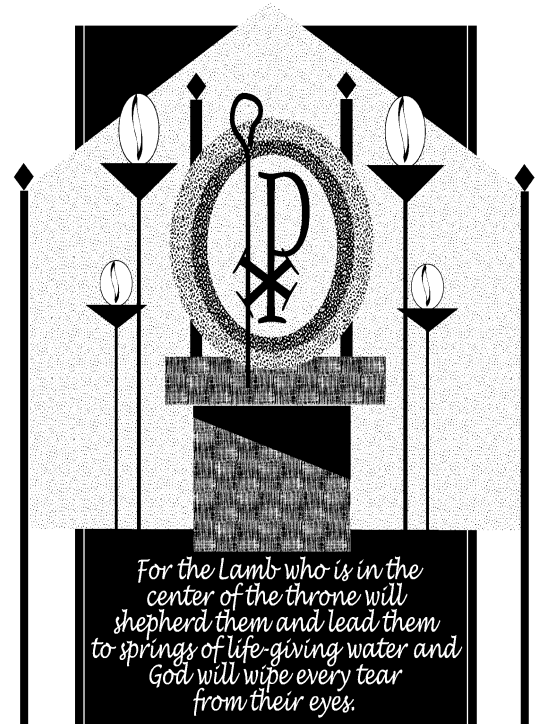
Today's readings speak of moral and physical courage. They refuse to sentimentalize shepherds and their work. Jesus' discourse on worthy and worthwhile leadership takes up half of the tenth chapter of this Gospel. Jesus speaks at great length about the vigilance and sacrifice of a strong and worthy shepherd. He refers to himself as a shepherd, who possesses the self-giving generosity that is typical of the weathered, experienced shepherd of Palestine. But today's brief Gospel offers us a mere three verses, and they are about us. Three verses are all we need.

Jesus is talking to intractable enemies, who refuse to hear, much less follow. He has been in this argument before, first with those who refuse to see (John 9), and now with those who refuse to hear. Jesus reminds them that he is one with the Father, and those who heed and follow will possess eternal life. The first two readings shed light on us followers. The first reading presents a struggle, not unlike the struggle Jesus experienced. As with the Shepherd, so with the sheep. Paul and Barnabas are beset by the jealousy of some Jews who wonder aloud about the Gentiles. These outsiders turn out in droves to hear the two missionaries. The few but vocal adversaries find the Gentiles unworthy of salvation, outside the circle.

Now, Paul was familiar with Isaiah's words about a suffering servant whom God would make "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But the marvelous insights of this kind never made it to the heart of the Hebrew Scriptures. The intimation of universal salvation took a long time to take center stage in the life of Israel. But now in Paul's time, universal salvation was an idea whose time had finally come. It took Paul to see it and then act on it.

It also took the undeniable, open-hearted hunger of the Gentiles to convince Paul that God's salvation was universal. So, Paul says in the first reading, "we now turn to the Gentiles."

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For the Lamb who is in the  
center of the throne will  
shepherd them and lead them  
to springs of life-giving water and  
God will wipe every tear  
from their eyes.

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Lord,  
Bless our Mothers!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS AT REGINA PACIS

**CONVENT:** The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent will remember our Parish during the week of **May 19<sup>th</sup> thru May 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have a special intention that you would like the Sisters to pray for, please phone (808) 737-5822, or email at [reginasscc@cs.com](mailto:reginasscc@cs.com) or Mail your prayer request to Regina Pacis Community 1120 fifth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816-5828. As Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, their chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer.

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2019:** The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy is organizing a 3-day conference to be held at the Hawaii Convention Center on **May 24-26, 2019**. The conference them - "Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima" will focus on the connection of Divine Mercy to the messages given by our Lady of Fatima in 1917. For more information, please call 389-5764 or visit the [www.divinemercyhawaii.org](http://www.divinemercyhawaii.org)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you . . . God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which "heart speaks unto heart," strengthen you." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### **May 12 Sun: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts:13:14, 43-52; Ps:100; Rev:7:9, 14b-17; Jn:10:27-30

### **May 13 Mon: Easter Weekday**

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

### **May 14 Tue: Saint Matthias, Apostle**

Acts:1:15-17, 20-26; Ps:113:1-2, 3-4, 5-7, 7-8; Jn:15:9-17

### **May 15 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:12:24-13:5a; Ps:67: 2-3, 5, 6 & 8; Jn:12:44-50

### **May 16 Thur: Easter Weekday**

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

### **May 17 Fri: Easter Weekday**

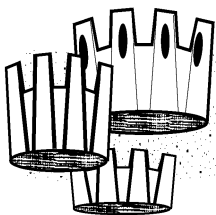
Acts:13:26-33; Ps:2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn:14:1-6

### **May 18 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts:13:44-52; Ps:98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn:14:7-14

## SHEPHERDS

There are few places left on earth where shepherds still face the harrowing dangers they experienced in the Palestine of the first century. The loss of shepherds to the cold weather or the hot lightning strike or savage beasts or the lingering death brought on by an untreated injury—these were once all-too-familiar experiences. It is no wonder the image of the shepherd was favored by the first Christians.. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



They have washed  
their robes and made  
them white in the  
Blood of the Lamb

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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus, the "Good Shepherd, makes a promise in today's Gospel to those who hear his voice and follow him. He promises them eternal life. Amidst all the other voices that clamor for attention in their daily lives, the voices that make demands, give advice, seek to persuade or like to gossip, good stewards listen for the Good Shepherd's voice. The other voices are legion and we do not always recognize how contrary they are to the voice of the Good Shepherd. Good stewards know that it takes a compassionate heart, a habit of prayer, a hunger for the Eucharist and a love of neighbor for them to truly hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. What might we do in our daily lives to prepare us to more authentically hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

## Reflection

And we are the results of that insight, an insight that was acted on and fought for. We are the far-off ones of whom Isaiah spoke. We are among those who finally and at long last get a chance to hear and follow. Through Paul's inspiration and tenacious work, we are welcomed into the fold. Paul understood and insisted on this: Because of God's revelation to Israel, all the rest of us get our chance to hear and heed and follow.

The second reading speaks of the fulfillment of Jesus' gospel truth: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Revelation (also attributed to John the Evangelist) offers us a vision of triumph. The assembly of the saved is without number. It includes people from the far reaches of the earth. They have endured trials, as did their Shepherd, and the signs of triumph are everywhere—the white robes of baptismal integrity, the palm of victory. During this Eastertide the Church rejoices in the triumph of the Resurrection and in the lives of the newly baptized. These are the latest, but not the last, to hear and heed the voice of the Shepherd.

Find out what the pope is thinking.



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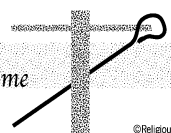
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