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May 8, 2022 ▪ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pope asks us to pray Rosary every day in May for peace

Kathleen N. Hattrup

"I wonder, along with so many anguished people, if peace is truly being sought ..."

Pope Francis made an invitation today after leading the midday Regina Caeli on May 1, 2022. He asked the faithful to pray the Rosary for peace every day in May. But he followed the invitation with a searching question: If peace is truly being sought; whether there is the will to avoid a continued military and verbal escalation; whether everything possible is being done to silence the weapons.



Here's what he said:

Today is the beginning of the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite all the faithful and communities to pray the Rosary for peace every day in May. My thought goes to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, "Mary's city," barbarically bombed and destroyed.

Once again, from here, I renew my request that safe humanitarian corridors be arranged for the people trapped in the steelworks in that city. I suffer and weep, thinking of the sufferings of the Ukrainian people, and in particular, the weakest, the elderly and children. There are even terrible reports of children being expelled and deported.

And while we are witnessing a macabre regression of humanity, I wonder, along with so many anguished people, if peace is truly being sought; whether there is the will to avoid a continued military and verbal escalation; whether everything possible is being done to silence the weapons.

I beg you, let us not surrender to the logic of violence, to the perverse spiral of weapons. May the path of dialogue and peace be taken! Let us pray.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Ordination to the Priesthood

Rev. Mr. Zachary Brasseur Rev. Mr. Donald Amodeo

May 21, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg

The Mass will also be available via live stream and Spirit FM 90.5.
[| dosp.org/livestream |](http://dosp.org/livestream)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

05/08 • Rev. Felipe Gonzalez
05/09 • Rev. Justin P. Paskert
05/10 • Rev. Gerald Hendry
05/11 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
05/12 • Rev. Paul Kochu
05/13 • Rev. John McEvoy
05/14 • Rev. Michael T. O'Brien

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Receive Encouragement Each Day

You are invited to sign up to receive daily Scripture reflections on *Courageously Living the Gospel* that will provide suggestions and prayers for more boldly living your faith. Reflection writers include local Catholic leaders such as Bishop Gregory Parkes. You can choose to receive the reflections via email or text. Sign up to be courageous, visit www.dosp.org/reflection

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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

The divisiveness we see in our nation and our world is not new – it is rooted in our original sin. In the Old Testament, the Assyrians invaded the northern kingdom of Israel, forcing many of its citizens into exile and captivity. In the modern world, Russia invades Ukraine and millions of refugees flee. It seems as if this 2200-year-old adage is true: “Nothing is new under the sun!” (Eccl 1:9) Except for Jesus. Of him God says [spoiler for next week!], “Behold I make all things new.” (Rev 21:5) As we hear in today’s first reading, conflict between Jews and Gentiles forced Paul and Barnabas to leave Antioch. In contrast, John in Revelation envisions a world where “every nation, race, people, and tongue” stand before the Lord. For us as for them, Jesus is the path to the unity we desire. That’s not to gloss over real differences and even worse, the horror of war. However, it can be a reminder that no matter what else we do, we need to turn to the Lord first in prayer, asking him to guide us in our response; asking the Holy Spirit to help us see people of all nations, and indeed our very own neighbors, as our brothers and sisters.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Judging by the volume wars during our family television sessions, it seems that people have varying levels of ability to hear certain accents and types of voices. I wonder if this capacity to hear properly, or with the necessary level of attention, can sometimes apply to our ability to hear, really *hear*, the words of Jesus. Perhaps we’re too busy, or other preoccupations crowd out his voice. Today’s Gospel reminds us to tune back in. “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me,” Jesus says. In the first reading, Luke describes the Gentiles who lived in Antioch and were “delighted” in hearing the Good News of salvation and who “glorified the word of the Lord,” spreading it “through the whole region.” Today and every day, we can emulate the early Christians by opening our ears (or eyes!) to the word of God through the Scriptures, and in turn sharing that light of salvation to all who need it.

PRAY Pray Pope Francis’ prayer for peace, found on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-peace. Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!





Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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Christ the Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

~ John 10:11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7, Third Saturday of Easter

4:00 p.m.

Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

Barbara Doyle (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

William Isaac (Dec)

Monday, May 9, Fourth Monday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

Donna Preli (Dec)

Tuesday, May 10, Memorial of John of Avila, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.

Laura Sapia (Dec)

Wednesday, May 11, Fourth Wednesday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

Mass for Vocations

Thursday, May 12, Memorial of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs

8:00 a.m.

Gerald Hayman (Dec)

Friday, May 13, Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 a.m.

Nancy Gasparine (Dec)

Saturday, May 14, Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 a.m.

Lawrence Doody (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

Paige Calhoun (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Domenico Gammaraccio (Dec)

Listen Like Mary



Hope to See You at the 4th Annual

Diocesan Marian Congress

A Day of Prayer, Renewal & Joy

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

Speakers: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 pm. | Rosary: 3:30 p.m.

Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes: 4:00 p.m.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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 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.*

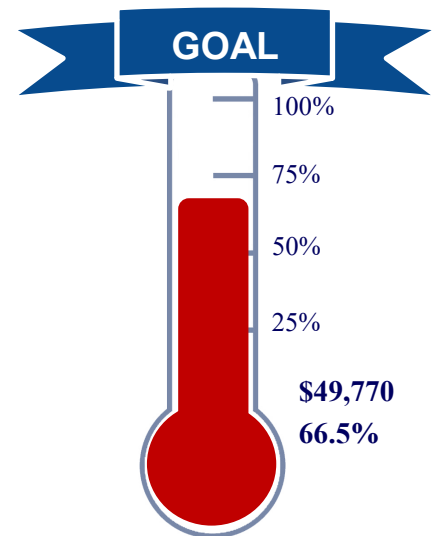
Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - 4th Sunday of Easter

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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Ushers – Help Urgently Needed

Since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, our Knights of Columbus have served to usher all Masses. Many of them also serve in ministry as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. For several of these men, this has meant serving as many as three to four Masses per weekend for the last two years. We can't thank them enough for their dedicated service.

Particularly now, as we begin ramping up events and our Knights are hosting weekly Lenten fish fries, and coffee and donuts, monthly pancake breakfasts and other special events like last week's wonderful St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner, our small but mighty crew of Knights needs some relief.

We are in need of several ushers for all Masses. No experience necessary. Please leave your name and phone number with the sacristan at Mass, or call the office to volunteer.

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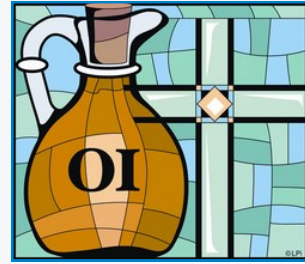
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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