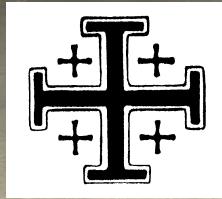


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May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	Elizabeth Hinkel RIP
SUNDAY	For all Parishioners
MONDAY	Meghan Bauder Girard, RIP
TUESDAY	Benedict Nguyen, RIP
WEDNESDAY	Sebastian B. Scola, RIP
THURSDAY	Antonio Barrios, RIP
FRIDAY	Stephen Davis, RIP

*When at night you cannot sleep,  
talk to the Shepherd and stop  
counting sheep.*  
—Anonymous

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday:	Cinco de Mayo
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer

*He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.*  
1 Peter 2:24a

Please remember to continue to support your Parish and Parish School financially. Even though public celebration of the Eucharist will be suspended here at Church of the Nativity and throughout the Diocese for several weeks, our ministry is alive and parish life continues. The Parish and School offices will remain open, operating expenses accrue, employees need to be paid, those who are hungry need to be helped by way of our Food Pantry, and more!

Offertory Envelopes or checks can be mailed to the parish office at PO Box 8770, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067.

To support your parish regularly and without the use of Offertory Envelopes (or to make one-time gifts on a weekly, monthly or annual basis), the Faith Direct Electronic Giving Program is available on our Parish website and apps on iPhone and Android.

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***"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."*** *Jn 10,10*



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today is Good Shepherd Sunday and reminds us that Jesus Christ is the very center of our faith. He is our shepherd and if we listen to his voice, we will have fullness of life. We are loved by God who compares himself to a shepherd who takes care of his sheep. He nurtures them, teaches them, and protects them. Jesus calls us to follow Him. Following Jesus means always speaking the truth even if some people do not listen. The Apostles responded faithfully after Jesus' resurrection as he promised. Jesus offered himself up for humanity; the sacrifice he made for us has allowed us the forgiveness of sins and freedom from eternal death. In the first reading in Acts, Peter was

empowered by the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaimed the risen Christ, calling all to repentance and baptism. That day, three thousand were baptized.

We who belong to Jesus by virtue of our baptism now share in His mission of redemption. How we prepare for this task is important; we need to strive for repentance, lead lives of prayer and patient endurance, and desire to listen attentively to His voice. As disciples of Jesus, we belong to His flock. We are called to follow Him and his teachings especially when have suffering in our lives. We are reminded in the second reading to imitate Christ with patience in our own sufferings: "When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly." In the same way, we must offer our sufferings to God and He will vindicate us. As children of God, we do not always set good examples of being a child of God, we often rebel and sin. We can be prideful, envious, disobedient and even disrespectful. We can even refuse to follow the rules He sets for us. However, God does not give up on us. He is a loving father who always forgives and ready to embrace us.

The faithfulness of the Twelve Apostles after the resurrection has brought the world over 2 billion Christians. May we do our part no matter how small we may think it is to continue our journey and hear the voice of our chief shepherd Jesus Christ, who calls us each day to live the Gospel faithfully! Jesus has given us shepherds in our time. In this time of the pandemic, we need to pray fervently for them, the Pope and all bishops who have the fullness of the priesthood, and our priests, that they may persevere like the Apostles in caring for the flock which God has entrusted to them.

The question for us is not what voices are speaking or whether they should be there. Rather, what voices are we really listening to, man or God? What words and values are filling our ears and minds? Are we listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd or to other voices in the media and newspapers? Which voices are really guiding our own life?

Many children in our community have heard Jesus' voice and have prepared themselves to receive him in Body and Blood in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist to nourish and strengthen them on their faith journey. Since they must wait until they are able to come back to Mass, teach them to receive spiritual Communion using the prayers appropriate for that moment in Mass as you watch the video. They will need you, parents and sponsors, to help their journey of faith. God has entrusted these beautiful children in your care. And to our community, these children, too, are in your care; may we place them in our prayers despite the lock down that God may bless them with the grace to understand who they have received. May God bless all of us and help us listen only to the one true voice, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.



# Path to Pentecost

**Weekly At-Home Parishioner Activities + Webinars for Parish Leaders****Week Of:**  
**4/20****Take the Marriage Enrichment Inventory**

Take your marriage to the next level with some intentional conversation starters

**Webinar:** 4/23: Parish **Engagement Through Videos** w/ Lindsey Schrock**Week Of:**  
**4/27****Answer "The Jesus Question"**

The Jesus Question: Who do YOU say that Jesus is?

**Webinars:** 4/30: Communicating **Parish Plan & Mission** w/ Scot Landry  
5/1: Pastor's Zoom Meeting at 2pm ET, 1pm CT, 11am PT**Week Of:**  
**5/4****Create a list of things for which you are grateful**

As a family, create a list of things you are grateful for

**Webinar:** 5/7: **Dynamic Parish Online 2.0: Path to Pentecost** w/ Scot Landry**Week Of:**  
**5/11****Learn the Prayer Process**

Use this proven process to converse with God

**Webinar:** 5/14: Excellent examples of **At-Home Activities** w/ Bill Baird and Nathan Crankfield**Week Of:**  
**5/18****Write Letters to Those Closest to You**

Brighten someone else's day with a letter

**Webinar:** 5/21: Excellent Examples of **Parish Flocknote/Emails** w/ Rosemary Cassidy**Week Of:**  
**5/25****Improve your At-Home Sunday Experience**

Learn what is working for many families

**Webinar:** 5/28: Excellent Examples of **Parishioner Discussion Groups** via Zoom w/ Lindsey S.**Week Of:**  
**6/1****Take the Parenting Preparation Inventory**

Improve and ensure alignment of your parenting approaches

**Webinar:** 6/4: Excellent Examples of **Parish Live Streaming** w/ Nathan Crankfield

\*Thursday Webinars will all take place at 2pm ET, 1pm CT, 11am PT

\*All topics subject to change if a more urgent topic emerges in response to Covid-19



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## Next Nativity Men's Group May 7, 2020 Speaker: Vino Pajanor

Vino began serving as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities in October 2018, overseeing the agency's programs in both San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Vino's life journey has uniquely prepared him to steward this vital ministry. Born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Vino grew up in a Catholic family. The traditions of his faithful family lead him toward a professional career as an attorney in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He practiced law in India for five years before moving to the United States to continue his professional and personal development.

He earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of San Diego. For six years, he worked at the law firm Higgs, Fletcher & Mack. Vino then discovered his heart's passion for nonprofit work when he co-founded the Housing Opportunities Collaborative (HOC) in San Diego to address the growing predatory lending practices and evolving housing crisis. During his time at HOC, Vino also created the Virtual Counselor Network (VCN) to improve the delivery of counseling services to the community through technology. As the first executive director of HOC, he grew the organization's revenue and expanded the organization across California. In 2016, he successfully graduated from the 18-month intensive Achieving Excellence in Community Development program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He was the CEO of ShantiNiketan International Corporation, a real estate development company based in Florida, then accepted the position at Catholic Charities, returning to the nonprofit sector.

With a "a nonprofit heart and a for-profit mind," as Vino describes it, he connects deeply to the mission of Catholic Charities by ensuring the agency has a robust financial with triple bottom line framework, SMAART goals, and organizational means to live out its calling with excellence.

**Join us for a night of Faith, Fellowship,  
(your own) Food and libation, and Inspiration**

**Where:** Zoom (unless the lockdown is lifted!)  
The Zoom link will be sent out via email prior to the meeting  
**When:** Thursday, May 7, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Contact: Tim Van Damm [timvandamm@gmail.com](mailto:timvandamm@gmail.com), 617.501.3950 or  
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[lbarton@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:lbarton@nativitycatholic.org).**Marriage:** Saturdays, 11:00 am or 2:00 pm

Contact the parish office at 858-756-1911.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Encouraged for anyone critically ill, for the elderly, or prior to major surgery**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:30– 4:15 pm**Eucharist:****Weekday Mass:** Monday - Saturday at 8 am in the Main Church**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday after 8 am Mass**Perpetual Help Novena:** Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass**Rosary:** Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Church**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION****Family Faith Formation Coordinator:** Amanda Telles  
[faithformation@nativitymail.org](mailto:faithformation@nativitymail.org)**ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE****Contact:** Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5**Youth Group:** Sundays,  
5pm to 6:15pm

All Youth Ministry classes have moved online. Check the parish website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry> for links to videos on the scripture readings and curriculum lessons via our YouTube channel. That parish website page will always have the most current information on Youth Ministry moving forward.

**High School Confirmation**

The Confirmation Immediate Preparation classes are now finished. All paperwork due can be emailed to [mjames@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:mjames@nativitycatholic.org). Final Interviews continue over the phone throughout next week.

Check the parish website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry> for links to videos on Confirmation Immediate Preparation Class #5 (the rehearsal) and How to Approach the Bishop. That website page will always have the most current information on Confirmation moving forward.

As announced, our Confirmation Mass scheduled for Sunday April 26 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled when the public health emergency is over.

If you would like to volunteer as a reader or gift bearer email [mjames@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:mjames@nativitycatholic.org) with your contact information.

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