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May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

The Grapevine

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Frank M. Uter..... Pastor
Rev. Amal Raj, I.M.S. Associate Pastor
Mike Chiappetta Permanent Deacon
Rudy Stahl Permanent Deacon
George Hooper Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
..... 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:50 p.m.
Friday..... 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are answered immediately. Home visitation is for the sick and shut-in. Hospital visits are weekly and upon request.

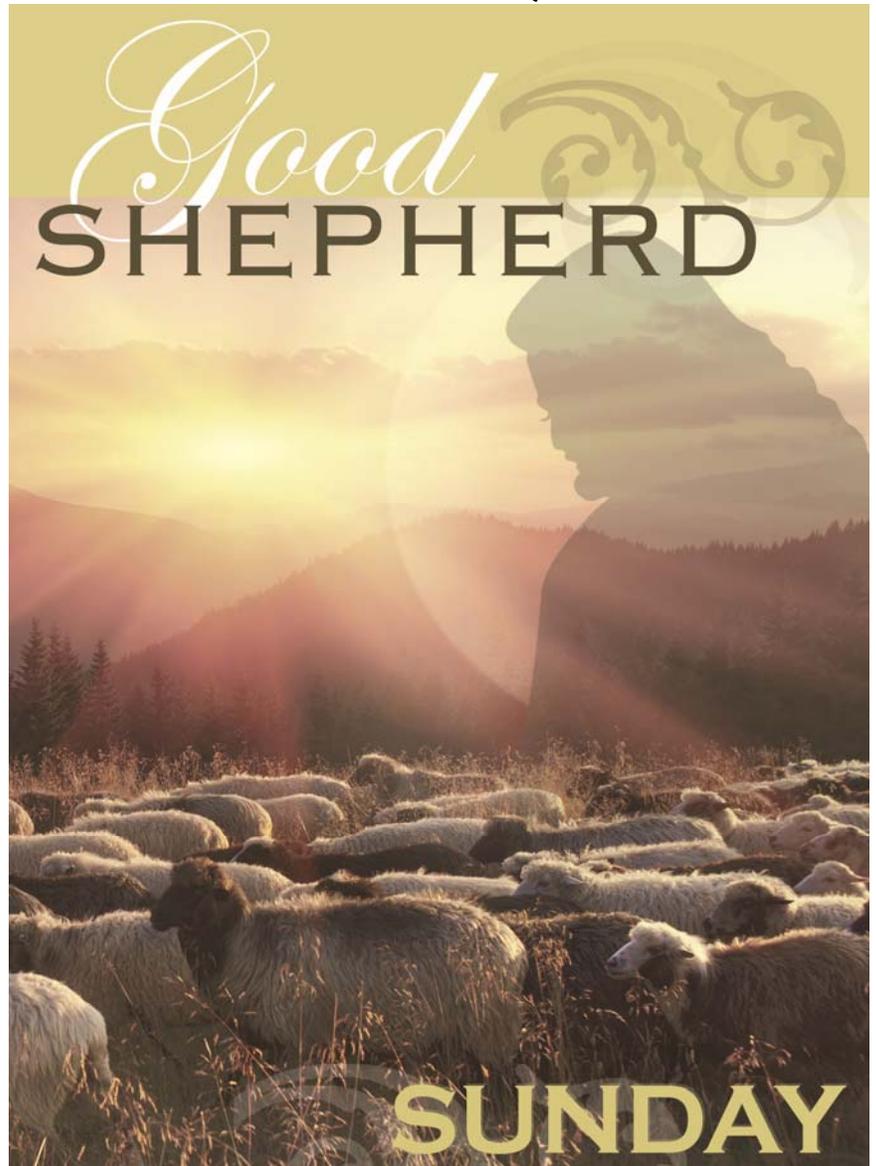
CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892.

FORMED: Go to <http://icc-msh.formed.org>, enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Information for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

Parish Life ♦ Outreach

May is Mental Health Month

When we think about cancer, heart disease or diabetes, we don't wait years to treat them. Treatment comes well before stage 4 of the disease process. We start with prevention and possibly move into early signs and symptoms trying to reverse the symptoms. We do not ignore them — we have a plan of action to reverse or stop the disease process. Why not do that for mental illness? Most people wait until mental illness is life threatening before seeking treatment for themselves or loved ones.

One person in five American adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year. Even scarier is that 50% of Americans will meet the criteria for diagnosable mental health condition in their lifetimes and half of those will be diagnosed before age 14.

In the worst cases, untreated mental illnesses can lead to loss of life an average of 25 years early.

Early warning signs and symptoms include:

- problems with concentration, memory or the ability to think clearly
- changes in appetite — too much or too little
- not being able to complete school or work task
- feeling overly worried
- feeling empty, sad, hopeless or worthless
- sensitivity to sounds, sight, smell or touch
- irritability and restlessness
- loss of interest in activities
- feeling your brain is playing tricks on you
- changes in energy level and sleep patterns

Mental illnesses are not only common; they are treatable. There is a wide variety of options from talk therapy to medication to peer support. The important part is early diagnosis.

For an anonymous, free, confidential screening, go to www.mhascreening.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Gaudin, the parish nurse at 665-5359.

Counseling Available

Catholic Charities is still providing services remotely — including Behavioral health services. They are now offering telehealth counseling services during the covid pandemic for new and existing clients. They are using the same process as before. You are to call their office at 225.336.8708 to schedule an appointment. They have male and female licensed clinical social workers who are providing the services electronically. They are able to serve children, adults, and Spanish speaking clients. <https://www.ccdiobr.org/>

Parish Life ♦ Announcements

Special Announcements

The church will remain open from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. every day for private prayer. Please continue to distance yourselves if there are other people in the church with you. There is a table as you enter the church with important updated information along with *The Grapevine* and spiritual communion prayer cards for your convenience.

All Masses have been suspended until further notice.

At this time, there are no scheduled reconciliation services. If you are in need of reconciliation, please call the church office at 225-665-5359 and leave a message for Fr. Frank or Fr. Raj so they may schedule a private time with you.

The church and religious education offices are closed until the “Stay at Home” mandate has been lifted. We will be checking messages periodically through our extensions which are listed on the answering machine message.

Church office: 225.665.5359

Religious education office: 225.665.5926.

Young at Heart Bus Trip for May 20th to Silver Slipper is canceled. We will reschedule for a later date in the year.

The Religious Education staff continues to work from home. They are continuing to take registrations over the phone. Call the office, leave your name and phone number, and Jane will call you to register your children. Children entering first grade in the fall must register for first grade religion this year in order to make First Eucharist in the second grade.

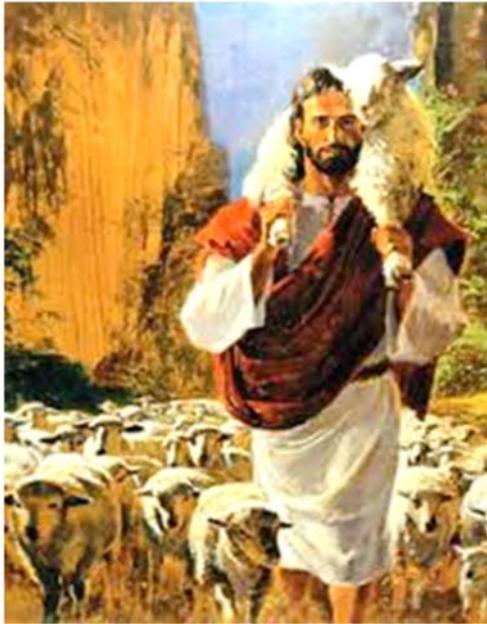
WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

- flocknote.com/iccds.  Important on the spot text messaging to all parishioners. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so by using the link above.
- Immaculate Conception has a YouTube channel! **ICC Denham Springs**. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPhOiz8K823ADdVIR872xcg?pbjreload=10>. Click *subscribe*.
- ICC website: icc-msh.org. We will post updates, prayers and materials on the front page under “Coronavirus 2020”
- **Facebook:** Church of the Immaculate Conception and Mission of the Sacred Heart. Like us, and you will start seeing us in your newsfeed.
- **Sunday Eucharist:** Live streamed at 5:30 p.m. every Saturday on Facebook.
- **COVID-19 Resource Center**—Communications & Resources from the Diocese of Baton Rouge during the Coronavirus Pandemic: <https://padlet.com/diobr/covid19>
- **Catholic Charities**—<https://www.ccdiobr.org/>

Consideration of Our Christian Commitment: Easter People



We continue the 50 days of Easter as we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Easter, often known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It has special meaning for us at this time. We have relied on the Good Shepherd to be with us and guide us through these



months of uncertainty. If you stop to think of what we associate with a Good Shepherd – watching over, lifting up, leading and guiding, nourishing, protecting from wolves and other predators, leading them to good pastures, and giving them rest – I know I have called upon our shepherd many times since realizing back in March what was upon us.

As I write this we have received the latest word from the Governor on the direction we will be taking as a state, and now wait to hear from the Bishop as to how these directives will be interpreted and applied in the parishes. I really feel gratitude for these two “good shepherds” who have guided and led us through these recent events, and don’t see big changes to what we have been doing.

FIRST EUCHARIST is usually celebrated on this Good Shepherd Sunday, as we thank the good Lord who nourishes His flock with His Body and Blood, and we thank Him for our young parishioners who have prepared to receive Him for the first time. Presently, the way things look, we are hoping to celebrate First Eucharist with them in June, and hopefully we will be able to tell them and their families something definite in the next week or so.

OUR ELECT are prepared and waiting and continue to meet via live feed on Sunday mornings at 9:30. It gives them a chance not only to receive but to share. Those who wish simply to see it, may tune in just about any time and pick it up via our parish website.

“Strong in the Face of Tribulation” The Bishop called to our attention last weekend a very special book recently published by the Vatican which is available for downloading called “Strong in the Face of Tribulation.” It is a good resource for prayer and is well done. In case you have not seen this offering, it is downloadable at “Strong in the Face of Tribulation: The Church in Communion - a Sure Support in Time of Trial.” An even easier way is simply to click the title on our parish website.

OUR PARISH MAY CROWNING.

The May Crowning is usually held at the first Sunday Liturgy in May, usually at the Saturday Anticipated Eucharist. This weekend Archbishop Gomez, vice president of the National Council of Catholic Bishops, will lead the country in a prayer which consecrates the United States to Mary, Mother of the Church. Canada, too, has chosen this day to offer prayers and to consecrate their country to Mary, Mother of the Church. This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady’s continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus, said Archbishop Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. This year, it takes on special meaning as we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic. As I write this, we are planning to have the May Crowning as part of our live streamed Eucharist on Sunday so all can be a part of it.



Fr. Robert Marcell was the seventh pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish and the second priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge to serve after the Oblates, serving from 1987-1994. He is 89 and for a number of years he has been living at Southside Gardens Assisted Living in Baton Rouge. We received word last week that he has been weaker than usual but has shown signs of regaining his strength. Let us remember him in our prayers.

As we move through Easter into May, let us keep one another in prayer, that we may always journey as Easter People, in season and out of season. Wishing you and all who journey with you God’s every blessing, Love,

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Formation ♦ Community



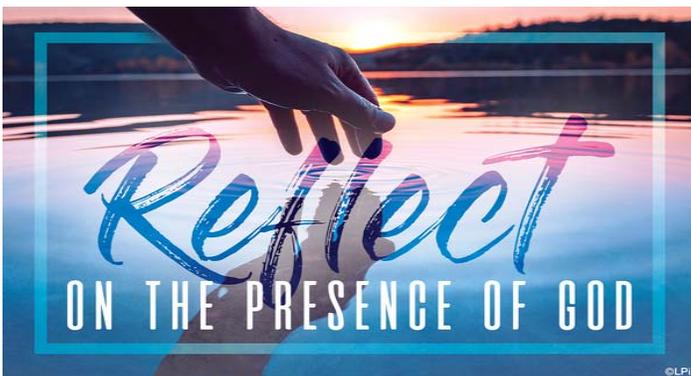
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Please be assured that we are making every effort to plan for your reception into the Church during Easter. Remember that the Easter season is 50 days beginning at Easter Sunday and ending at Pentecost. Once we are able to gather again for Mass, we will set the date and let you know as soon as possible. Again this Sunday, we will live stream our RCIA session on our Facebook page.

**RCIA Sunday morning Live Stream sessions –
9:30 on Facebook: RCIA at Immaculate Conception**

- MAY 3** JESUS GOOD SHEPHERD
(John 10:1-10)
Catechist: **Kevin Acord**
- MAY 10** LAST SUPPER DISCOURSES (John
14:1-12) (Mother's Day)
Catechist: **Durwin Walker**
- MAY 17** THE ADVOCATE (John 14:15-21)
Catechist: **Niki Thornton**
- MAY 24** THE COMMISSIONING OF THE
DISCIPLES (Matt 28:16-20)
Catechist: **Tim Shoun**

Please note: Anyone is welcome to watch these sessions each Sunday morning.




Class of 2020—We would like to recognize and congratulate all of our graduates of 2020 by printing their names in our bulletin. Please call the church office at 665.5359 by May 20. All names will be printed in the June 9 *Grapevine*. You must call for your name to appear.



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Living out the MISSION at HOME!

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This is a great opportunity to see all that FORMED has to offer for every member of your family during this time of social distancing and staying home with your families. Here are some hi-lights:

Faith at Home

The Search

What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

<https://watch.formed.org/the-search-may-2020/videos/the-search-trailer>

Family Movie Night

Fat Chance

A romantic comedy about love and acceptance, *Fat Chance* tells the story of Alison, an overweight dental assistant who is challenged to find her self-worth when she falls into an online relationship with her long-time friend and crush, Justin. But there's a problem – she's used the photo of her attractive friend in her online dating profile, which is what caught Justin's eye. Alison spends the summer with Justin, balancing both versions of herself until the secret slips out. Inspired by a true story, *Fat Chance* is a heartfelt look at a young woman, struggling to love herself and to be loved by others for who she is and to find self-worth, not in physical appearance, but in the way her Heavenly Father sees her — Beautiful.



<https://watch.formed.org/fat-chance/videos/fat-chance>

FORMED is updated frequently so please sign up!

Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Community



May 2, 2020 - May 10, 2020

Stump the Deacon!

The coronavirus is evil. Is the devil behind this pandemic?

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: 05/02/20—05/03/20

Virgil & Mary Brown†; Donald Sauvage†; Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Sam Guzzardo†; Georgina “Gige” Bradley†; Ethel Chutz†; Kathy Caruso; Mary Alyce Burnett†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Jory Chustz†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Mary Guidry†; Phillip John Bilski†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Jr.†; Lynwood Stafford, Sr.†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Rachele Daranger; Parishioners.

MONDAY: 05/04/20

Those who have died from Covid-19†

TUESDAY: 05/05/20

Chiappetta Bubrig Family†.

WEDNESDAY: 05/06/20

Bessie LeDoux†.

THURSDAY 05/07/20

M/M Roland Beaudet, Jr.†.

FRIDAY: 05/08/20

Ann Hargis†.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: 05/09/20-05/10/20

Gary Vicknair†; Mary Guidry†; Viola Hondroulis†; Phillip John Bilski†; Karen Merritt†; Edwin Lohr†; Robert Vigil & Family†; Jim Jordan†; Sylvia Pulizzano†; Tony Stikeleather†; Dennis Montgomery†; Winton Waguespack, Jr.†; Bessie LeDoux†; Bruce McKnight†; Mary McKnight†; Harold Porche†; Rose Genusa†; Mickie Todd†; Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Josephine Guzzardo†; Kathy Caruso; Josephine Poletto†; Trudy & Joey Waguespack†.

PLEASE NOTE: The Eucharist is still being celebrated *PRIVATELY* by Fr. Frank and Fr. Raj offering up all the intentions previously scheduled.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 05/03/20—05/09/20

Burns in memory of **CRAIG ZIMMERLE**.



We express our sympathy and prayers to Rose, Jamie and Corey Ordoyne on the death of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, **MARIAN ESCHETE**; to Maria Lyons on the death of her husband, **CHARLES LYONS**; Nelda Dendinger on the death of her husband, **T. J. DENDINGER**; to Linda and William “Andy” Blount on the death of their brother-in-law, **RUSSELL JOHN DAIGLE**; and to Beth Sonnier on the death of her uncle, **HOWARD GLYNN**.

We would like to thank those who continue to send in contributions during this time! We appreciate your continued support. Prayers continue for all as we embrace this pandemic together. If you are not able to do online giving, you can mail your contributions to: PO Box 1609, Denham Springs, LA 70727 or drop them off at the Faith Formation Center mail box located outside the side entrance.

As I mentioned several weeks ago, God did not create evil and suffering and has not caused this virus to happen. Neither has the devil, but the devil is subtle, cunning, powerful and very smart. He will use any situation to his advantage to draw us away from God. If you are facing undue fear, it is probably a temptation from the devil. To combat this, pray to God for an increase in faith, hope and love. **CatholicLink** shows us how faith, hope and love will help beat the devil.

Faith: If we are living in excessive fear right now, we are not living in faith. Our faith starts with trusting God in prayer and surrendering ourselves completely to Him. He is our Father who knows what we need, even before we ask, and He will not let us down. We can trust that God will be with us during this tumultuous time and see us through it – even if this particular trial becomes especially burdensome. Pray for an increase in faith. You might also want to read a story of a saint. You will find that their lives were also filled with turmoil.

Hope: Hope keeps us from discouragement and despair and is the quality by which we anchor our souls to Christ. We certainly need to be prudent and careful during this time because there is a real possibility of catching the virus. But, we should also place our hope in our all-powerful God because, once again, He will not let us down. We can certainly pray for a better tomorrow on this earth, but we should remember that we were not made for this earth, but for heaven. That is our ultimate goal.

Love: Christ showed His love for us by making the ultimate sacrifice, by dying for us on the cross. These difficult times may present us with opportunities to make sacrifices for others. Pray that you will recognize these opportunities. Maybe you can pick up groceries for an elderly neighbor or cook a meal for them. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the fruits of charity are joy, peace and mercy. (CCC 1829).

For more information from **CatholicLink** Google: *The Devil Will Use Covid-19 Fears To Get To You... Here's How You Can Beat Him!*

—Deacon George Hooper; ghooper@icc-msh.org

April 19, 2020



Identified offertory givers:	\$	12,098.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	14.00
Easter Offering:	\$	1,475.00
Easter Flowers;	\$	5.00
Total Collected:	\$	13,592.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	373.00
Building Maintenance:	\$	1,818.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$	40.00
Priest Retirement:	\$	767.00
Catholic Missions:	\$	140.00
Rice Bowls:	\$	50.00



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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2020

SUN 5/03	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
MON 5/04	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
TUE 5/05	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
WED 5/06	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
THR 5/07	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
FRI 5/08	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
SAT 5/09	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
SUN 5/10	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2020

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday:	Cinco de Mayo
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

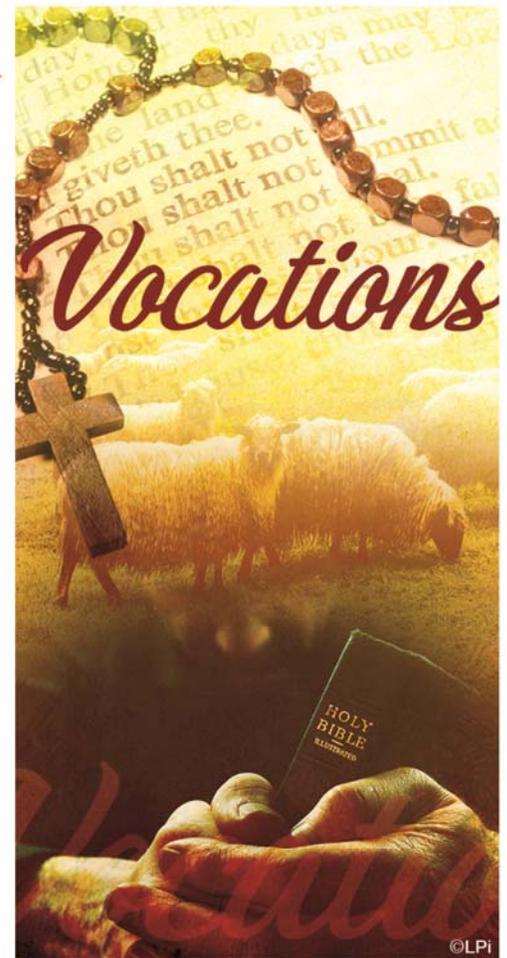
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Inspiration for the week

When you wake up in the morning, whose voice is the first one you listen to? Your own? Someone else's? Or God? We all listen to someone and follow some sort of guidelines and principles. If it is a secular voice that propels us to get up in the morning and take up the task of the day's agenda, then we may find ourselves off track. The advice found in the Acts of the Apostles was as true then as it is now, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Most of what we listen to in secular voices is off the axis of truth and distorted. It may sound attractive, but it is deceptive at best. Many have gone astray like sheep and need to return to the Good Shepherd. Only Jesus can offer us the gate of life, and only Jesus as the Good Shepherd can really motivate us to take on the challenges of life. If we don't recognize his voice, we can risk facing destruction.

WORLD DAY OF
Prayer

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*"Let your
words teach
and your
actions speak"*

-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA