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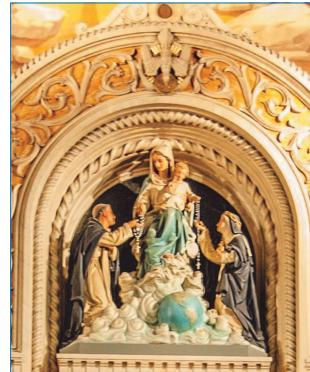
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**Fourth Sunday
of Easter
May 8, 2022**



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Mass Schedule: *Weekend: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.*

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. (español)

Sacrament of Penance/Penitencia: *Saturdays from 3:00pm - 3:45pm. Please make reservations for the Sacrament of Penance on our website.*

Sacrament of Baptism/Bautismo & Sacrament of Marriage/Matrimonio:

The Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage arranged by appointment.

Registration of New Parishioners:

To register as a parishioner of Holy Rosary, please fill out the registration form in the back of the Church and place it in the collection basket.

**Sunday Mass Collection: \$ 2,173.00
Shortfall from Budget of \$4,000.00: \$1,827.00
HR Meet the Budget Collection: \$253.00**



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Thank you!



Fourth Sunday of Easter

The first reading for this Sunday presents Paul and Barnabas proclaiming the Good News, the Gospel. In its proclamation we find a liberating and inclusive message “The kingdom of God is for all;” Jews, gentiles, men, women, rich, poor, free slaves, and oppressed. We are called to extend this message to the whole world. It is part of our mandate as Christians. Out of loving obedience we must proclaim that the kingdom of God is in the **here** and in the **now**.

The same message is echoed in the second reading. The book of Revelations, full of symbols and charged by a baroque imaginary, present us a large crowd of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language all of them witnessing the love of God, praising the lamb, and participants of God’s mysteries.

Who in this case is the Lamb? It is the Lord! It is Jesus who is the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice! The image of the lamb is recreated in the Gospels several times and on this occasion the image falls not only over Jesus but also over his followers.

But who wants to be a sheep? Moving away from a romantic perception of these creatures what we have are simple-minded animals, with a simple will, sometimes stubborn and in certain circles even a little stinky. But also a sheep is a sign of docility, dependence, vulnerability and trust.

Sometimes, just like some sheep, we don’t hear to our Shepherd’s voice and that’s when we get in trouble. We get lost. When this takes place Jesus looks for us and calls us. Jesus is our good Shepherd. We know his voice. In retribution Jesus knows us well and makes us His by granting us the most perfect gift: eternal life.

To accept Christ as our shepherd means to listen to his voice. For such we must recognize his voice. We must set aside time to get to know him. We are bombarded with all kinds of voices: consumerism, egocentrism, materialism, violence, contempt for others and indifference. But we must discern and identify the real and true voice of our Lord. By doing this we become familiar to his values, his ways, and his will.

By listening to his voice and acknowledging his relevance in our lives we learn to be obedient, to trust in him, and therefore we can follow him. Perhaps we may not always understand his will but nevertheless as we enter into a relationship we develop a sense of belonging and trust. There is but one flock, one shepherd, and that is Jesus Christ. “I know my sheep,” says the Lord, “and my sheep know me.”

Rev. Claudio Diaz, Jr.



Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

La primera lectura de este domingo presenta a Pablo y Bernabé proclamando la Buena Nueva, el Evangelio. En su proclamación encontramos un mensaje liberador e incluyente: “El reino de Dios es para todos”; Judíos, gentiles, hombres, mujeres, ricos, pobres, libres esclavos y oprimidos. Estamos llamados a extender este mensaje a todo el mundo. Es parte de nuestro mandato como cristianos. Por amorosa obediencia debemos proclamar que el reino de Dios está en el **aquí** y en el **ahora**.

El mismo mensaje se repite en la segunda lectura. El Libro de las Revelaciones, llenas de símbolos y cargadas por un imaginario barroco, nos presenta una gran multitud de personas de todas las naciones, razas, tribus y lenguas, todas ellas siendo testigos del amor de Dios, alabando al cordero y a los participantes de los misterios de Dios.

¿Quién en este caso es el Cordero? ¡Es el Señor! ¡Es Jesús quien es el Cordero de Dios, el sacrificio perfecto! La imagen del cordero se recrea en los Evangelios varias veces y en esta ocasión la imagen cae no solo sobre Jesús sino también sobre sus seguidores.

¿Pero quién quiere ser una oveja? Alejándonos de la percepción romántica de estas criaturas, lo que tenemos son animales de mente simple, con una voluntad sencilla, algunas veces tercos y en ciertos círculos incluso algo hediondas. Pero también una oveja es un signo de docilidad, dependencia, vulnerabilidad y confianza.

A veces, al igual que algunas ovejas, no escuchamos la voz de nuestro Pastor y es cuando nos metemos en problemas. Nos perdemos. Cuando esto sucede, Jesús nos busca y nos llama. Jesús es nuestro buen pastor. Conocemos su voz. En retribución, Jesús nos conoce bien y nos hace suyos al otorgarnos el regalo más perfecto: la vida eterna.

Aceptar a Cristo como nuestro pastor significa escuchar su voz. Por eso debemos reconocer su voz. Debemos hacer tiempo para conocerlo. Somos bombardeados con todo tipo de voces: consumismo, egocentrismo, materialismo, violencia, desprecio por los demás e indiferencia. Pero debemos discernir e identificar la voz real y verdadera de nuestro Señor. Al hacer esto, nos familiarizamos con sus valores, sus maneras y su voluntad.

Al escuchar su voz y reconocer su relevancia en nuestras vidas, aprendemos a ser obedientes, a confiar en él y por ende, podemos seguirlo. Quizás no siempre entendamos su voluntad, pero sin embargo al entrar en una relación desarrollamos un sentido de pertenencia y de confianza. Solo hay un rebaño, un pastor, y ese es Jesucristo. “Yo conozco a mis ovejas”, dice el Señor, “y mis ovejas me conocen a mí”.

Padre Claudio Díaz, Jr.



Happy Mother's Day

Today we extend to all the mothers of our parish our best wishes and prayers for God's special blessings on them and their families and loved ones. We are all enormously grateful to God for the gift of our mother—living or deceased. Have a great day! God Bless!

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Baby Bottle Project

Thanks so much to everyone who picked up a baby bottle last Sunday to support the Women's Center. We will collect the bottles filled with your spare change on May 22th. Thank you for helping defend life and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings to your prayers.

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May Crowning/Our Lady of Fatima - Next Weekend

Crowning of the Virgin Mary will be held May 15 at the 9:30am Mass followed by cake and coffee after the 9:30am and 12:15pm Masses. Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!

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Prayer Rally

Saturday May 14, 2022 at Noon

Meeting: At Humbolt Park, praying the rosary all the way to St. Aloysius 2300 W. LeMoyne.

For more information call St. Aloysius at 773.278.4808.

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Everyday Stewardship

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

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Mass Intention for the Week

**SUNDAY, May 8, 4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

9:30 AM †Lena Maturo, †Josephine Maturo-Lowitzki, †Carlo & †Jennie Cacioppo, †Ray Glorioso

12:15 PM †Victorino Camacho, †Silvio Ramon Cruz Rojas, †Reyna Velasquez, †Romana Salgado, †Ma de Jesus Gutierrez, Martinez, †German Ramirez Camarillo

**SATURDAY, May 14, St. Matthias
4:00 PM In Thanksgiving**

**SUNDAY, May 14, 5th Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Luby & Related Families, †Angelita B. Villanueva**

12:15 PM

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Sunday Masses

- 8:00am - St. Aloysius (Spanish)
- 9:00am - St. Helen (English)
- 10:00am - St. Aloysius (English)
- 10:30am - St. Helen (Polish)
- 12:00pm - St. Aloysius (Spanish)
- 12:30pm - St. Helen (Spanish)