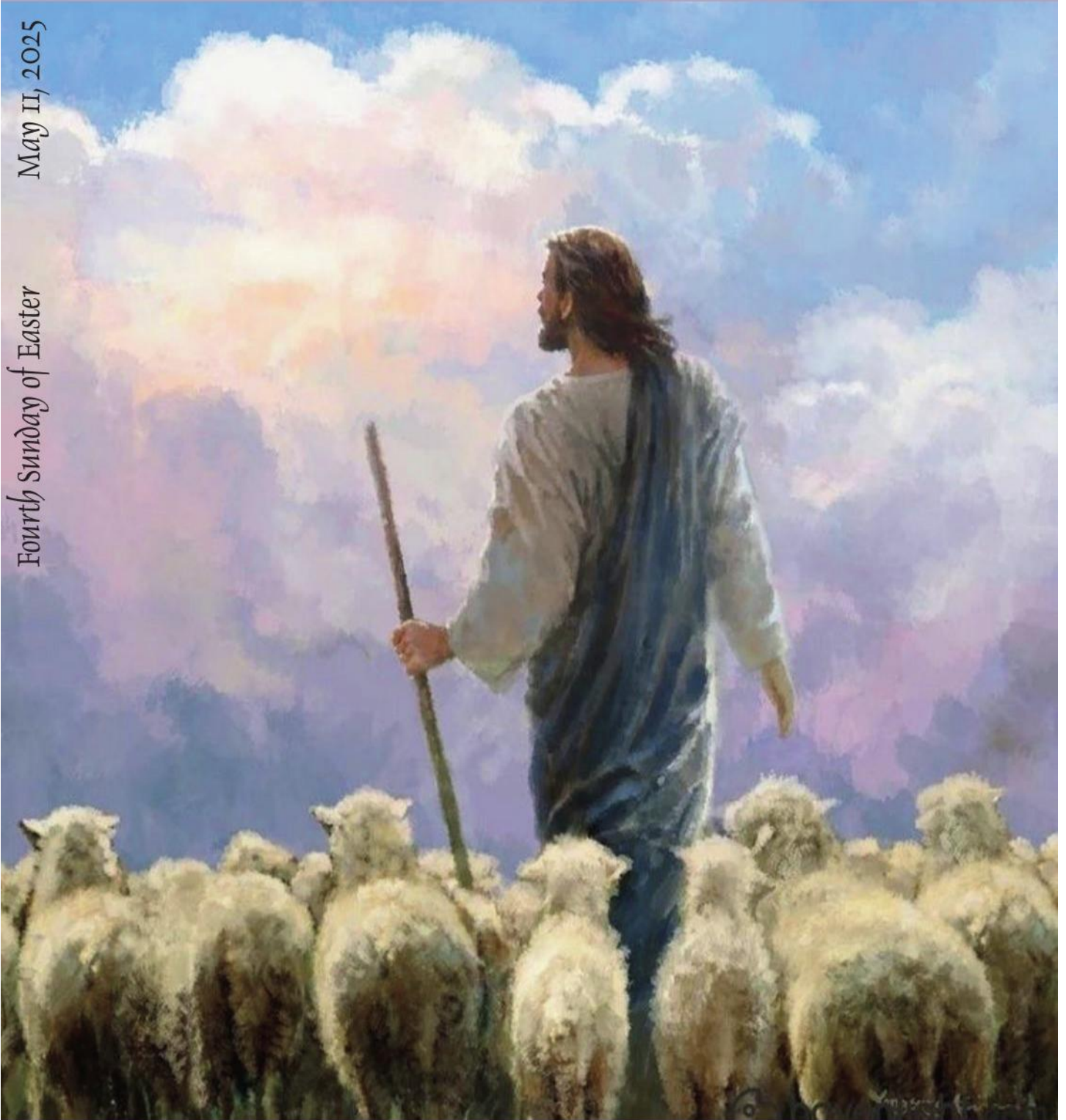


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May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and
Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00
p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the
Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

A LOT OF NERVE

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50-52). What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. And that took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, or being afraid that someone might make fun of them. ("Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them.") None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them. They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Altar Society Meeting—Thursday 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Widow's Group—Thursday 11:00 a.m. Fratelli's

Legion of Mary—Thursday 2:30 p.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

PRAY FOR THE SICK



May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, James White, Maria Kalcic, Dave Anderson, Lisa Wayne, Courtney Allen, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 12

(Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, May 13

(Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Bryan & Natalie McCauley

Wednesday, May 14

(Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 15

(Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20)

8:00 a.m. Margaret Laughlin†

Friday, May 16

(Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)

8:00 a.m. Patrick & Tyler Brent

Saturday, May 17

(Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragsa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Harry Tracy, Sr.†, Leanna† & Lester Coupel, John McKelvey†

Sunday, May

(Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Bunny Shiver†, John Lacourrege†, Robert Trahan†, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Hontiveros Family, Mercier Family, Reidenheur Family, Patrick & Tyler Brent, Kathryn Guidry, Dorothy Clouser†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries:

Year to Date:



We are in need of volunteers to help water the Church gardens. If you have a few hours once a week and would like to help, please call the office at 985-863-7935.

WE STILL HEAR JESUS' VOICE

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

I have to admit for many years I had a certain idea of what Jesus' voice sounded like. My assumptions came from the first verse of this Gospel. Sheep are not very intelligent animals and need a shepherd to protect them, make sure they are fed and healthy, and lead them to safe pastures. When I "heard" Jesus' voice in my heart, it was always gentle, meek, caring, a "what can I do for you" type of voice.

When I made my thirty-day Ignatian retreat I heard another type of voice when Jesus spoke to my heart: it was clear, firm, and understanding. It was the voice of authority that wanted the very best, and only the best for me. Sometimes that meant I had to confront areas of my life that needed repentance and healing. Other times I needed to know that I was loved even in my poverty and weakness. Still other times Jesus needed me to realize that he was the one who does things, not me. It was the voice of the One who died that I might live forever in communion with God. It was a voice of urgency and patience.

Jesus' voice in the Gospels has many of these characteristics. Think of his words to Mary Magdalen in the garden of the resurrection. I would have expected Him to reach out to her, tell her that everything was going to be okay, and express his sympathy with what she had suffered. Instead, He calls her by name, tells her not to cling to Him, and to go and tell His brothers that He had risen. Clear, strong, real, amazing, urgent; the voice of authority, the voice of love.

Think of Zacchaeus, the Sermon on the Mount, or His words to Peter at various times during the three years of the public ministry. Remember how Jesus spoke to the Syrian Phoenician Gentile woman and His commanding words to the spirit that possessed the boy who was deaf and mute. What about the 5,000 people scattered across the fields listening to Jesus' preaching. "You feed them yourselves," He said to his disciples. And His words to His apostles at the Last Supper, "This is my body. This is my blood." And in His appearance to His apostles after the resurrection, "Peace be with you."

There are a thousand different variations of tone and intent and desire and command and mercy in the voice of the Good Shepherd.

We, the sheep, still hear Jesus' voice today. "I absolve you from your sins." "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." We hear his voice as we read the Scriptures. Our soul may be illuminated by a gesture that moves us deeply or by an unexpected kindness. How sweet and strong and true is the voice of our Shepherd!

By Sr. Kathryn Hermes

AROUND THE PARISH



Movie Night—June 13th at 7:00 p.m. and August 9th at 6:30 p.m. the Parish Council will host a family movie night.



VBS: True North will be held June 23- 27 in the Parish Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m..



Sts. Peter & Paul Potluck will be held on June 28th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.



Welcome to **Lauren Elizabeth LeDoux**, who was Baptized into the Church and **Mark David Bersuder, Jr.**, who had a Profession of Faith on April 19, 2025. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

†Wallace & Jewel Bailey †

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font be a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

—James Field

EASTER WEEK FOUR



PASTOR'S CORNER

We are now four weeks into Easter and as Catholics we know that while Lent is 40 days, not including Sundays, Easter Season is 50 days. Of those 50 days, the first 40 days of Easter Season go until the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven and the last ten days go to Pentecost. Now that we are in week four of Easter and we are still praying for Pope Francis, I feel it would be good to look at something that he was most known for, charity. I think that most of people know that when he came to the Chair of Peter he changed things. First of all the way he dressed was simpler. He did not wear the short red covering that his predecessors did. When he stepped out for the first time, he was dressed in the white papal cassock. Secondly, the apartment that he chose was very simple compared to the old papal apartments of his predecessors. He made many other changes. This was because of the way in which he lived as a cardinal was simple. He even chose the name of a simple saint, Francis, who lived a very simple lifestyle. He even tried to give as much as he could to the poor. I remember the Harley Davidson Motorbike that he was given after sitting on it. He auctioned it off for charity.

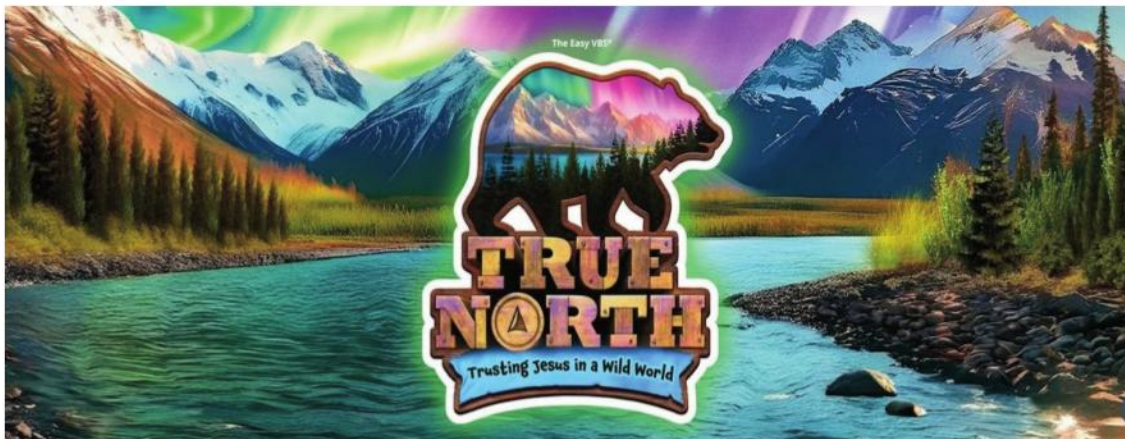
So looking beyond any of his faults, I have focused on his virtues for this Pastor's Corner.

That is why for this week's Pastor's Corner I chose a sermon from the Breviary, also known as the liturgy of the hours, which is a daily prayer book that all priests, deacons, and most all religious pray from. This sermon was written by Pope Saint Leo the Great, and it is on the virtue of Charity which Pope Francis always tried to show was of great importance to his life.

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope The virtue of charity In the gospel of John the Lord says: In this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for each other. In a letter of the same apostle we read: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God; he who does not love does not know God, for God is love. The faithful should therefore enter into themselves and make a true judgment on their attitudes of mind and heart. If they find some store of love's fruit in their hearts, they must not doubt God's presence within them. If they would increase their capacity to receive so great a guest, they should practice greater generosity in doing good, with persevering charity. If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined. Any time is the right time for works of charity, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord's Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace, for charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins. As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings of works of mercy. In this way we shall give to those who have sinned against us what God in his goodness has already given us. Let us now extend to the poor and those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices and the relief of the needy supported by our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor. Where he finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognizes the reflection of his own fatherly care. In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increasing it by giving it away. The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His gain will be greatest when he keeps back least for himself. The holy apostle Paul tells us: He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating; he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

In Closing, this wonderful Homily, written by one of the greatest pope that ever lived, helps us to see how important Charity should be to us as Catholics and to all people in general. I hope you found it inspiring and helpful. God Bless

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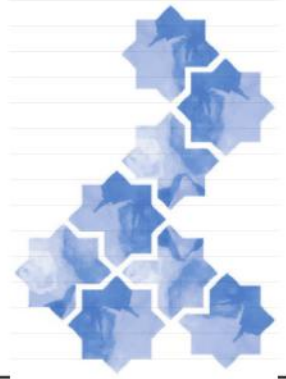
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