



May 8, 2022

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Wednesday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15

Sunday 10:00

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Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

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*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

Our God knows and loves each of us.

In the first reading, the preaching of Paul and Barnabas is rejected by the Jews and welcomed by the Gentiles. In the second reading, John sees a diverse remnant of people who survived the great tribulation. They give worship to the Lamb of God, who shepherds them. In the Gospel, Jesus says that his sheep know his voice and follow him. He leads them to eternal life, for he and the Father are one.



Mass Time & Intentions

Wednesday May 11th noon

Steve Vezurk

Friday April May 13th noon

Nick & Stella Vitanza

Saturday May 14th 4:15

David, Pearl, John & Agnes Busa,
Living & Deceased members of the
Lee & Hattie Pavlock family

Sunday May 15th 10:00

Frank & Alice Grupa

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our past,
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday May 14th 4:15 pm

Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner

Lectors:

Rosary:

Joan Pushee

Altar Servers:

Jillian Wisnoski, Zoey Smith, Brant Werner

Ushers:

Johnny Pasket Jr., Darrel Wagner, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket

Sunday May 15th 10:00 am

Lectors:

Marion Szymczak & Larry Sechelski Jr.

Rosary:

Janet Bienski

Altar Servers:

Ryan Wroblewski, Bodie Wroblewski, Haden Sechelski

Ushers:

James Busa, Stan Sechelski, Jerome Klawinsky, Ian Campbell

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

May 8, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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!





May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 13:14, 43–52

Rev 7:9, 14b–17

Jn 10:27–30

Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality.

The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

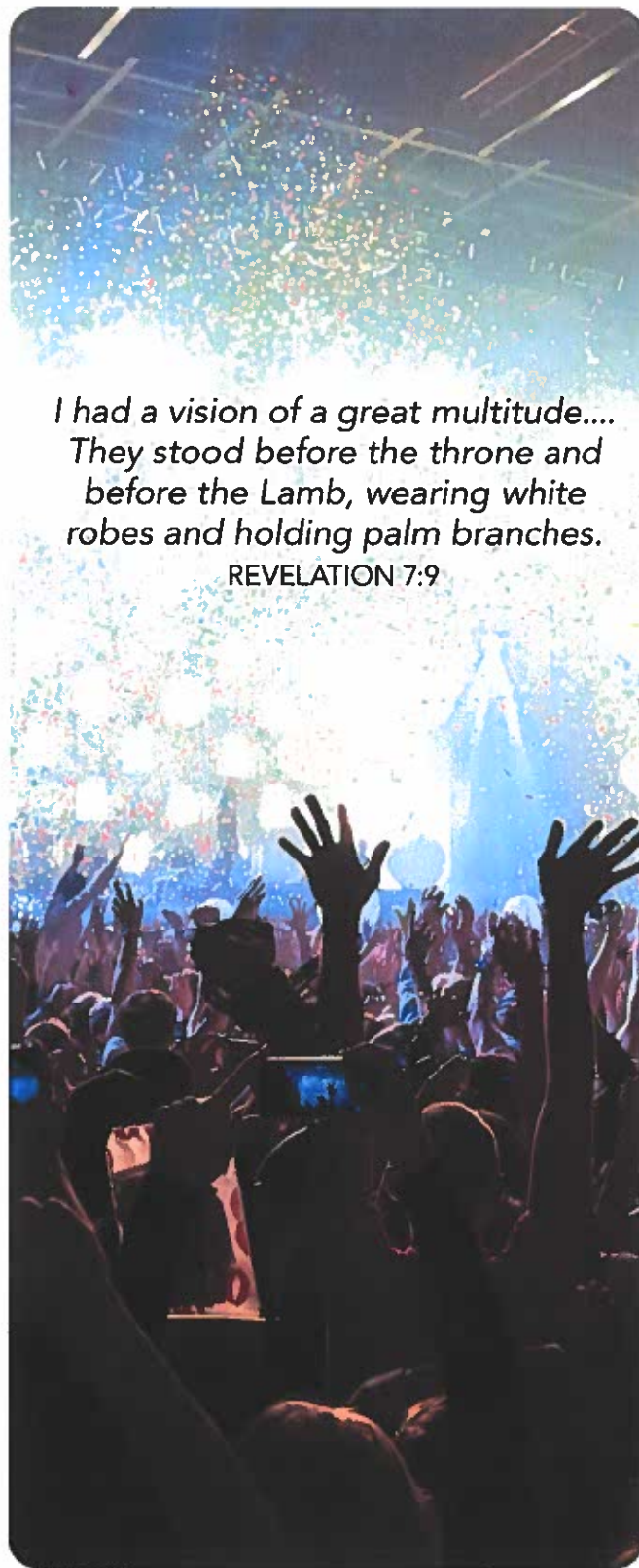
We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement (see Acts 15:1). They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by “every nation, race, people, and tongue” (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the “blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- *How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?*
- *What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?*



*I had a vision of a great multitude....
They stood before the throne and
before the Lamb, wearing white
robes and holding palm branches.*

REVELATION 7:9

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter



the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear...The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013



**Know Someone
Overly Anxious About Sin?**
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a register member 936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May

For faith-filled young people:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest: may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Altar Society

The ladies of the Altar Society are planning an outing on May 15th to the Navasota Theatre to see a play. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Call Delores Posinski at 873-2113 or Gail Sowell at 870-6842 to get tickets

Adoration

Adoration will be cancelled for Monday May 9th

Farewell Dinner for Father Eli **June 11th after the 4:15 mass.**

It will be a potluck, so cook enough for your family as well as a little extra.

We will have music, food and fun.

Plan on coming out to celebrate Father's time with our parishes and wish him the best.

Knights of Columbus Council 9367

The Navasota Knights of Columbus Council 9367
2022 Scholarship applications are available in the office.



"All those
who love
the poor
in life,
will have
nothing
to fear from
death."

St. Vincent de Paul

What a blessing it is to have a God who knows each one of us. Each of us is created and gifted with our own unique purpose. As Jesus says in today's Gospel:

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

Let us celebrate Jesus' presence in our lives and follow after him.



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME
JOIN US FOR**

Game Night

July 15th, 2022

Houston Astros Vs. Oakland Athletics

**Bus will leave St. Stanislaus at 3:50pm and return after
the game.**

\$55 per person includes Astros ticket and bus trip.

Please call St. Stanislaus' office to reserve your tickets

936-873-2291

(No glass containers)

2nd Collections

May 29th Catholic Communications

June 12th St. Vincent de Paul-local

Weekly Collections

April 30 May 1 \$4,763.25

April online \$4,405.00

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Goal \$22,575

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Please pray for those in active military duty



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Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky, Stash Allen Kurten,
Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight,
Shelby Seale, Phillip Walkoviak, Travis Watson

Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound

Sam Bova, Patricia Dobyanski, Donna Emmette, Margaret Fann, John Faust,
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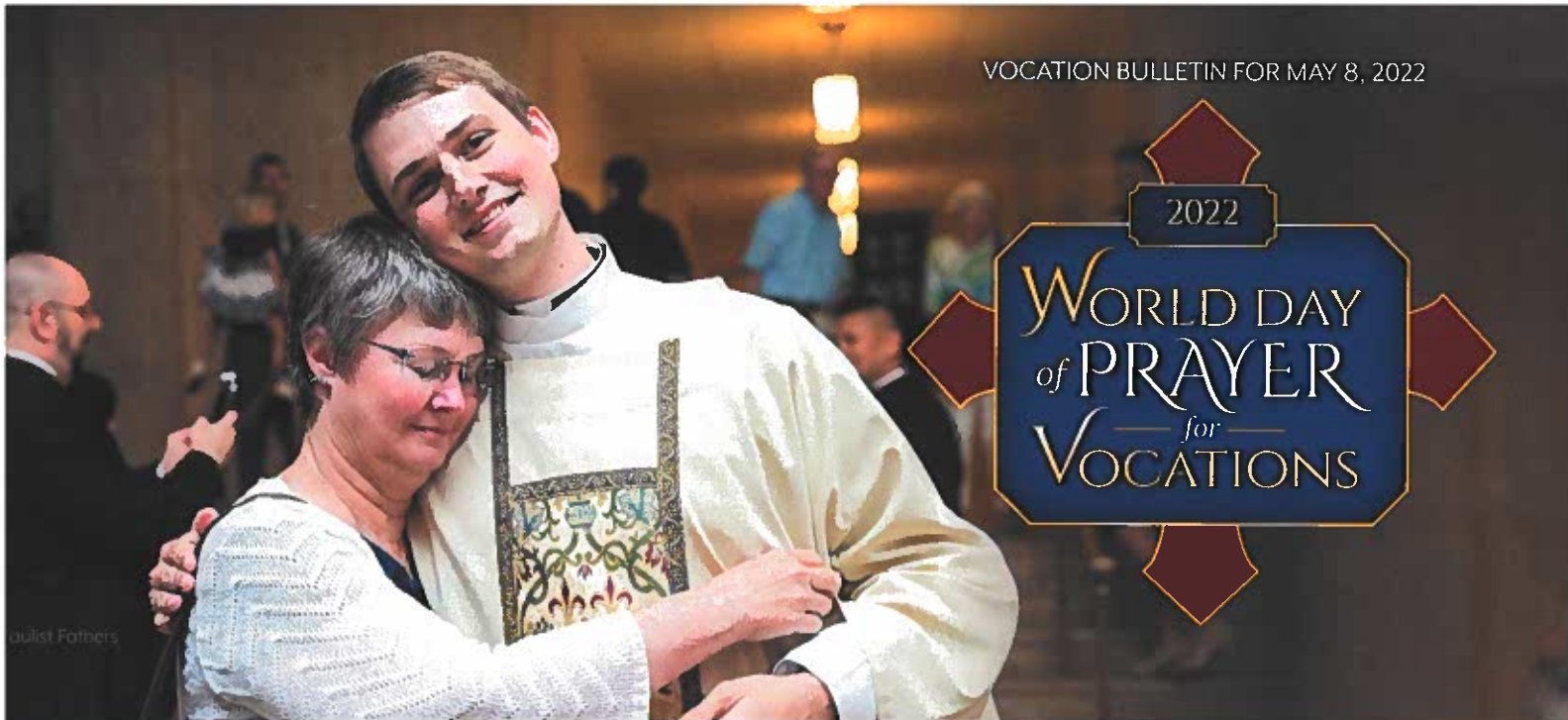
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Our Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00



"EVERY PRIESTLY VOCATION PASSES THROUGH THE HEART OF A MOTHER." ~POPE PIUS X

Vocation Director 'Boot Camp'

TRAINING THE GATEKEEPERS FOR SEMINARIES

Every year, about 50 new Vocation Directors are appointed in the 250 dioceses in the U.S. and Canada. Often they are younger priests, typically ordained just three to ten years, whom bishops have chosen for a critical job: to inspire, mentor, and screen men who feel called to the priesthood.

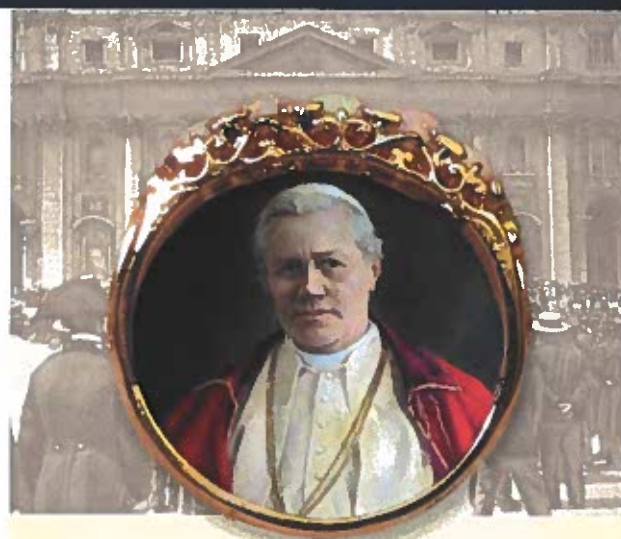
"I'm more of a guide, not a recruiter," said one Vocation Director from a Southeastern diocese. "I help guys listen to God's voice; whether it's to marriage or priesthood, that's up to Him, not me." Importantly, Vocation Directors act as gatekeepers, ensuring that very rigorous standards are upheld before accepting men to seminary.

But who trains the Vocation Directors on how to vet future seminarians? For the past 15 years, a very robust "bootcamp" for new Vocation Directors has been held by the NCDVD (National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors). Officially called the "Institute for New Vocation Personnel," it features veteran instructors who dive deep into the candidate screening process, with a strong emphasis on human maturity and psychological evaluation.

Vocation Directors are well aware of the gravity of their task. "People are always going to ask you how many seminarians you have, but don't get fixated on the numbers," said one of the instructors. "Instead focus on forming good, holy men who can serve as faithful priests."



Diocesanpriest.com lists all Vocation Directors in the U.S. and Canada.



ONE RING TO SERVE THEM ALL

Pope Pius X (1835-1914) was a very humble man who had a saintly mother, Margarita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a washer woman and a school janitor to earn enough money so that he could go to the seminary. (In those days, the family had to pay for the seminarian's education.) When he was installed as Pope, his mother was present, and as was the custom, she kissed his large papal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, "Now you kiss my ring—for without it, you never would have received yours!"



BY THE NUMBERS

Priest Ordinations 1990-2020



Jaymie Perry/Little Ways Photography

Data from CARA



Discerning Together

"Discernment groups" are a growing trend among young Catholics. Last fall, a group of college women at Oklahoma State University spent six weeks discerning religious life together. They met for prayer and discussion, served the poor together, and ended with a fun outing.

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit." ~Pope Francis

Serra is 13,000 Strong

Have you ever wanted to get serious about encouraging young people to consider priesthood or religious life? You're not alone! Some 13,000 Catholics worldwide in 46 countries belong to Serra International, the Church's official lay organization to promote vocations.

Local Serra Clubs have made a huge impact in their dioceses with projects ranging from planning discernment retreats to organizing vocation essay contests. One such successful initiative is Serra Spark (serraspark.org), a website with clear directions on how to carry out dozens of initiatives in parishes and schools.

Saint Junipero Serra (above), the patron of Serra International, is lauded as the "Founder of California." To find a Serra Club near you, visit serrainternational.org



Sisters to the Rescue

Because so few Catholic children encounter religious sisters in person these days, an effort is underway to bring sisters to them! Veteran children's book artist Michael Corsini is illustrating a series for kids aged 4-10 entitled *Little Convent in the Big City*, filled with the adventures of Sr. Mary Andy and her brave sisters. Pre-order at vianneyvocations.com

COULD I BE A PRIEST?

GoPriest.com

Take a discernment self-test, request free books on discernment, and access the new "Nine Holy Hours to Discern the Priesthood."

Altar Society:

Meets the first Thursday
September to May. The
next meeting will be
Thursday September 1st
@ 6:00 in the rectory.
All Catholic ladies are
welcome.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

On the 1st weekend of every
month Fr. Eli will bless
anyone with a birthday
or wedding anniversary
during that month following
each Mass.

Choir Practice:

Choir practice is on
Thursday evenings at
6:15pm in the church.
Contact Leo Hock at
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Knights of Columbus:

KC Council #4054 meets at the
KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at
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Contact Deen Miller
936-524-1700 for membership
And James Moran
936-306-9663 for rental
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference

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Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and
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12 Hour Adoration:

Our church is open every
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join in the worship with the
scheduled persons.

Cemetery Guidelines:

If you have any questions of
concerns pertaining to the
cemetery, please contract
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RCIA classes to start in
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For more information, see their
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