

St. Augustine
Catholic Church & School
Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Tradition



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

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The Good Shepherd

When you think of sheep, what comes to mind? Cuddly creatures, all calm and peaceful, resting or grazing in a green meadow or pasture? Little furballs with no cares in the world?

But what is the sheep's true situation? What about the "bad shepherds," the hired hands who neglect the sheep, who tend the sheep only because they are paid to do so, or worse, who "fleece" the sheep for their own advantage? What about the trouble that sheep get themselves into, wandering off, getting lost, blindly intent on pursuing their creature comforts, heedless of the dangers that surround them? What about the wolves?

For the sheep to be safe and without a care in the world, they need a good shepherd. That's the shepherd's vocation: to care for the sheep and make sure that they stay out of trouble; to search them out and gather them in when they are lost; to defend them from the wolves (unlike the hired hand, who runs away and abandons the sheep).

Why do the sheep follow the good shepherd? Because he "knows" them, and he calls each of them by name. The sheep, in turn, know their shepherd and trust his voice.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, our readings invite us to reflect on THE Good Shepherd, Jesus. He is the one who keeps us "gathered," not lost. He is the one who keeps us healthy spiritually and emotionally. He is the one who keeps us safe from the wolves.

Unlike the other shepherds, however, Jesus the Good Shepherd does even more. While other shepherds might defend their sheep from earthly dangers, few actually "love" their sheep or would go to the extreme of giving their lives for their sheep. After all, they can always get more sheep; but they themselves have only one life. Jesus is different. He truly loves his sheep with a love so great that he willingly lays down his life for them to protect them from the harm of sin. He takes up his life again that his sheep, freed from the fear of death, might also rise with him and live forever. He truly knows our deepest selves and calls us each by name. He is the one whom we can trust, literally, with our lives and our deaths.

In order to follow the Good Shepherd, we must first "know" him. We begin to know Jesus through faith, prayer, the sacraments, the Scriptures, and the Christian community gathered in his name. In knowing the Good Shepherd, in knowing Jesus, we come to know the One who sent him, the Father. In knowing the Father and the Son (and the Spirit that unites them), we participate in their divine life. It is through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who willingly lays down his life for us and then takes it up again, that the will of the Father, our salvation, is accomplished. As *Acts* puts it: *There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.*

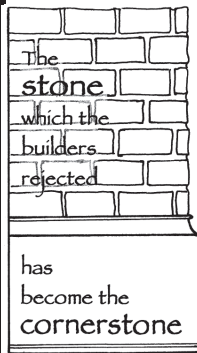
To know the Good Shepherd, to know Jesus, to know God the Father, is to do what Jesus does. It is to respond to his call and to live as children of God, *for that is what we are*. It is to fulfill our baptismal promises by loving and obeying the Father and by loving and serving our neighbor.

When we do these things, when we know and follow the Good Shepherd, we become good shepherds ourselves. We learn to live not for ourselves, but to lay down our lives for others. We gather the lost; we heal the sick and bind up their wounds; we bring them to the safe pasture of the Good Shepherd; we help them know the Good Shepherd and the Father who sent him; we help them become children of God who participate in the divine life.

So today, what type of shepherd will we be? As children? As adolescents? As young adults? As parents? As religious? As priests? How will we put our baptismal vocation into practice by loving God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves? There is really only one answer to these questions: Look to the Good Shepherd. Look to Jesus, *the stone which the builders rejected* which has become the cornerstone of our lives as Christians. And then do what he does.

Easter blessings,

Fr. Chris



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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Sunday Mass (in the Parking Lot)

- ◆ Mass in Spanish on Sunday @ 12:30pm
- ◆ Mass in English on Sunday @ 10am and 3pm

Weekday Mass (in the Parking Lot)

- ◆ Mass in English on Tuesday & Friday @ 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Held in the St. Ambrose & Our Lady of Guadalupe Rooms in the Parish Center, not in the Church)

- ◆ 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays,
- ◆ 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Saturdays.

For information about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Quinceaneras and other celebrations, please contact the Parish Office (310) 838-2477.

All ministry meetings are cancelled until further notice!

COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult
decisions between food on the table or public
safety,

we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health
insurance,

we pray that no family will face financial
burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to
immigration status,

we pray for recognition of the God-given
dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign
of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant
comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

St Augustine Parish Mission Statement

In following the teachings of Jesus Christ, St Augustine Parish lives and radiates the love of God through prayer and action. We strive to accomplish this mission by fostering our Catholic identity, joyfully celebrating the sacraments together as a diverse community, and recognizing and promoting social justice.

Offertory Information during time of limited Masses in the Parking Lot:

We thank you for the many calls of appreciation that we can still gather together as a parish community as best we can. We are grateful for your willingness to support St. Augustine financially during these challenging times. Let me assure you that even though Masses have been limited to the parking lot, certain parish operations, ministries, and expenses have not been suspended and we need your continued support. With this in mind, let me offer you a few of options on what to do with your offertory envelopes:

1. You may mail your offertory envelopes into St Augustine Church. The address appears at the bottom of this bulletin. Or you may drop off your envelopes at the Parish Office.

2. If you feel comfortable, you may move to *Online Giving*. This may be done on a regular basis by creating an on-line account, or you may do a one time "quick give". Please visit our parish website or go to: <https://st-augustine-church.org/online-giving>. Thank you for your support!

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Mass Intentions



**April 24
to
May 2**

Saturday, April 24

8:00 AM -

Sunday, April 25

10:00 AM - Rev. Vicente Payuyo † & Audi Marcus Ross †

12:30 PM - Daisy Wilson †

3:00 PM - Robert Holness

Monday, April 26

5:30 PM - Maria & Juan Castaneda †, Jose Luis Castaneda †
and Salvador Castaneda †

Tuesday, April 27

5:30 PM - Antero & Diodesa Santorin †, Jenelee Robles †,
Samantha Santarin †

Wednesday, April 28

5:30 PM - Ed Jazwa †, Lillian Papenguth †, Linda Miller †

Thursday, April 29

5:30 PM - Alfredo Gutierrez †

Friday, April 30

5:30 PM - Antonia Martin †

Saturday, May 1

8:00 AM -

Sunday, May 2

10:00 AM - Librado Lopez, & Sheryl Lopez

12:30 PM - Angelina Baezo

3:00 PM - Robert Holness

Please remember the following in your prayers:

For those who have asked for prayers, for themselves, or for others, especially: Delfino Rodriguez, Jose Moreno Garcia, Nishantha Seneviratne, Wilfred Jayasuriya, Jessica Aguilar, Teresa Lopez, Francisco Grambilla, Carlos Velazquez, Trinidad Cabarillo, Francisco Velasquez, Emilio Romo, Luis Garcia, Alberto Miranda, Guillermo Navarro, Tomasin Lee, Ramon Reyes, Javier Torres, Rosie Palafox, Sandra Streter, Rodrigo Rangel, Karen Ruiz, Rafael Martinez, Carmen Lamios, Etienne Balatero, Eulogio Felipe, Leo Masatani, Cesar Samoya,

For those who have died, that God will raise them on the last day, especially: Lili Papenguth, Xóchitl Hortencia Coronado de Muñoz, Carlos Alvarez, Antonia Martin, Maria Luz Casares Neira, Jenny Palafox Ramirez, Raymond & Eleanor Palafox, Eulogio Felipe, Prince Adesoji Adesida, JoAnn Childers, Renee Espiritu, Arthur Porter, Edward Jazwa, Sonia Teresa Magdalena Motta, Erlinda Bernabe, Nishan Seneviratne

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We thank God that we are able to celebrate Mass in the parking lot, but we still need your help. We hope that the closure of the Church building will not last long. Regardless of whether we have Mass in the Church or outdoors, we need to be safe and we will have expenses for this purpose. Any financial help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday masses will continue through May as follows:

- Tuesday @ 5:30pm
- Friday @ 5:30pm

Please visit our website for more information:

www.st-augustine-church.org

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD



2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
LEARNING, SOCIAL JUSTICE & ACTION



NEW! SAS REOPENING OF SCHOOL CAMPUS 2021

Are you looking for a school that offers on-campus, online or hybrid learning? St. Augustine School will be reopening its campus for in-person learning beginning April 12, 2021 for new student enrollment or student transfers for the remainder of the current school year (April-June).

We are working hard to meet and exceed the safety and health requirements set forth by the Center for Disease Control, the State of California Health Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Our Hyperflex Model gives parents many options and students an opportunity to progress in their academic journey during this global pandemic and international crisis. Due to strict observance of distancing and space allocation per pupil, admissions will be limited to available openings in specific grades. Please contact us for further details!

ENROLLMENT INFO (310) 838-3144

Email mbriseno@sasmail.org or contact Dr. Nguyen, Principal

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021-2022

SAS is currently accepting applications for the next school year 2021-2022

LICENSED PRESCHOOL:

- Licensed Preschool Age 2+
- Licensed Preschool Age 3+

EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY

- Transitional Kindergarten Age 4+
- Kindergarten Age 5+
- Grades 1-2

MIDDLE GRADES:

- Grade 3-5

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

- Grades 6-8
- Graduates of St. Augustine School receive a Diploma of Catholic Elementary Education
- Many of our graduates continue to receive advanced/honors placement and valuable scholarships to Catholic High Schools

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine

WASHINGTON— On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States.

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines. "Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' [1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life

Bishops Response to Hate Crimes against Asians and Asian-Americans in our Country

In a statement published on Monday, Bishop Oscar A. Solis of Salt Lake City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs, condemned the culture of death, hatred and violence underlying these incidents and called for solidarity with the vulnerable. "As bishops, we decry any kind of hatred and violence, particularly based on race, ethnicity, or sex", the prelate said. He noted that this latest incident "has prompted national dialogue on addressing anti-Asian bias that has taken the form of numerous other acts of physical violence, verbal attacks and destruction of property against those of Asian descent over the last year that have left communities across the country traumatized". Echoing Atlanta Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer's words, the US Bishops call for support and solidarity with all victims of violence and those who are vulnerable, stressing once again that "every human being is a brother or sister in Christ, created in the image and likeness of a loving God".

"Particularly during this season of Lent, let us remember God's love and mercy for each one of us and renew the call for conversion of heart, that we may be more united to God's love and share it with all of our neighbors", the statement adds.

Similarly, Bishop Clark, Auxiliary Bishop of "Our Lady of the Angeles" region provided the following statement: "The recent and on-going attacks on Asians and Asian-Americans in our State and in our Country are irreconcilable with Christian and American values. It cannot be denied that California has a long history of racial prejudice against people from Asia, a long history of shame, a long history to be overcome. As Catholics we are called to be "universal" Christians. It is the first and most important definition of the word "catolicos" or "catholic." As universal Christians, as Catholics, we are called to be the first among all people to reject prejudice, the first to defend human rights, the first to work for justice and equality, and the first to demonstrate respect for people of every nation, culture, and ethnic origin. If we fail to live up to our responsibility, if we fail to speak up and to act up, we fail to live up to our own identity as Catholics."



Calling for Volunteers — walk with us as disciples serving our community

The Parish Hospitality Ministry would like to invite you to volunteer and help at our Weekday and Sunday Masses. If you would be interested in helping set up for mass in the parking lot, or directing traffic, please contact one of our current volunteers with your contact information or call the parish office and our Hospitality Team will contact you. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer— Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB

BUILDING ON OUR COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY

"Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone."
(1 Tim 4:15)



Charter & Essential Norms

June 2002, Revised 2005, 2011, 2018

- Zero Tolerance
- Victim Outreach
- Required Reporting to Public Authorities
- Lay Review Boards
- Victim Assistance Coordinators
- Safe Environment Training
- Background Checks
- No Confidentiality Agreements Unless Requested by Survivor
- Ongoing Formation for Clergy



Motu Proprio

Vos Estis Lux Mundi

May 2019

- Reporting Systems
- Timely Investigations
- Survivor Support
- Whistleblower Protection
- Conflict of Interest Ban
- Lay Involvement
- Compliance with Civil Law
- Grounded in the Law and Life of the Local Church



Implementation Directives

June 2019

- Outlines Use of Lay Experts to Investigate and Publicize Allegations
- National 3rd Party Reporting
- Strengthens Conflict of Interest Ban
- Pastoral Care for Those Harmed
- Affirms Duties of Metropolitan



Protocol

June 2019

- Guidance on Bishops Who Were Removed or Who Resigned for Reasons Related to Sexual Abuse or Abuse of Power
- Guidance on Participation of Such Bishops Removed or Resigned in USCCB Meetings



Episcopal Commitments

June 2019

- Bishops Included in Codes of Conduct that Must Include Prohibitions Against Sexual Misconduct and Harassment
- Bishops Renew Pledge to Be Subject to the Charter
- Commitment to Ongoing Formation for Bishops
- Commitment to Include Expertise of Lay Professionals



Vademecum

Treating Cases of Sexual Abuse of Minors

July 2020

- Affirms the Rights of Victims
- Underscores Ways to Report Clerical Sexual Abuse
- Reinforces Bishops' Obligations to Preserve Evidence
- Emphasizes Cooperation with Civil Authorities
- Clarifies Obligations of Silence
- Ensures Consistency in the Investigation of Allegations
- Describes the Church's Penal Process



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¿No está seguro(a) de entender la Doctrina Social Católica?

¿Ha oído hablar de la Doctrina Social Católica, pero se pregunta si realmente entiende sus principios? ¿Se pregunta cuáles son los conceptos clave o los mensajes centrales que la Iglesia tiene para nuestro mundo hoy en día? La Doctrina Social Católica es profunda, robusta, compleja, pero también accesible a cualquiera que tenga un corazón y una mente dispuestos. Brota de principios y valores memorables, fundacionales y armoniosos, incluyendo: la vida y la dignidad de la persona humana, el llamado a la familia y a la comunidad, la relación entre derechos y responsabilidades, la opción por los pobres y los vulnerables, la dignidad del trabajo y los derechos de los trabajadores, la solidaridad, la subsidiariedad, el cuidado de la creación de Dios, y más. Para obtener más información sobre la aplicación de estos principios en cuestiones de actualidad y para mantenerse informado, visite www.cacatholic.org. Y para recibir actualizaciones periódicas sobre temas importantes de política pública desde una perspectiva católica fiel, únase a la *Red Legislativa Católica*.

Vacúnese para proteger su salud y la de su comunidad

En colaboración con los sistemas de salud católicos y Caridades Católicas a lo largo del Estado Dorado, los Obispos Católicos de California instan a todos los californianos a vacunarse para evitar que siga propagándose la mortal pandemia de COVID-19, que ha cobrado la vida de más de dos millones de personas en todo el mundo.

Como ha dicho la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe del Vaticano, las vacunas ahora disponibles y ofrecidas (Pfizer y Moderna) y las que actualmente están en proceso de aprobación/prueba (AstraZeneca y Johnson & Johnson) son moralmente permisibles y pueden ser utilizadas en buena conciencia. Más allá de la simple protección de su propia salud y seguridad, los católicos también tienen la obligación de proteger a su familia, sus amigos y su comunidad vacunándose tan pronto como sea posible de acuerdo con las directrices y protocolos de salud pública de su zona. Uno siempre debe consultar con su médico sobre cualquier preocupación médica personal.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).

Salmo — La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Nos hemos convertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).

Evangelio — El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

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¿Cuáles son las cuestiones políticas y morales pertinentes que están en juego hoy en día?

Como católicos, "llevamos la riqueza de nuestra fe a la esfera pública". Esto significa arrojar luz sobre las sombras que asolan nuestra sociedad. ¿Cómo hace la Iglesia para arrojar luz sobre los asuntos de la vida humana? ¿Sobre la situación y los derechos de los soñadores (*Dreamers*) y las familias inmigrantes? ¿Sobre la libertad religiosa y los derechos de conciencia? ¿Sobre las realidades de la xenofobia, la trata de personas, el racismo e incluso el infanticidio? Todas estas son cuestiones actuales que deben ser atendidas con el testimonio de la Iglesia de que todos los seres humanos, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural, tienen una dignidad inherente, son creados iguales y tienen derecho a la vida. Visite www.cacatholic.org para más información sobre cómo pensar en estos temas como un católico fiel. Además, vea la publicación de los obispos de EE.UU. *Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles* para obtener una visión intemporal de estos temas sociales oportunos en: usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/

El buen pastor

Cuando piensan ustedes en ovejas, ¿qué les viene a la mente de ustedes? ¿Criaturas adorables, todas tranquilas y pacíficas, descansando o pastando en un prado verde o pasto? ¿Pequeñas bolas de piel sin caricias en el mundo?

¿Pero cuál es la verdadera situación de las ovejas? ¿Qué pasa con los "malos pastores", los asalariados que descuidan a las ovejas, que cuidan a las ovejas sólo porque se les paga para hacerlo, o peor aún, que estafan las ovejas para su propio beneficio? ¿Y los problemas en los que se meten las ovejas, deambulando, perdiéndose, ciegamente decidido a perseguir las comodidades de su criatura, sin hacer caso de los peligros que las rodean? ¿Y los lobos?

Para que las ovejas estén a salvo y sin cuidado en el mundo, necesitan un buen pastor. Esa es la vocación del pastor: cuidar a las ovejas y asegurarse de que se mantengan fuera de problemas; buscarlas y recogerlas cuando se pierdan; defenderlas de los lobos (a diferencia del asalariado, que huye y abandona las ovejas).

¿Por qué las ovejas siguen al buen pastor? Porque los "conoce", y los llama a cada uno de ellos por su nombre. Las ovejas, a su vez, conocen a su pastor y confían en su voz.

Hoy, el Domingo de Buen Pastor, nuestras lecturas nos invitan a reflexionar sobre EL Buen Pastor, Jesús. Él es el que nos mantiene "reunidos", no perdidos. Él es el que nos mantiene sanos espiritual y emocionalmente. Él es el que nos mantiene a salvo de los lobos.

Sin embargo, a diferencia de los otros pastores, Jesús el Buen Pastor hace aún más. Mientras que otros pastores podrían defender a sus ovejas de los peligros terrenales, pocos realmente "aman" a sus ovejas o irían al extremo de dar sus vidas por sus ovejas. Después de todo, siempre pueden conseguir más ovejas; pero ellos mismos sólo tienen una vida. Jesús es diferente. Él verdaderamente ama a sus ovejas con un amor tan grande que voluntariamente da su vida para que las protejan del daño del pecado. Retome su vida de nuevo para que sus ovejas, liberadas del miedo a la muerte, también se levanten con él y vivan para siempre. Él realmente conoce nuestro ser más profundo y nos llama cada uno por su nombre. Él es el en quien podemos confiar, literalmente, con nuestras vidas y nuestras muertes.

Para seguir al Buen Pastor, primero debemos "conocerlo". Nosotros empezamos a conocer a Jesús por medio de la fe, la oración, los sacramentos, las Escrituras y la comunidad cristiana reunida en su nombre. Al conocer al Buen Pastor, al conocer a Jesús, llegamos a conocer al que lo envió, el Padre. Al conocer al Padre y al Hijo (y al Espíritu que los une) participamos en su vida divina. Es a través de Jesús, el Buen Pastor, quien voluntariamente da su vida por nosotros y luego la retome de nuevo, que se cumpla la voluntad del Padre, nuestra salvación. Como dice *los Hechos de los Apóstoles*: *Ningún otro puede salvarnos, pues en la tierra no existe ninguna otra persona a quien Dios hay constituido como salvador nuestro.*

Conocer al Buen Pastor, conocer a Jesús, conocer a Dios Padre, es hacer lo que Jesús hace. Es responder a su llamado y vivir como hijos de Dios, pues *no sólo nos llamamos hijos de Dios, sino que lo somos*. Es cumplir nuestras promesas bautismales amando y obedeciendo al Padre y amando y sirviendo a nuestro prójimo.

Cuando hacemos estas cosas, cuando conocemos y seguimos al Buen Pastor, nos convertimos en buenos pastores nosotros mismos. Aprendemos a vivir no por nosotros mismos, sino a dar nuestras vidas por los demás. Recogemos a los perdidos; curamos a los enfermos y atamos sus heridas; las llevamos al pasto seguro del Buen Pastor; les ayudamos a conocer al Buen Pastor y al Padre que lo envió; los ayudamos a convertirse en hijos de Dios que participan en la vida divina.

Entonces, hoy, ¿qué tipo de pastor seremos? ¿Como niños? ¿Como adolescentes? ¿Como adultos jóvenes? ¿Como padres? ¿Como religiosos? ¿Como sacerdotes? ¿Cómo pondremos en práctica nuestra vocación bautismal para amar a Dios por encima de todas las cosas y a nuestros vecinos como nosotros mismos? Realmente sólo hay una respuesta a estas preguntas: Mira al Buen Pastor. Mira a Jesús, *la piedra que desecharon los arquitectos* y que se ha convertido en la piedra angular de nuestras vidas como cristianos. Y luego haz lo que haga.

Bendiciones de Pascua, P. Chris

LOS MINISTERIOS QUE HABLAN ESPAÑOL SE REÚNEN EN LÍNEA

Durante la pandemia, varios de los ministerios de la Parroquia de San Agustín que hablan español se reúnen en línea. Para obtener el enlace Zoom para una reunión específica del ministerio, póngase en contacto con los coordinadores del ministerio, de la siguiente manera:

El **grupo de oración** se reúne los viernes de 7:30 p.m. a 9:30 p.m.

Contactos a llamar para dar información:

Alberto y Rebeca Martínez – (310) 936-0278

Arturo y Lulú Quintero – (310) 936-2893

Ministerio de matrimonios se reúne los martes de 7:30 p.m. a 9:30 p.m.

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Los Presidentes de los Comités de Doctrina y Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB se Pronuncian Sobre el Uso de la Vacuna de Johnson & Johnson contra el Covid-19

WASHINGTON— El 2 de marzo, el obispo Kevin C. Rhoades de Fort Wayne-South Bend, presidente del Comité de Doctrina y el arzobispo Joseph F. Naumann de Kansas City en Kansas, presidente del Comité de Actividades Pro-Vida de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB), emitieron una declaración sobre la vacuna Johnson & Johnson contra el COVID-19, recientemente aprobada para su uso en Estados Unidos.

“La aprobación de la vacuna de Johnson & Johnson contra el COVID-19 para su uso en Estados Unidos vuelve a plantear interrogantes sobre la permisibilidad moral del uso de vacunas desarrolladas, probadas y/o producidas con la ayuda de líneas celulares derivadas del aborto.

Las vacunas de Pfizer y Moderna generaron preocupación debido a que se utilizó una línea celular derivada del aborto para probarlas, aunque no en su producción. Sin embargo, la vacuna de Johnson & Johnson se desarrolló, probó y se produce con líneas celulares derivadas del aborto, lo que genera preocupaciones morales adicionales. La Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe ha juzgado que ‘cuando las vacunas contra el COVID-19, que son éticamente irreprochables no están disponibles..., es moralmente aceptable recibir vacunas contra el COVID-19 que han utilizado líneas celulares de fetos abortados en su proceso de investigación y producción’. [1]

Sin embargo, si se puede elegir entre vacunas contra el COVID-19 igualmente seguras y efectivas, se debe elegir la vacuna con la menor conexión con las líneas celulares derivadas del aborto. Por lo tanto, si la persona tiene la capacidad de elegir una vacuna, se debe elegir entre las vacunas creadas por Pfizer o Moderna, en vez de la producida por Johnson & Johnson.

Mientras que nosotros debemos seguir insistiendo en que las empresas farmacéuticas dejen de usar líneas celulares derivadas del aborto, dado el sufrimiento que está causando esta pandemia a nivel mundial, afirmamos nuevamente que vacunarse puede ser un acto de caridad que responde al bienestar común”.

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