FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil/ Vigilia
School Field/Drive in only
5:30 pm (Eng) 7 pm (Viet)

Sunday / Domingo:
School field. Drive in only.
8 am (Eng) 10 am (Spa)

Weekday / Entre Semana:
Our Lady of Lavang Patio
8 am –English (65 pp max)

CONFESSIONS / Confesiones
Our Lady of Lavang Shrine
Friday (vier), 4 pm & 6 pm

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ASSOCIATE
Rev. Joseph KimDang Nguyen

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I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

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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MASS INTENTIONS
April 24 - 30

SATURDAY, April 24
5:30 pm - † Augustino An Tran
7:00 p.m. - † Gioan Baotixita Nguyen Van Trung

SUNDAY, April 25
8:00 a.m. - our parishioners
10:00 a.m. - †† Joe Escalera Sr.

MONDAY, April 26
8:00 a.m.– †† Vincent Tran

TUESDAY, April 27
8:00 a.m.- † All Souls, especially Phaolo Pham Van Tam.

WEDNESDAY, April 28
8:00 a.m. - In Thanksgiving from the Pham Family.

THURSDAY, April 29
8:00 a.m.- For the health of Manuela Pool Tobar

FRIDAY, April 30
8:00 a.m. - † Andrea Valsamis.

Please keep them in your prayers.

BELONGING

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are "at home" in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God's children, precious in God's sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us. Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8–12
Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1–2
John 10:11–18

DID YOU KNOW?

We ask you, as the People of God, to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse"

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds

and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace,

to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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Mother's Day Novena

We have started taking registrations for those wishing to enroll their mothers in the novena. You can get the cards and envelopes at the Rectory office starting Monday. You are asked to fill them out and return the envelope with your donation. (Suggested donation $10.00)

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Mayfest

Sunday, May 23,

This year our parish has scheduled a MAYFEST Fundraiser to help with the expenses of our parish. We will be having a selection of delicious foods offered by our different communities available for Pick Up only. You must Pre-order using the link in our website, or going to our rectory office. We will also have a Raffle Drawing on May 23rd. Raffle tickets have been mailed to registered parishioners, but are also available at the rectory office. $2 per ticket. Winner need not be present.

1st Prize	$2000	Ticket seller $150
2nd Prize	$500	Ticket seller $100
3rd Prize	$250	Ticket seller $50
4th Prize	Michael Kors Purse	

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Ruben Castorena
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Sandra Jinesta
Coordinator of Confirmation

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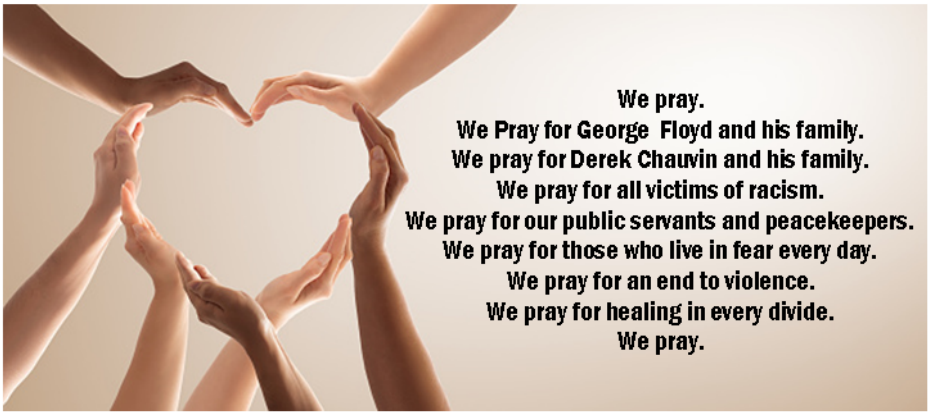
High School Confirmation Program

"We cannot close our eyes to any form of racism or exclusion, while pretending to defend the sacredness of every human life."

Pope Francis



We pray.
We Pray for George Floyd and his family.
We pray for Derek Chauvin and his family.
We pray for all victims of racism.
We pray for our public servants and peacekeepers.
We pray for those who live in fear every day.
We pray for an end to violence.
We pray for healing in every divide.
We pray.

Taking Steps Towards Anti-Racism

By LIFETEEN

"Racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts. The persistence of the evil of racism is why we are writing this letter now." (Open Wide Our Hearts, p. 6-7)

The United States Conference of Catholic bishops wrote that letter to the faithful in 2018 and it's disheartening and challenging to confront the reality that our culture was still affected by racism then and continues to still be affected by it today. The murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor have made it tremendously clear that the evil of racism persists, not only due to corrupt systems of power but also because of the silence of people who would rather not have the race conversation — people who would say that they're not racist but aren't actively anti-racist. There is a difference and the faithful have a duty to do the work to be the latter.

Racism is an institutional and systemic reality, particularly in the Western world, that persists despite efforts such as the Civil Rights movement and other struggles for justice. Anti-racism is defined as the policy or practice of opposing racism and promoting racial tolerance. If this sounds like something that should have always been happening, that's because it should have. But it hasn't. And the Church and her members have failed to be the prominent voice in this work. Our lives have to conform themselves to the will of the Father in such a way that we will become the prominent voice in this work if we want the Kingdom of God to be made manifest here on Earth.

In order to actively oppose the evil of racism, the Body of Christ has to actively engage in the work at hand. This starts with taking an intentional look at the voices that inform our lives and the voices that we trust. Look at your friends, mentors, the books you read, the accounts you follow; are the voices you hear there primarily white? A step in becoming a listening Church is to actually listen to the voices of People of Color.

Prayer to Heal Racial Division

We thank you, O Lord,
For in your loving wisdom
You created one human family
With a diversity
That enriches our communities.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That we always recognize
each member of this human family
As being made in your image and beloved by you,
With worth and dignity.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That we may envision a way forward
To heal the racial divisions
That deny human dignity and
the bonds between all human beings.
We pray to you, O Lord
That we may affirm each person's dignity
Through fair access for all
To economic opportunity, housing,
Education, and employment.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That we may have eyes to see
What is possible when we reach out
Beyond fear, beyond anger,
To hold the hand of our sisters, our brothers.
We thank you, O Lord,
For your call and challenge to us
That we may reveal your teachings and your love
Through our actions to end racism
And to proclaim that we are all your children,
heirs to your sacred creation.
Amen.

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

EL MONTE COVID19 VACCINATION INITIATIVE

The City of El Monte in partnership with Hilda Solis has implemented a Community COVID 19 Portal, to help El Monte residents get vaccinated. Please visit the City of El Monte Website for more information and/or to get registered,

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Yo soy el buen pastor,
porque conozco a mis ovejas
y ellas me conocen a mí,
así como el Padre
me conoce a mí
y yo conozco al Padre.
Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas.

JUAN 10:14–15

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LA IMPORTANCIA DE INSCRIBIRSE EN SU PARROQUIA

Inscribirse en su parroquia es un importante primer paso para convertirse en un miembro activo de la comunidad local de la iglesia. La inscripción trae consigo unos beneficios tangibles que pueden ayudar a una persona a participar más plenamente en la iglesia local y puede ayudar a los inmigrantes en los asuntos relacionados a las leyes migratorias en el futuro.

Por favor, note que el liderazgo de la parroquia y de la diócesis no va a compartir la información de la inscripción con ninguna agencia gubernamental o policial. El proceso de la inscripción es completamente confidencial.

Por favor tome un momento para registrarse usando la forma en nuestro sitio web, o pase a la oficina a recoger una aplicación. También lo invitamos a considerar hacer sus donaciones ONLINE, es completamente Seguro y confidencial.

PERTENECIENTES

No hay nada como pertenecer. Muchas de nuestras experiencias más profundas en la vida son de la pertenencia que sentimos entre la familia o amigos cercanos. Podemos experimentar pertenencia dentro de nuestra parroquia, incluso diciendo que estamos "en casa" en nuestra comunidad de fe. A veces, decimos que pertenecemos a una asociación de ex alumnos escolares o club social. Nuestra pertenencia más profunda, sin embargo, está en el corazón de Dios. Somos hijos de Dios, preciosos a la vista de Dios. Somos tan preciados que Jesús dejó su vida por nosotros. Saber que pertenecemos a Dios en Jesucristo nos da una nueva y eterna perspectiva de la vida. Pedro lo entendió cuando explicó que su curación del hombre que había sido discapacitado desde el nacimiento se había llevado a cabo por medio de Cristo. Jesús describe la relación entre él y aquellos que creen en él en términos íntimos— nosotros que estamos en relación con Cristo sabemos que nuestra propia vida depende de él.

EL BUEN PASTOR

La diferencia entre el buen pastor y un trabajador es la distinción entre la vida y la muerte. A diferencia del trabajador quien trabaja por un salario y huye a la primera señal de dificultad, Jesús es un buen pastor que da su vida por sus ovejas. El buen pastor atrae a las ovejas hacía él. Ellas le pertenecen, no como una posesión que se puede desechar, sino como una posesión preciosa que tienen la seguridad que pueden contar con su cuidado y protección. Las ovejas deben su vida al pastor. Sin él, se dispersarían y quedarían solas en lo que a menudo es un mundo peligroso.

HACIÉNDOSE BUENAS OVEJAS

Ninguna oveja con algo de sentido se alejaría y dejaría el rebaño. El pastor proporciona alimento y seguridad. Lejos del rebaño, las ovejas se arriesgan a morir en las fauces de los lobos o a morir de hambre en el desierto. Jesús es el Buen Pastor y nos invita a ser buenas ovejas. Jesús experimentó lo mejor y lo peor de todo lo que la vida tiene reservado. Él conocía las simples alegrías y las profundas decepciones de la vida; él supo lo que era la tentación, la angustia y el cansancio. Jesús camina delante de nosotros, guiándonos en el camino. Tal vez seamos tentados a alejarnos, atraídos a placeres temporales y tentados por la ilusión de algo mejor en el horizonte. En el ruido de la vida diaria, rodeados por menajes que compiten con Dios y sus caminos, es fácil distraerse de aquello que es importante y duradero. Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, nos invita a ser buenas ovejas que están cerca de él para escuchar y reconocer su voz. Como buenas ovejas, estamos llamados a seguir la voz del Pastor, confiando que él nos guiará a mejores pasturas donde podamos prosperar.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Hechos 4:8–12
Salmo 118 (117):1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29
1 Juan 3:1–2
Juan 10:11–18

¿SABIA USTED?

La Arquidiócesis continua ayudando a so brevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias.

Durante el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, afirmamos nuestro compromiso continuo de reportar las denuncias de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, de apoyar a las víctimas sobrevivientes en su jornada de sanación y de proteger a los niños y a los vulnerables. La Arquidiócesis creó un sitio web, https://protect.la-archdiocese.org/, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar abusos. Si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, comuníquese con las autoridades policiales y con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/ para ayuda y apoyo. Además, el Arzobispo Gomez les invita a unirse a él y a muchos en toda la Arquidiócesis a la Novena para la Protección y la Sanación del Abuso, del 22 al 30 de abril. Para unirse, visite https://lacatholics.org/united-together/..

Novena de Misas en Honor a las Madres

Una novena de misas será conmemorada como cariñoso agradecimiento a todas las madres en cualquier lugar. Aquellos que deseen inscribir a sus madres en la novena pueden obtener las tarjetas y sobres en la rectoría. Se les pide llenen y regresen los sobres con su donativo. (donación sugerida $10.00)

La novena comenzará el domingo, 9 de Mayo, día de las madres. En este día del año especialmente dedicado a todas las madres, no puede haber mejor regalo que ofrecer una misa para mamá, ya sea que esté con nosotros o no.