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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022



S. Maria Virginia Jenkins, S.S.J.

Born:

April 2, 1932

Born to eternal life:

May 1, 2022

in the 70th year of her religious life



S. Theresa Helen Cappelli, S.S.J.

Born:

1935

Born to eternal life:

May 6, 2022

in the 69th year of her religious life



*Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
pray for us!*

**“My sheep hear my voice;
I know them and they follow me.”**

Beloved Is Where You Begin

~ Jan Richardson ~

If you would enter
Into the wilderness,
Do not begin
Without a blessing.

Do not leave
Without hearing
Who you are:
Beloved,
Named by the One
Who has traveled this path
Before you.

Do not go
Without letting it echo
In your ears,
And if you find
it is hard
To let into your heart,
Do not despair.
That is what
This journey is for.

Morning Church!

For 11 years, The Voice has captivated music lovers. The show gives singers an opportunity to be heard before they're seen, and judged first by their appearance.

The Voice judges, are themselves, brilliant singer-song writers who have developed a trained ear and a sensibility for what a good, marketable singer sounds like.

Listening requires a focused presence to hear the voice and the meaning and passion the singer gives the lyrics. If the judges decide to turn in their chairs, then they are agreeing to mentor the singer throughout the competition.

The mentor and protégé learn to listen to each other as they choose the next song and its arrangement. The mentor needs to be keenly aware of the singer's raw gifts and how to help the singer to stay in the contest.

No one is a born listener. Listening, real listening is an acquired skill. Listening has to be proactive. It requires your full attention. To listen is to put aside any of your pre-conceived ideas of who a person is by what a person is saying. No conversation reveals the whole of the meaning and feelings the person attaches to their words.

The Third Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel demonstrates the undeniability of The Voice and the bond between Shepherd's voice and the sheep.

Good Shepherd Sunday is about hearing and listening to The Voice of Jesus as you journey in faith. Hearing is the recognition and identification of certain sounds, words, music, or noises in our daily life.

Here's a story to help illustrate:

An American tourist toured the Middle East. He came upon some shepherds whose flocks had intermingled while drinking water from a brook. After an exchange of greetings, one of the shepherds turned toward the sheep and called out, "*Manah, Manah, Manah*", meaning "follow me" in Arabic.

Immediately his sheep separated themselves from the rest and followed him.

Another shepherd called out in the same way. His sheep left the common flock to follow him. Then the traveler said to the third shepherd, "*I would like to try that. Let me put on your cloak and turban and see if I can get your sheep to follow me.*"

The shepherd smiled knowingly as the traveler wrapped himself in the cloak, put the turban on his head, and called out to the remaining sheep to no avail. Not one of them moved toward him.

"Will the sheep ever follow someone other than you?"

The traveler asked.

The shepherd replied,

"Sometimes a sheep gets sick, and then it will follow anyone."

*Mother's Day and Womanhood*

On this Good Shepherd Sunday it a seamless segue to go to the celebration of Mother's Day and the significant contribution of women.

Mothers are the bearers and birthers of children. From the womb, they are the first to nurture, protect, and love their children. It is easy to see mothers and/or women as shepherds. Women have the vocabulary of a Shepherd: collaboration, partnering, compromising, and negotiating. Women are naturals at these skills which are in their DNA. As bearers and birthers, they cooperate with life's asks. If life is going to come into the world, then it is women who will bring it.

Women seem to have an innate gift to motivate, inspire, and soothe what hurts. Since there is no parenting guide book, mothers have ample opportunity to do all the above and more. When I think of mothers, what comes to mind is sacrificial love. There is no way to measure from *our birth to her death*, all the ways mothers sacrificed and loved us.

Consider how often society and Church take women/mothers for granted. Consider the huge salary inequity between women and men doing the same job, with the same expert background and experience.

"In the beginning...God created male and female in God's image..." Women's contribution to society and the Church has been from their designated place: *the background*. With little or no credit or compensation, women do the majority of domestic and office work.

In addition to receiving equal credit and compensation, mothers/women need to be honored openly and equally by the society and the Church.

Mother's Day is reserved for all mothers who willingly sacrificed their bodies to birth us, and who continue to love and sacrifice for their families, while giving generous service in society and the Church.

Mothers/women will continue to shepherd their families. This won't change. What needs to change is the way mothers and women are supported and encouraged in all the extraordinary ways they give and sustain life.

Mothers/women, who are created in God's image and likeness, deserve to have their voices heard and have equal access to every table in society and the Church. *It's the way God meant it from the very beginning.* It is a matter of justice and right relationship.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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M A Y	
08	4 th Sunday Easter <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
 09	RCIA Ladies Guild 
10	Communion Service, 12:15p
15	5 th Sunday Easter Combo Mission Collection
 16	RCIA Give Blood ERS 1:30-6:00p 
17	Communion Service, 12:15p
 19	Wise Ones Hosts: Ramona & Jim Margarita Mexican Restaurant 105 Valley Drive, Jonesville 
21	SSJ Governance Zoom 10:00a-3:00p
22	6 th Sunday Easter
 23	RCIA
24	Communion Service, 12:15p
29	Feast of the Ascension
 30	RCIA
31	Communion Service, 12:15p Clergy Connection Racism, 3:00p

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
5/8	Ashley D	Kathy J
5/15	Jerry S	Lou S
5/22	John O	Mary H
5/29	Rob W	Theresa M p. 182

 *Reflecting and Acting on the Word* 

What are some things you can for mothers/women to support them in society and the Church?

Daily Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

M A Y	
08	All Mothers, living and deceased
15	Kevin McQuade (Birthday) +Lori Knowles
22	+Yaira de Jesus
29	Crista & Patrick Gantz (11 th Anniv) Mary Tyrrell (Birthday)

Parish Celebrations

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 08 Matt Norman | 23 Jonathan Ramirez |
| 11 Antonio Crispin | 24 Gail Pieropan |
| 15 Ron Berryman | Crystal Fuentes |
| Luis Angel Lopez | 26 Lila Keller |
| 19 Lizette Hernandez | 28 Alex Lara Serafin |
| 21 Luz Hernandez Reyes | 30 Mark Kroeger |
| 23 Aymes Davis | Brian Lopez |
| Morgan Orta | 31 Hilda Lopez-Sanchez |



- 15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio
 16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie
 19 Linda & Mark Kroeger
 28 Theresa & Phil Martin
 30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

Thank you for your generous donation to Catholic Relief Services for Ukraine.

\$500.00

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!



Combination Mission Collection Sunday, May 15th

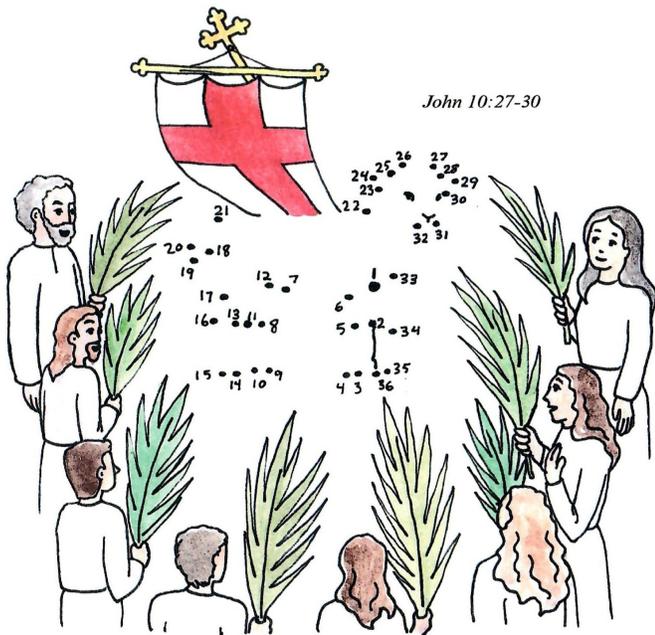
-  Catholic Relief Services
-  The Holy Land
-  The Works of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
-  Catholic University of America

Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

*Jesus the Good Shepherd defends, knows, and above all loves his sheep...this is why he gives his life for them.
 Love for his sheep...for each one of us, leads him to die on the cross because this is God's will — that no one should be lost.
 Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.*

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8th, 2022



In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.

Saint Damien of Molokai May 10

ST. DAMIEN WAS BORN IN BELGIUM IN 1840. HE HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AT 13 TO WORK ON THE FARM. EVERY DAY HE PRAYED IN FRONT OF A PICTURE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON OF MISSIONARIES.

HE JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT SICK, HE TOOK HIS PLACE ON A MISSION TO HAWAII.

DAMIEN WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST IN HONOLULU AT THE AGE OF 24.

AT THAT TIME PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY WERE QUARANTINED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.

DAMIEN VOLUNTEERED TO GO THERE, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE MIGHT CATCH THE DISEASE.

Father, I will go.

HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE AND BUILT CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS. HE MADE LIFE MUCH BETTER FOR THEM.

FATHER DAMIEN GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND.

I'll come out this afternoon if I can.

ST. DAMIEN KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOLOKAI NEEDED GOD, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE DECIDED TO GO THERE EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE DEADLY DISEASE OF LEPROSY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE POOR OR SICK TODAY?

THE SHEEP AND THE SHEPHERD

Jesus is called The Good Shepherd and he calls us his sheep. The Good Shepherd who care for all of us. He cares for you and knows your heart. He knows what makes you happy or sad. Jesus knows your hopes and your dreams. Jesus knows what worries you and what makes you laugh our loud.

In the time of Jesus, people used to offer their best lambs to God as a gift. They would make a sacrifice, a holy gift to God of their best lamb. Lambs are gentle, obedient, animals. They hear the Shepherd's voice and they follow the shepherd wherever he goes. Lambs and sheep trust the shepherd to care for and protect them from danger, like wild wolves.

Jesus is called the "Lamb of God." Jesus is like the lambs that were sacrificed in the temple long ago. He sacrificed his life for us when he died on the cross.

At every Mass, we pray,

"Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us."



You can no longer see Jesus. You can see the people who love and protect you, like your parents. People who love and care for you are good shepherds.

Pope Francis shepherds every Catholic Church around the world. Like Jesus, he loves the people of every country. By his good example, he shows us how to love the way Jesus loves. Pope Francis follows Jesus the Good Shepherd. He teaches us, by his example, it's important it is to follow Jesus.

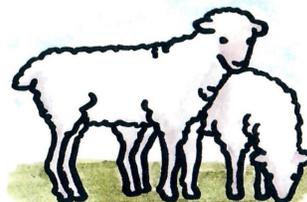
ANSWER TO WORD PUZZLE: GOOD SHEPHERD.

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.
Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus _____⁴ _____
 "My sheep hear my voice;
 I _____³ _____ them
 and they _____² _____⁷
 I give them eternal life;
 and they shall never _____⁸ _____
 and no one can take them out of my _____¹² _____
 My Father, who has _____¹ _____ them to me,
 _____⁵ _____¹⁰ _____ than all,
 and no one can take _____⁶ _____
 out of the Father's hand.
 The _____⁹ _____ and I _____¹¹ one."

FOLLOW ME FATHER
 GIVEN SAID KNOW
 PERISH IS HAND
 GREATER THEM ARE



Jesus is the

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12