



Saint Paul
the Apostle

MAY 11, 2025



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

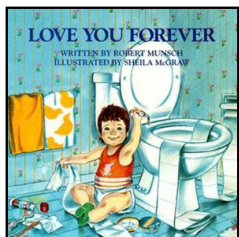
“My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me.” - Jn 10:27

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - EMBRACE OUR SHEPHERD'S WORK

BY MARY PENICH

I'm in nostalgia-mode as I sit to write today. Last weekend, I gathered with family to see my niece, my great-niece and her fiancé who were in town for a visit. After catching up on the latest family news, we reminisced about loved ones passed. The approach of Mother's Day reminded us that we've lost too many moms. With that, we eased into an early celebration with smiles and laughter over each of these special women. Though none were perfect, each one made an indelible mark on those she was given to love. During the drive home and since, I've considered these moms and the dads who once walked at their sides. "What are you all doing up there?" I asked aloud.

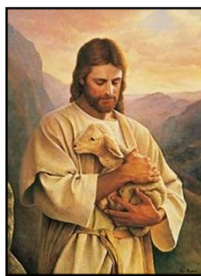
At the moment, I realize that I didn't give those moms and dads the chance to respond to my question the other day. My thoughts had moved on to my own family's Mother's Day observances, the possibility of a new pope, this writing, and my dear husband's next homily. "The book!" Honestly, I'm looking forward to



listening one more time. I want to and need to be reminded that we truly are loved forever and always! With that, I delay this writing a bit longer to pray: "Thank you for that gathering. Thank you for my own parents. Thank you for inspiring that great little book. Please inspire the cardinals to choose a pope who will acknowledge your love for us in everything he does!" I wonder if we'll know the name of our new pope by Mother's Day. I wonder if he will continue Francis' efforts to truly shepherd all God's people. I wonder...

As I continue, it occurs to me that it's a fitting coincidence that we read a gospel about The Good Shepherd on Mother's Day, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, and in such close proximity to the election of our new pope. Of all the images of Jesus that the scriptures offer us, I find The Good Shepherd to be the most encouraging, the most comforting, and the most accurate! I also think it is fitting that Mike will read LOVE YOU FOREVER* again as part of his Mother's Day homily. We all need to be reminded that we are loved and cared for by the most dedicated shepherd and parent of all!

As I reread today's gospel (John 10:27-30), I see it is only sixty-two words in length. Though that might seem too little to work with, sixty of those words are attributed to Jesus. Those sixty words offer a powerful account of Jesus' love for us, and they portray Jesus in his preferred role -that of a shepherd. Jesus



respected the shepherds of his day, and he treasured them. Shepherds guarded their sheep day in and day out. Sheep knew their shepherds' voices and they followed them closely wherever they were being led. A shepherd's efforts allowed his sheep to spend every day and night in safety. A worthy shepherd never allowed his sheep to wander alone. Truly, a shepherd's diligence was essential to each and every one of his sheep's survival. Jesus makes his thoughts on the matter quite clear in his description of his own devotion to his sheep: "...they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

Yes, today's gospel is very well-timed. It encourages us to acknowledge the relationship between Jesus' work of caring for us and our own work of caring for one another. On this Mother's Day, we celebrate the comfort we find in such generous love, both for ourselves and for the ones who love us. As we continue to mourn our Shepherd Francis and to celebrate his new life, we look toward our new leader. In him, Jesus' shepherding skills will live on once again.

Yes, we have much to celebrate today! We celebrate shepherd-dads who stand with shepherd moms to offer us their love. We celebrate shepherd-spouses, shepherd-children, shepherd-siblings, and shepherd-significant others. We celebrate our shepherd-neighbors, our shepherd-priests, our shepherd-deacons and our shepherd-friends who bless us, each in his and her own way. We celebrate our shepherd-coworkers and our shepherd-grandparents, our shepherd-aunts and shepherd-uncles, and shepherd-volunteers. With all these shepherds at our sides, we stay on course as we muddle through unhappy patches in this life and as we bask in this life's joy. All the while, we remain in the loving company of our Shepherd-God who loves us always and forever. We show our gratitude by standing ready to shepherd whenever we're called. Let's begin by echoing God's message: I love you forever! Happy Shepherding!



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please visit our website: www.saintpaultheapostle.church

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

4th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing

of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Spirit & Song #177 Alleluia! Love Is Alive** by Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Gloria: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: **We Are His People** by Sarah Hart

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF SAINT KILIAN** by Curtis Stephan

Preparation Song: **Spirit & Song #314 I Shall Not Want** by Tom Booth

At Sunday 5:00pm: **The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA)**, arranged by Sarah Hart and Sarah Kroger

Eucharistic Acclamations: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Songs: **Holy Forever** by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, & Jenn Johnson

Gather #822 I Am the Bread of Life by Suzanne Toolan

At Sunday 5:00pm: **We Adore You by** PJ Anderson, Benji Cowart, and Josh Bronleewe

Closing Song: **Gather #779 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman** by Carey Landry

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Reckless Love** by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson

READING I

ACTS 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 100:1-2, 3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.



READING II

REVELATION 7:9, 14B-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:27-30

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.”

Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” — J n 10:27-28a

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
A thirst is my soul for the living God.

Tuesday: Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
All you nations, praise the Lord.

Wednesday: Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Thursday: Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Friday: Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.

Saturday: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

Monday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Thursday: St. Isidore

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

Saturday, May 10, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Nicky Hortelano | Joseph Richardt | Patricia Wells | Gerena O. Monis | Cecile Harris | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

7:30am: Honesto & Consolacion Garibay | Judy Russell

9:30am: Anna Morien | Michael Penich, Sr. | Jennie Penich

LaVerne Claps | Daniel & Arleen Moriarty | Francisca Masso

Honesto & Consolacion Garibay | Kinga Szymoniak | Lydia Cervantes | Mercedita Alcantara

11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Victoria Lasso | Norilyn Querubin | Rey Querubin

5:00pm: Patti & Sam Mauro | Our Parish Family

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

7:30am: Mea Cuasay | John Carter Bennett

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

7:30am: Tom Wessel | Panciencia Pangilinan | Oliver Arceo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

7:30am: Rose Poole | Anne Auguste

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Francis D'Souza | Jeanne Sneed
Walter & Emily Macrowski | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

7:30am: Dell/Mauro Families | Abram Burkel

9:30am: Anna Morien | Michael Penich, Sr. | Jennie Penich |

LaVerne Claps | Daniel & Arleen Moriarty | Francisca Masso |

Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Victoria Lasso | Norilyn Querubin | Rey Querubin

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of May 5, 2025

Sunday- \$ 12,042

Sharing- \$ 1,029

SVdP- \$1,492

Easter- \$ 80

Online Sunday- n/a

Online Sharing- n/a

Online SVdP- n/a

Month to Date - April

Sunday- \$61,289

Online Sunday- \$46,372

Sharing- \$420

Online Sharing- \$1,967

SVdP- \$2,910

Online SVdP- \$2,470

Easter- \$36,763

Catholic Extension- \$5,229

Rice Bowl- \$3,543

Let There Be Light- \$279

Flowers- \$1,265



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bob Franz	Marcy Davis
Cortney Kinahan	Emily Meyer
Rod Reyes	Laura Hopkins
Betty Falotico	Rosa LaBellarte
Carmen Torres	Ruben Querubin
Daniel Alfaro	Rachel Ciullo
Luis Fernando Mathieu	Patricia Freeman
Dorothy Stratten	Toni Lynn Mengarelli
Keith Kellogg	Shannon Bremmer
Lisa Mischke	Karen Swazas
Loretta Mirando	April Grandgeorge
Dave Erickson	Alma De Torres
Darrel Alfonso	Stephanie Rappe
Carla Irwin	Vicki Shafer
Alice DeSilvia	Ruth Blood
Richard Kot	Maria Delannoy
Adriana Aparicio	Tom Asma
Pearla Villareal	Natalie Hycner
Suzelle Conze	Karla Arce
Kathy Hunt	Jeanne Sypien
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Glenn Garamoni
Kaz Wilk	Daniel Schmelz
Rose Scarpelli	Russell Yanow
Portia Tinker	Victoria Sofia
Donna Kalinoski	Luquez Mogollon
Kathy Pozniacki	Kinga Szymoniak
Frank Shade	Chris Lucy
Roberto Dacumos	Donna O'Brien
Alfredo "Doy" Martija	Monica Nash
Antonio "Tony" Alvarado	Norilyn Querubin
Charlie Lucas	Rey Querubin
William Otero	Fred Zuidema

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.

Eleanor Pruski

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - MCWAY

1:00PM BAPTISM - HAWLEY

1:30PM BAPTISM - PARTYNSKI

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM TASTE OF ST. PAUL

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

MOTHER'S DAY

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2024

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2024

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM BIBLE STUDY

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

4:00PM WEDDING REHEARSAL - LIL-LIS/SEAMAN

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - NAVARRO

1:00PM BAPTISM - VILUAN

3:00PM WEDDING - SEAMAN

4:00PM BAPTISM - ORTIZ & VIRAMONTES

5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM - PENGE

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MAY 17/18 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	M. Mohrfeld J. Miller L. Miller OPEN x 3	Judy Macrowski Brad Bonham	T. Boswell K. Gorajski E. Dexler P. Balmes	W. Kati K. Lowe T. Lowe	D. Wells OPEN	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 7:30AM	B. O'Brien J. Climaco J. Siegel B. Sekany T. Shurtleff R. Dizon	Jeff Bautista Doug Nieman	T. Burns K. Calendo L. Holland E. Kurien D. Mumm	D. Nieman M. Pieper	M. Pieper P. Bland	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	M. O'Keefe N. O'Keefe D. Shuppert B. Shuppert K. King T. Mengarelli	Lisa Seifried Mike Kana	M. Beaudoin M. DeGuzman A. Ignacio D. Herchenbach C. Nielsen	N. O'Keefe C. Anderson	G. Rajchel R. Rajchel	Fr. Joe Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano P. Watson S. Fragassi C. Haines C. Bertke C. Karl	Manny Bautista Arleen Siap	S. Estorque M. Fernandes G. Galano L. Griesser T. Mozny	A. Stahl J. Farber	L. Lechowicz S. Lechowicz	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni P. Fening R. Terrazas OPEN x	Cathy Roberts Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke L. Holland C. Karl T. Marchioni J. Marino	T. Robb JJ P.	P. Fening T. Marlowe	Fr. Joe Dn. Rod

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contact Tammy Oberstar, toberstar@spa.church

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7-8 2025-2026

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REGISTER
BY JUNE 30TH
FOR EARLY
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FIREPLACE TALKS

DEACON BOB BIRCK

Our Lady of the
Rosary, Pray for Us:
A Journey with Mary



TUESDAY - 7PM - 5.13.25

All adults are invited to come to Fireplace Talks this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parish House. Joining us on this 108th anniversary of the first apparition of our Blessed Mother at Fatima will be our own Deacon Bob who will be giving a talk on the unique and powerful intercessory role of Mary throughout history to the present, with particular attention to her messages of Fatima and today. The talk will conclude with praying the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary. This is the last Fireplace Talks of the school year.

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FILIPINO MINISTRY AWARDS

ARAW NG PARANGAL

The Filipino Ministry Awards – Araw ng Parangal, a celebration of Filipino culture in the Archdiocese of Chicago, aims to honor the Filipinos who, in various ways, contribute their unique presence and witness of faith. The afternoon will be a tribute to the leaders in the past and the present, affirming their generous collaboration and animation of the Filipino communities in various parish ministries in the Archdiocese. This event, the first of its kind, is a significant celebration of the faith-filled contribution of Filipino culture in the church, a testament to our rich heritage and values.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



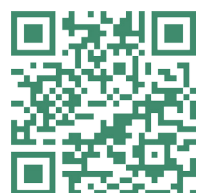
Saint Lorenzo Ruiz
Artwork by Paul Balan, Sculptor and Painter

**Sunday, June 1, 2025
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

St. Cletus Parish

600 West 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525

For more information and to purchase ads
for this event, please visit
pvm.archchicago.org/filipino-awards.



SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

55+ Active Singles A new way to meet friends or partners

UPCOMING EVENT IN MAY

**VOLUNTEER at
NO. IL FOOD BANK**

Wednesday, May 21st

5:00pm—7:30pm

Followed by pizza at

The Silo Restaurant. Lake Bluff

We have 25 spots reserved at Northern Illinois Food Bank's Lake Forest Center. Afterwards we can meet for pizza & beverages. **We must fill these slots no later than Wednesday, May 7th.**

Cost: \$15pp for pizza. Beverages on own

Register at: sainttpaultheapostle.church; Select Single Senior Social Club; Mocktail Party and/or Volunteer

Questions? Please call or email:

Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



Mothers

support us through
every season
of our lives.

Please support
them through every
season of theirs.

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Vicariate I Ministry Commission

Formation and Training for NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Presenter: Fr. Joe Curtis

When: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Where: St. Paul the Apostle, 6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee 60031

Time: Check in at 8:30 a.m. | Training 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Register at: bit.ly/VIEMspr25

A follow up session will take place in your parish that will include any particular practices for your parish.

This training meets the archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.

Questions? Contact Marie Paul at mariep@sttheresachurch.org.



Got Junk? OOPs – We Meant Treasures?

SVdP Trailer Collection Event

Saturday – May 31 (9am-4pm)

Sunday, June 1 (9am-1pm)

Donation Collection

They say . . . One person's trash is another's treasure! Let us help you clean out those closets, basements and garages! AND help others in the process too!!!

St. Paul the Apostle's Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry will be collecting your treasures that you wish to recycle. We will have a trailer parked in the west end of the church parking lot on the days above (or until the trailer is full.) Just pull your car up near the trailer and someone will assist you in unloading your donations and provide you with a receipt.

Anyone interesting in volunteering to help load the truck on either day, send an email to:
margaret_kuretech@att.net

As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

Items that are in great demand:

- Gently-used clothing, shoes and accessories for women, men, and children
- Kitchen/dining dishware, flatware, bakeware, tools, gadgets, small appliances
- Home Décor: linens, decorative accents, artwork, mirrors, rugs, silk flowers, baskets
- Small Furniture: end tables, coffee tables, small chairs, TV stands, etc.

Please note: We will not be able to accept mattresses, box springs, stuffed animals, toys, baby car seats, cribs, strollers, baby bedding and accessories, computers, etc.

For large furniture (such as bedroom sets, sofas, recliners, bookcases, dining room tables and chairs, and patio furniture), you can arrange a pickup (must be at least 3 items) by calling 847-367-4700.

All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions about this event, leave a message on our hotline at (847) 347-0832.



Congratulations to St. Paul the Apostle's 2025 First Communion Candidates!

Honor May Accardo
Kyrie Barrera
Tomasz Joseph Belzek
Kai Emilio Birck
Milania Merritt Blessing
Scarlette Grace Bobo
Maximilian Walter Bremmer
Savannah Gray Cauliflower
Santiago Rafael Chavez
Oliver Edmund Copeland
Sean Michael Daugherty
Rosemary Robert Delfeld
Cynthia Mariah Diaz
Freya Grace Diaz
Connelly Thomas Downs
Joseph John Ecker
Elvano Ericks
Mason Alexander Esteban
Giovani Nathaniel Franco
Mia Izabella Franco
Mateo Ray Kirby Garcia
Ephrem F. Garcia
Emma Karen Gibson
Matthew William Gibson
Alexander Ian Gomez
Rosie Gomez
Aria Itzani Gonzalez

Emilia Louise Keenan
Zoey Paige Kiefer
Martyna Julia Kurylonek
Clare Rebecca Lally
Sebastian Liam Lopez
Alan Lukowski
Ryan Kristopher Lunardi
Seiji Rafael Mañago
Isabella Martinez
Jayla Jazmin Medina
Parker Jameson Acheron Melo
Eleanor Rochelle Montgomery
Ava Marie Morales
Beckett Michael Orson
Everly Racquel Payawal
David Perez
Joseph Ross Reed
Camber Ania Rivera
Zaky Leonard Rizvi
Andrea Jean Manlutac Roque
Dominique Marion L. Ross
Jenesis Skye-Lord Santana
Jacob Johnathon Tomlinson
Brandon Matthew Williams
Josh Eugene Wilson
Elijah James Young



KNIGHTS CORNER

Thank you to those parishioners who attended our Fish Fry Community Dinner at SPA on Friday, March 28th, or dined at one of the Khayat family of restaurants during Lent.

Divine Mercy Council will distribute handmade rosaries for parishioners in the gathering space during the month of May. We will have rosary and prayer cards available with these rosaries.

We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council to continue our mission to serve our St Paul community. Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Johnson
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Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

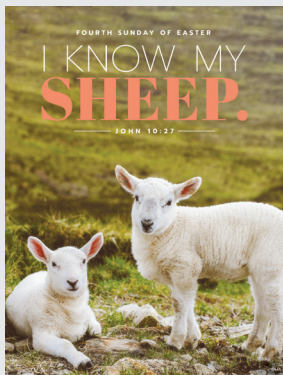
Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

Reluctant Sheep



Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

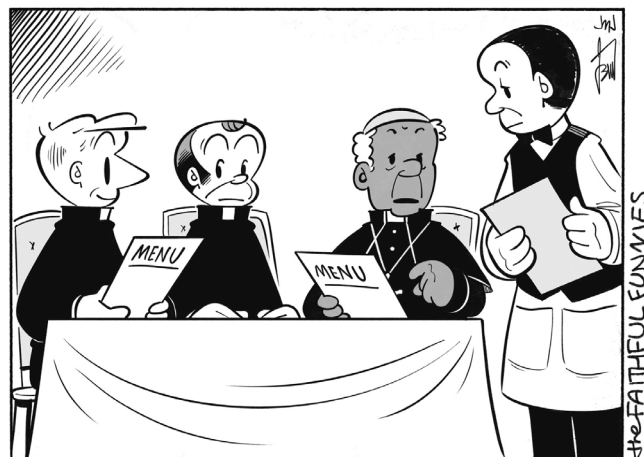
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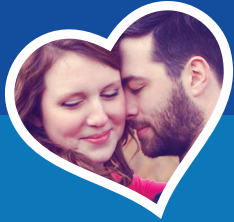


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