

# Parish News...

This week's Parish news is simple. It to wish all of our mothers a very blessed Mother's Day





Eucharist Devotion: An hour of Eucharist Devotion will be re-instituted starting Thursday, March 31st and continue every Thursday after the 12:10 Mass to 1:30pm. Prayers, Litany, Chaplet of Divine Mercy allowing also some private devotion time.



**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: It is important that all students attend classes in order to make Confirmation on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Lucia will be the celebrate Confirmation

Direct Prep class is on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Required attendance for Confirmation.

While classes are over till September, families should continue to attend Masses to strengthen your children's faith and understand what their faith is in the Eucharist.

**Registration 2022-2023.** It is important to remember that the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2-year required program. Those making First Communion are to attend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Confirmation is 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me directly.

If any family wishes to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email me directly

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @ 3:15 pm prior to Mass and the  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month after the 12:10 Mass**

**Mass Schedule  
Saturday 4pm  
Sunday 7:30 AM, 8:30AM, 10AM Polish Mass and 11am**

Let's remember that as Catholics, it is important to attend Sunday Mass. At Mass we are able to stand mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.



**4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday Readings**

**First Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52**

**Responsorial Psalm: 100:1-2, 3, 5**

**Second Reading: Rev 57:9, 14b-17**

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**



Reflection: Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

Jesus is our good shepherd and we are His sheep (John 10:11). He knows each one of us including our innermost being, our secrets, and our problems. In fact, He knows us more than we know ourselves. He is our Lord and King. He will take care of us. He gives us eternal life and we will not perish. Therefore, in Him alone shall we give our trust.

Yet many times we become the black sheep, the unruly sheep, or hard-headed sheep. We do not listen to our good shepherd. He tells us what to do but we refuse or reject His words. We may have a bible at home but it is there gathering dust. We have a lot of time for our worldly habits but too little time for listening to our good shepherd. Or we may want to listen but the volume of the sound of this world is too loud that we become distracted. It is therefore necessary that from time to time, we go into solitude so that we may focus on Him and His message for us.

Just as sheep are weak and like to wander away, we too have a lot of weaknesses and more often than not, we veer away from the right path. Thanks to Jesus, our good shepherd. He understands completely our weaknesses and, in His mercy, He

keeps on calling us and gathering us into His fold. Let us therefore surrender to Him all our weaknesses and wickedness.

Yes, Jesus takes care of His sheep. However, He also called us to take one another, especially the most vulnerable – the poor, the oppressed, the last, the least, and the lost. Let us learn from the good shepherd Himself.



With the Faith Formation Program ended for 2021-2022, here is a great way to continue your children's faith based upon the Gospel reading of the week. Each week there will be a download activity for the families.



Theme Show your love by your actions

Object A Mother's Day card

Scripture

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John

4:9-11, 21 (NIV)

I am sure that all of you know that it is Mother's Day. Did you give your mother a card or a present for Mother's Day? This Mother's Day card says, "Mom, I love you!" Do you think your mother likes to hear you tell her that you love her? Of course she does! But do you know what your mother would like even more? She would like for you to show her that you love her.

What are some ways you can show your mother that you love her? Well, you might help out around the house. You could clean your room or empty the trash. You could show her that you love her by obeying her when she tells you to do something. You can show her you love her by getting along with your brothers and sisters. It is easy to tell your mom that you love her, but if you really love her, your actions will show it!

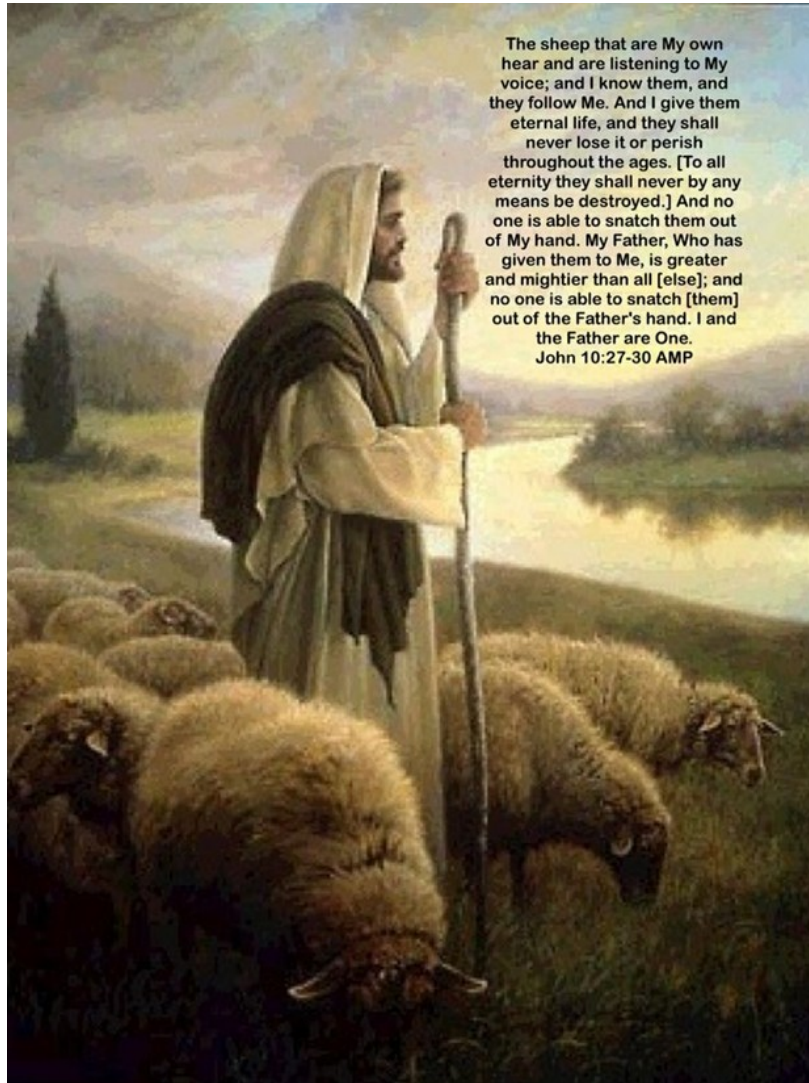
Do you think that God likes to hear us tell Him that we love Him? I know He does. But He likes it even better when our actions show Him that we love Him. How do we do that? The Bible tells us that, "God showed his love for us by sending His one and only Son so that we might live through him." It goes on to say that, "since God loved us so much, we ought to love one another." One of the best ways to show our love for God is to love one another. Yes, God likes to hear us say, "I love you," but He would rather see us say, "I love you."

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let's tell Mom that we love her, but more importantly, let's remember to show her that we love her. And as we worship today, let's tell God we love him, but more importantly, let's remember to show him we love him by loving one another.

Dear Lord, we have come to your house today to say, "I love you." Help us to go out of here today and show you that we love you by our actions. Amen.

**This week's prayer is about the Good Shepherd. He knows by our name**

**He calls all to follow His. Let's follow Him.**



The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. [To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.] And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all [else]; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are One.  
John 10:27-30 AMP



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Have a Blessed and Safe Week.

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