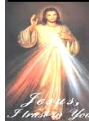


May 3, 2020

“The shepherd walks ahead of his sheep, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”

Our image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd romanticizes the role and status of the shepherd.. However, Jesus was well aware that the life of a shepherd was very difficult and they were considered to be on the low level of society. Then, as today, they were called bedouins, which means “nomads.” They moved from place to place to find food and water for their flock and the flock is totally dependent on the shepherd for protection from predators and thieves. The shepherd depended on the flock for milk, meat, and wool. Such mutual dependence establishes a strong bond between shepherd and flock. Like the good shepherds and great leaders of history, Jesus leads us from the front, with wisdom and courage. Jesus used the image of shepherd and sheep to teach the people of his day, and us, that he will always lead us to what is right and good, and we can follow him in confidence and have faith in him.



Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557 We visit families. Visit Amos las familias.

** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED
** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or classrooms after CCD Classes.

My dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that all are doing well. I want to remind us again that Our God is loving and faithful. He loves us, “He is our maker, Our God, and we are the people he pastures, the flock he guides.” (Psalm 95:6-7) No matter what we are going through now, The Lord God is saying, “Yes, I am aware of your sufferings” (Exodus 3:7) For I, the Lord your God, I am holding you by the right hand; I tell you, “Do not be afraid, I will help.” (Isaiah 41:13)

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Weekend Mass Schedule :

Sat 5:00 PM
Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM
Wed. 6:00 PM
Tues. No Mass

4th Sunday of Easter

May 03, 2020

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell

Satan and all the evil

spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date.

Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian.

Communal services during Advent and Lent.

First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.

First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.

Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup:
1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING WITH US TODAY.

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday**
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com

WEBSITE

St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaelloakgrove.church Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come by and check us out.

Readings for this week 05/04-05/10

Mon	ACTS	11:1-18
	PSS	42:2-3; 43:3-4
	JN	10:11-18
Tue	ACTS	11:19-26
	PS	87:1b-7
	JN	10:22-30
Wed	ACTS	12:24-13:5a
	PS	67:2-3, 5-6, 8
	JN	12:44-50
	MT	11:25-30
Thu	ACTS	13:13-25
	PS	89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
	JN	13:16-20
Fri	ACTS	13:26-33
	PS	2:6-11b
	JN	14:1-6
Sat	ACTS	13:44-52
	PS	98:1-4
	JN	14:7-14
Sun	ACTS	6:1-7
	PS	33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
	IPT	2:4-9
	JN	14:1-12

Good Shepherd Sunday / Vocation Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter, YRA



First Reading (Acts 2:14. 36-41) The people, after hearing the touching and moving words of St Peter, "They were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "what are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Second Reading (1Peter 2:20-25) St Peter says to us, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this, you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps."

Gospel (John 10:1-10) Jesus said, "Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the Shepherd of the Sheep."

Reflection Theme

Jesus the Good Shepherd

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because on this Sunday we hear the Gospel in which Jesus teaches us about the Good Shepherd. In addition to the Good Shepherd I see two other images that can be looked at, the Lamb of God and the Good Sheep. This gives us three images in the Gospel, the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God and the Good Sheep.

This passage from the gospel of (St John 10:1-10) takes place when Jesus is in the area of Jerusalem teaching and performing great deeds. He is preparing to celebrate the Jewish Feast of the Dedication of the Temple and gives this teaching after the leaders gave such a difficult time to the man born blind who Jesus healed. He is responding to their leadership that seems less concerned about the welfare of the people (sheep) and more concerned with maintaining their places of honor and control over the people.

Jesus tells the people about the Good Shepherd. His qualities are that of humility and service, and his motive is care for the sheep. The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name, and his sheep recognize his voice. The Good Shepherd is first and foremost concerned with the welfare of his sheep, even more than his own welfare. It is obvious to us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd throughout the last two millennia. He has been portrayed as holding a sheep in numerous works of art. It is consoling to know the depth of love Christ has for each of us. He ultimately showed us how deep it is when He put our redemption ahead of His life as He died upon the cross for us. "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

In addition to looking at Jesus as the Good Shepherd, one can also look at him as one of the sheep. For when the Good Shepherd laid down his life for the sheep he himself became a sheep. At Mass we pray the Lamb of God as part of the Communion rite. The Jewish Passover practice was to sacrifice the Passover lambs on the altar at the temple. These lambs would serve as the main dish of the Passover Dinner. This was an annual sacrifice to recall God delivering the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. On the Cross Jesus is the Passover Lamb. The Lamb of God is slain once and for all for our redemption. Through Jesus death on the cross we are set free from sin and given the opportunity to enter in the glory of his kingdom.

Throughout the Easter Season we celebrate not only the death of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, but also His victory over sin and death. It is this victory we are called to savor during the Easter Season. Christ's victory is our redemption. The Gospel of the Good Shepherd teaches us how to embrace the gift of redemption by hearing and recognizing the voice of the Good Shepherd. There are numerous voices calling us to believe and to practice things that might seem nice, but are not truly of the Lord. We need to tune our ears and hearts into recognizing the voice of truth that comes from Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Just as Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we have the call to be Good Sheep, men and women who are able to recognize the voice of the Lord and to faithfully follow him. Just like the two brothers, "Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and John the two sons of Zebedee and other apostles heard His voice and followed Him when he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:18-22)

Brothers and Sisters, as we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday, let us also join the universal church today in the "World Day Prayer for Vocations" prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Julian Ibemere
Pastor, St Michael the Archangel

****We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

Teresa Arevalo
Jean Banasiak
Hans Braun
Judy Brown
Shirley Brown
Ann & Ken Carroll
Nia Crisostomo
Marriah Day
Margret Eck
Mark & Mike Frasca
Ron & Janis Gill
Jeff Gorski
Billy Hancock
John Jackson

Please Pray for our Sick:

Isabel Gonzalez
Nay Hutcheson
Pat Jurisin
Steve Kiser
Walter Klinecwich
Jessica Locklear
Sue Long
Alex B. Lucas Jr.
Frank J Luciani
Ruby Macias
David McCuiston
Mac & Sue McElroy
Sue Montoya
George & IL O'Connor
Peter Robbins
Edward Robbins
Debbie Robbins
Isaac Philips
Al Stein
Linda Stagdale
Frances Thomas
John & Mae Raymond
Andrew Reyes
Rudy Sheriff
Kim Weimer
Marie Welter
Jesse Villagomez

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$
Mass Intentions	\$
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Opportunity for Life	\$
Solemnity Of Mary	\$
Donations: Mailed In	\$0.00
Total	\$ 0.00

Attendance April XX—XX, 2020
Second Collection May 3rd
Parish Maintenance

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

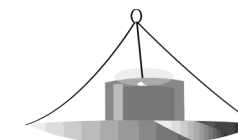
3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon

Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
12:30PM until 2:30pm

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Sanctuary Candle Intention



NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

***Students must be picked up by 11:00 AM by a parent or guardian**

We are in need of volunteers, Please see Ms. Bernadette for forms.

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel!

It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass.

If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.