



## ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION OF ST. DOMINIC

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### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

May 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is **Good Shepherd Sunday** in the Church. All of the Readings for Mass have some reference to the role of a shepherd. Psalm 23 is perhaps the all-time favorite, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." The successor of the Good Shepherd, St. Peter, wrote in his letter, "For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." The mission that the Son of God took up when He became the Son of Mary is that of a shepherd who comes to care for us.

Throughout the history of Israel, God has both intervened personally and sent messengers to carry out the task of teaching and leading his People. More often than not, God chose certain people who became very close to Him and He gave them the difficult task of leading within the community of believers.

Leadership and the closeness to God at first sounds like it brings special privileges, but soon the servant of the Lord discovers that the privileges come with critical responsibilities. God did not hesitate to entrust the eternal salvation of his People to individuals of varying strengths and weaknesses. And sometimes He gave them very difficult tasks.

Can you imagine being Noah and trying to convince everyone to get on board the Arc with all those animals? Or Moses leading them out of the supply cities of Egypt into the howling desert? No matter how difficult the task, the grace of God always accompanied those called to serve by leading, especially when it was difficult.

Today we find ourselves both rich in the grace and teaching of the Church and at the same time challenged by those who claim to teach in Jesus' name but do not speak the Truth. Jesus referred to them as "strangers" and "thieves" and "robbers" whom his sheep will not follow.

Jesus speaks even more forcefully, "A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." By this teaching the Lord warns us that there are those who take up the office of teaching, but they speak a different gospel, a perverse and lifeless substitute.

Lead us, Lord, and we will follow, *Fr. Martin Flum*

### VISITS TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All of you are encouraged to visit Jesus at least weekly in St. Michael Church for a time of personal prayer and adoration of God who is present among us. He chose to remain hidden in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar so that we could make a great act of Faith by drawing near to Him under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If you can make a weekly commitment, go to our website

<https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com/>

to sign up for a recurring weekly holy hour! Thank you!  
Join us for prayer anytime 6am-9pm.

### Go on Retreat from Home!

The *Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* in Los Angeles are offering virtual retreats to help all Catholics use this time at home as a means of deepening our relationship with Jesus. Click on the links included below to sign up for a retreat. The schedule for upcoming retreats is as follows:

May 8-10: [Learning from Mary: Growing in Grace during Difficult Times](#)

May 15-17: [Peace in the Home](#)

### MOTHER'S DAY CARD

#### SPIRITUAL BOUQUET REMEMBRANCE FORM



Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our parish is providing a special Spiritual Bouquet Mother's Day card and a Mass contribution envelope, with which to remember those special women in your life on

Mother's Day. Please **HURRY** and fill out the Mother's Day enrollment form CLEARLY with the names of those you wish to have remembered, (living or deceased). Please return the form in the Mass contribution envelope to the rectory no later than **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, or place in the new collection box that Father has made and placed inside the chapel by May 7<sup>th</sup>, so that their names may be placed on the Mother's Day list of intentions.

**Stay up to date**— Check our parish website for updates and sign-ups, to view recent bulletins, to make your contributions, to contact us at the parish office, to connect with us on Facebook and Youtube, and even more!

**Please Pray for the Souls of the  
Faithful Departed**

*Dorothy Windsor +  
Fr. Edward Dougherty, SJ +  
Fr Charles Green +*

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon them;  
may they rest in Peace. Amen.*

**Sign-up - Perpetual Rosary on our website**

Please participate in our Perpetual Rosary! The idea is to have someone praying the Rosary throughout the day for the growth of our parish and mission. The prayer of the Rosary will help you understand Sacred Scripture, draw your heart closer to Jesus and help you understand the role of our Lady in your life. You can add your name to the list on-line or call the parish secretary to add your Rosary to the effort: <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com>.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

***Only one Sunday Mass is being offered for Parishioners, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to a future date.***

Sunday	05/03/20	Parishioners & Families
Monday	05/04/20	Jeanne TenBroeck +
Tuesday	05/05/20	Richie Hobbs +
Wednesday	05/06/20	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	05/07/20	Hedy Pirner +
Friday	05/08/20	Clarence Brown +
Saturday	05/09/20	Bradley Brown +

**WHEN WILL PUBLIC MASS RETURN?**

A question often asked – we will alert you when the Archbishop makes the announcement.

**MAY CROWNING OF OUR LADY**



On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will joyfully honor our heavenly Mother with a May crowning lead by the “Flowering Buds of Mary,” a group of young adult women. Your participation can be through the live-streamed event on Facebook or you can come to the parish parking lot and join in from your vehicle. Our Eucharistic procession will include a blessing for all of the occupants in your car as Fr. Flum passes by with the Holy Eucharist. There will be more details in next week’s bulletin and on the website.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

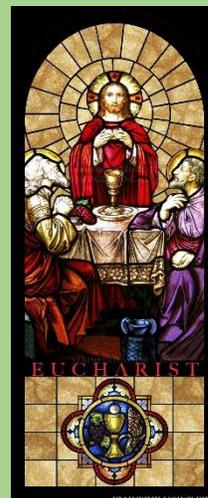
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**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$ 2,335.00  
**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$ 885.00

We want to thank everyone who has been mailing their weekly tithe or dropping it off at the office or using electronic means. You can see above the generosity of our parish members and friends. May the good Lord reward all of you! With electronic banking, your regular contribution can be issued by your bank as a check to be mailed directly to us. This method of “direct pay” avoids the fee associated with credit card transactions.

**Spiritual Communion**

*“Pastors are encouraged to communicate to their faithful the value of making a spiritual Communion.”*



The act of spiritual communion has *as its purpose* to heighten our anticipation for the next time we can receive the Lord sacramentally. Nothing can take the place of receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

So, to “make a spiritual communion” is NOT a replacement for receiving Holy Communion. There is no removing the hunger for the Eucharist in a devout soul; it only deepens. No personal prayer can satisfy our desire to be in communion

with the Lord *in the flesh* which takes place at Mass.

Yet, the prayer of spiritual communion is very pleasing to the Lord and the spiritual fruits are proportionate with the state of your soul and the fervor of your prayer. The Lord, who places a longing for Him in our hearts, is always ready to reward our prayer of desire to be with Him.