Good Shepherd Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 11) in the Catholic liturgical calendar; that is, the Sunday three weeks after Easter Sunday. The name derives from the gospel readings on this day which are taken from the 10th chapter of John. In this reading Christ is described as the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep.

In recent times the feast day has also become known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which prayers should be said for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Here at St. Rose of Lima we are celebrating this important date today in anticipation of Good Shepherd Sunday.

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as Single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen
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Dn. Terry Reibenspies
Dn. Louis Fernandez
Dn. Edward Posvar

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Daily:** 8:30am & 5:30pm
**Saturday:** 8:30am; 5:00pm (Vigil); 7:00pm (Spanish)
**Sunday:** 6:00am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Family/Children), 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm (Youth)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

Monday
9:00am—10:00am
Tuesday
4:00pm—5:00pm
Wednesday
9:00am—10:00am
Thursday
4:00pm—5:00pm

**NEW HOURS**
Friday
4:00pm—5:00pm
Saturday
3:00pm—5:00pm
6:00pm—7:00pm

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil: 5:30pm
Holy Day: 6:00am; 8:30am; 12:00pm; 5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

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**MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE**

GIFT STORE
Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses; Tuesdays 2–6pm & Thursdays 12–4pm

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**SACRAMENTS**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

**BAPTISMS**
English: 1st Sunday of the month
Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month
By appointment; please call or visit the Rectory.

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Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

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**NOVENA**
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805-526-6194
You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.
— Acts 2:28

**RECOGNIZING JESUS**

St. Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first Letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God’s plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two don’t recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: all this had to happen as part of God’s plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

**STAY WITH US, LORD**

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of you. Break the bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts!

—From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p.168

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

“Mystagogy,” reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a “pentecost,” in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord “has gone before you into Galilee.” Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide remind us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

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Serra Club invites you to our monthly meetings at St. John’s Seminary. This is a worldwide Catholic organization that prays for, assists, and raises vocation awareness. For more information call Carmen Gonzalez at 304-0132.
**What Does Jesus Expect of Me?**
Jesus calls you to follow him. Your life could be an adventure with God. St. Rose of Lima Parish extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join our faith community for worship and fellowship. Come Feast on His Word, develop your knowledge, and build a family of faith. If you are new to the area, or coming back home, we invite you to make St. Rose of Lima your parish by calling the rectory at 526-1732 or stop by during office hours or visit our website: www.StRoseSV.com

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for those newly baptized.

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3
...and pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

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“A time of war and a time of peace…” Ecc 3:8
Pray for those serving in the military.

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“Time to die…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families especially...

Leonard Chin, Maria Martinez, Efrain Montoya-Munoz and Dolores Zerate

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, May 3**
8:30am  Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm  Irene & Raymond Pohl (D)
7:00pm  Isac Guerrero (D)

**SUNDAY, May 4**
6:00am  Concerta Stephenson (D)
7:00am  Chris Luvisi (D)
9:00am  Henry Lee (I)
11:00am  Henry Pringle, Jr. (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm  Frankie Sanservino (D)
5:00pm  Gary Filaski (D)

**MONDAY, May 5**
8:30am  Errol & Elaine Richardson (D)
5:30pm  Guadalupe Bolanos (D)

**TUESDAY, May 6**
8:30am  Steve Thompson (I)
5:30pm  Teodora Junio (D)

**WEDNESDAY, May 7**
8:30am  Maxamillion Conoche
5:30pm  Jose & Aurora Yap (I)

**THURSDAY, May 8**
8:30am  Felisa & Marciano Artetico (I)
5:30pm  Valentina Barreno

**FRIDAY, May 9**
8:30am  Idelfonso & Angelita Liatracco (I)
5:30pm  Janie Beach (I)

**SATURDAY, May 10**
8:30am  Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm  Luisa Gopengco (D)
7:00pm  Isac Guerrero (D)

**SUNDAY, May 11**
6:00am  Mother’s Day Novena
7:00am  Mother’s Day Novena
9:00am  Mother’s Day Novena
11:00am  Mother’s Day Novena
(Sp) 1:00pm  Mother’s Day Novena
5:00pm  Mother’s Day Novena

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35 -40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Adult education & faith formation

Continuing Adult Faith Formation

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Church, Catholic teachings or Catholic Traditions, but you don’t know who to ask? Join us TOMORROW Monday, May 5 at 7pm in room 9 of the school as we host our annual “Catholic Free-For-All.” This is a night where as many of your questions will be answered as time allows. Our speaker that night will be David Brown. David has two master’s degrees (in theology and in pastoral ministry). He currently teaches a monthly continuing adult faith formation the 1st Monday of the month.

Bible Study

All our Bible Studies are back in session this week. Come and see what we’re about.

**Bible Study of Psalms with Fr. Bill**

When: Tuesday, May 6 and Saturday, May 10

Where: In the Church

Time: Immediately following the 8:30am Mass.

**Bible Study of James with Jeff Cavins on DVD**

When: Thursday, May 8

Where: Room 11 of the School

Time: 7:30pm

For questions or comments, please call Annette Lercel, Bible Study Coordinator, at 584-3533.

Devotions

**Adoration Schedule**

Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm

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Saturdays 3:00—5:00pm and 6—7pm

**Even the Pope Needs to Go to Confession... Why Don’t You?**

Adult education & faith formation

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All adults are welcome!

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General meeting from 7:00-8:00pm

Small Groups 8:00-9:00pm

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584-6160
When: EVERY Sunday at 6:30 pm after Mass
Where: In the Hall
What: Food, fun, and prayer
*All teens are welcome*

UPCOMING EVENTS
May 9 Catholics Say What??: Apologetics
May 16 XLT (adoration, praise & worship)
May 24 CAR WASH (YM & SubRosa)
May 25-26 24-HOUR LOCK-IN

For more information on our Life Nights and ways to get involved, please contact us at: 526-8181
Adam Cross: YM@StRoseSV.com

CARDINAL McINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY
Next Sunday we will have a parish collection for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. This fund helps those in CRISIS SITUATIONS from Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Your gift provides one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses.

Children Memorial Mass
The Bereaved Parents Support Group of Holy Cross Catholic Church invites all parents, grandparents, family and friends to a Memorial Mass in honor of all our children of any age now in heaven.

The mass will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 13955 Peach Hill Rd., Moorpark on Thursday May 22, 2014 at 7 PM.
For those who would like their child’s name read before the Offertory, please register by calling Imelda Tjia at 805-553-9034 or email missingyouall@att.net.
Please bring a SINGLE long stem flower to be presented to the front of the altar when your child’s name is called. Reception will follow after Mass at the Parish Office dining room.

Where do we go from here?
“In Whom Do You Hope?
For What Do You Hope?
What you’ve always wanted to know about Heaven, Hell and Purgatory”
Please join us for 2 evening presentations with Paul F. Ford, PhD, noted author, lecturer and Professor of Systematic Theology and Liturgy at St. John’s Sem.

Tuesdays, May 6 and 13
Padre Serra Parish, Serra Center
5025 Upland Road, Camarillo
Hospitality at 7:00pm and Presentations at 7:30pm
Many misunderstandings and myths exist about the nature of heaven, hell and purgatory. What do the Bible and the Church teach about life after death?
How does the expectation of rewards and punishments affect how we live our lives today?
Join us for some lively discussion and more led by Dr. Ford. Sessions are free of charge.
You may attend one or both sessions.
For more information or to register, please contact TeresaRunyon@PadreSerra.org or call 482-6417.
 Attendance, there will be limited seating and parking for those parishioners who regularly tend Saturday evening vigil Mass.

Please keep Our Second Graders who just received Their First Holy Communion in your prayers.

Instilling faith, knowledge & service in to the hearts & minds of students through instruction, modeling & guidance.

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As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all. (USCCB Office of Divine Worship)
RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life ministry will be selling beautiful orchid corsages for only $5.00 at the Masses on Mother’s Day weekend. The money raised will go to the Life Centers of Ventura County to help pregnant women in need in our community. Learn more at www.VCLifeCenters.com or call (805) 486-2721.

**Spring Training Classes Offered**

Your God-Given Talents are needed! Have you thought about becoming a counselor at the Pregnancy Counseling Center? Are you a good listener? Want to make a difference to women and men in their crisis pregnancies?

Don’t worry if you think you can’t do it, all you have to have is the passion and desire to save the innocent unborn. We will help you along the way.

New training classes are available starting this month and will last for four consecutive Saturdays. May 10, May 17 from 9:00am to 1:00pm Classes will be held at the PCC. Contact Edy at (818) 895-2500 or email edy2preganthelp4u.org

**Did you Know?**

How to communicate with those showing inappropriate behavior with children

How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The “I” message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against themselves. The “I” message, simply diagrammed is: “I feel” (feeling) when (situation) because (reason). For example, you can say: “I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger.”

**¿Sabía Usted?**

Cómo comunicarse con quienes muestran comportamiento inapropiado con niños

¿Cómo debe usted comunicar sus preocupaciones a alguien que pueda estar comportándose inadecuadamente con los niños? El mensaje “Yo” es una manera simple de comunicarse con el oyente para que entienda sus sentimientos y preocupaciones sin sentir que es una queja contra sí mismos. El mensaje “Yo” simplemente es: “Yo siento” (sensación), cuando (situación), porque (razón). Por ejemplo, usted puede decir: “Me siento ansioso cuando conduces solo a un niño a casa después de las clases de educación religiosa porque eso podría poner al niño o a ti mismo en una situación potencialmente peligrosa”. Es un acercamiento mucho más constructivo que decir, “No deberías conducir niños a casa porque es contra las reglas y pone a los niños en peligro”.

**Knights of Columbus**

**KNIGHT GOES THE EXTRA MILE**

Please support our 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, Rafael Torres, III, who will be running the 2014 Mountains 2 Beach Marathon on May 25, 2014. 100% percent of pledges or sponsorships will go directly to the Knights of Columbus, Council #5803, and will help to further our charitable efforts. Donations can be made online at: www.knightsocolumbus5803.myevent.com

Rafael can be reached at Rafael.Torres@lls.edu to answer any questions. Thank you for your support!!!

The Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick celebrate 50 years of loving care and compassion to elderly ill residents. The Sisters invite you to join them in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Mary Health of the Sick by attending a Mass of Thanksgiving, with His Excellency Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, Principal Celebrant on: Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon Reception will Follow Mass

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Ventura Dist. of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer.

When: Wednesday, May 21,
Where: San Buenaventura Mission, 211 E. Main St., Ventura CA 93001.
Time: 9:30am

RSVP by Friday, May 16. Please send check, for $12, payable to Rosary Altar Society of San Buenaventura, mail to Theresa Sullivan at 279 Manzanita Ave. Ventura CA 93001. The program includes speaker; Bro. Christopher Reeve, CRIC. For info. call Rosalina Lugo 525-8709 or 382-0498.
Tercer Domingo de Pascua

Me has enseñado el sendero de la vida y me saciarás de gozo en tu presencia. —Hechos 2:28

RECONOZCAN A JESÚS
San Pedro nos habla dos veces hoy. En la primera lectura, escuchamos una parte de su sermón el día de Pentecostés; en la segunda, parte de su primera carta. Antes, un pescador asustado y sin mucha educación que a menudo decía lo que no debía, ahora dice lo que él sabe es la verdad. Todo lo que Jesús había dicho ahora tiene sentido. Su muerte y resurrección eran parte del plan de Dios y nuestra fe y esperanza se pueden centrar en Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy nos relata la historia de la caminata de Jesús hacia Emaús con dos de los discípulos.

Asustados, tristes y confusos, ninguno de los dos reconoció a Jesús, quien les dice lo mismo que escuchamos de Pedro en la lectura anterior: todo eso sucedió como parte del plan de Dios. Al final, los discípulos reconocieron a Jesús por la misma acción que nosotros debemos conocerlo— al partir el Pan.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 3 de mayo en el sur de Ilocos, Filipinas, se celebra la fiesta del Cristo milagroso o Apo Lacay como lo llaman los filipinos. Esta imagen fue encontrada dentro de una caja que flotaba en el mar, junto con la Virgen Milagrosa. Fueron unos pescadores quienes hicieron el hallazgo. Los pescadores eran de los pueblos de Badoc y Sinait y decidieron llevarse el Cristo a Badoc, pero no lograron moverlo. Una vez que decidieron llevarse al Cristo a Sinait, la imagen se hizo muy ligera de peso, por lo cual se piensa que Cristo deseaba estar en Sinait.

Este Cristo negro recuerda a los Cristos milagrosos de Latinoamérica, como el Santo Cristo de Esquipulas (Guatemala), los Cristos de Tila, Chalma y Otaltitlán (México), el Señor de los Milagros (Perú) y otros. Probablemente se trata de una evangelización española ya que en 1595, el rey Felipe II mandó varios Cristos negros a los cristianos indígenas de América. En todo caso, estos Cristos han resultado milagrosos gracias a la fe del pueblo, porque como dice Jesús: nuestra fe es la que nos salva (Marcos 5:34; 10:46-52).

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QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR
Camina con nosotros, Señor, por el camino de tu resurrección. Explicanos a nosotros, tardos para creer, lo que la Escritura nos dice de ti. Parte el pan de la Eucaristía con nosotros cuando compartimos nuestras vidas con los hermanos y hermanas. Quédate con nosotros cada vez que se acerca la noche y la luz se apaga en nuestros corazones.

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Once a militant opponent of the Catholic Church, Dr. Scott Hahn highlights the key misunderstandings people have about the Eucharist. In this powerful presentation, he explains the Church's teaching from a scriptural and historical perspective in an entertaining and thorough fashion.

A Catholic Bible and a “Catechism of the Catholic Church” are a must for every Catholic home! (Available in our gift shop.)

God gives us His word in the Bible, and the Magisterial Teachings of the Catholic Church provide us with direction to follow it. Another way to be a well-informed and a vibrant Catholic is to visit the USCCB website listed below where you will find a wealth of practical information.


CATHOLIC FAITH FACTS

For more apologetics, please visit: www.StRoseSV.com and click on “Faith Facts”.

Authority of the Church

Catholics and non-Catholics alike cannot understand the teachings of the Church until they first understand the Authority given her by our Lord Jesus. This is because some Biblical teachings are explicit, while others are implicit. It was the Church who defined doctrines like the Holy Trinity and declared the canon of Scripture – not the Bible.

Jesus told the Apostles that the Church would have the final say on matters concerning the Body (Matt. 18:15-18), that even the gates of hell wouldn’t prevail against his Church (Matt. 16:18), and gave them the power to retain and forgive sins (Matt. 16:19, 18:18, John 20:23). He also assured the Apostles that the Holy Spirit would guide the Church to ALL truth about the what was to come and that the Holy Spirit would take from what was Jesus’ and declare it to the Church (John 16:13-15). He never said “some truth” or “only up until the Reformation”; He said, “ALL truth.”

In 1 Tim. 3:15, St. Paul asserts that the Church is the “pillar and foundation of truth”. The Great Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine once said: “For my part, I should not believe the gospel except moved by the authority of the Catholic Church.”

It’s also interesting to note that Jesus equates his very self with his Church, which is his Body (Acts 4:5): He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” He said, Who are you, sir? The reply came, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Notice that Jesus doesn’t say, “Why are you persecuting the Church?,” which is exactly what Saul (St. Paul) was doing. Jesus chose to equate Himself with His Church – His Body.

Acts 15:28-29 is further proof that this Authority rests on the Church. The early Church didn’t appeal solely to Scripture when making doctrinal decisions at the Council of Jerusalem:

'It is the decision of the holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'