



Good Shepherd Sunday Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. It invites us to wonder: why does Jesus liken himself to a shepherd? Why choose that specific image instead of calling himself the Good King, the Good Doctor, or the Good Rabbi? And what is it about us

that makes "sheep" the perfect metaphor for who we are? Why does Jesus cherish the role of the Shepherd, and why are we called to be members of his flock? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus distinguishes himself from the "hired hands"—those who work only for pay and flee when danger approaches because they have no true relationship with the flock. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because his care is rooted in love, not a paycheck. Unlike a hireling, he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. I still remember the first time I saw real sheep and real shepherds. Growing up in New Jersey, I was used to seeing herds of dairy cows, but never sheep. Cows are often content in barns and confined spaces, but sheep need room; they are restless wanderers seeking green pastures. During the day, a shepherd must lead them to find pasture and watch over them with immense patience. Sheep are only willing to enter a corral at night to sleep and to find protection from the dangers the darkness brings. Years ago, a priest friend and I were driving from Chicago to Los Angeles. As we crossed through



Arizona, I made arrangements with the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to stay at St. Michael's School in the Navajo Nation. We arrived in the evening, and the following morning, we took a short tour of the surrounding area. We eventually came upon a small valley where a flock of sheep grazed, tended by two Navajo boys, perhaps eight and ten years old. They were dressed in traditional clothing—heavy ponchos draped over their shoulders—and each held a long staff. The landscape was sparse, with more sun-scorched boulders than grass. Initially, I was struck by the scene. I thought to myself: *This is exactly like the Gospel. These boys are guarding their flock, ready to drive away wolves with their staffs.* However, after watching for a while, my

impression changed. The sheep seemed to be wandering aimlessly, and the boys appeared more interested in playing than working. The younger boy was casually throwing stones, while the older one lay flat on his back atop a large rock, basking in the sun. I began to judge them and felt a wave of disappointment. *They aren't like the Good Shepherd at all,* I thought. *The sheep are scattered, and these boys aren't even paying attention.* Just as that thought crossed my mind, a small lamb wandered over a ridge and out of sight. Immediately—before I even realized the lamb was gone—the older boy, who I had assumed was napping, bolted upright. He leaped off the rock and sprinted over the hill after the stray. A few moments later, he reappeared, coming back into view with the lamb cradled lovingly in his arms. He walked back to the flock and gently placed the lamb beside its mother. In that moment, my disappointment transformed into joy. I realized they truly *were* like the Good Shepherd. They gave the sheep the freedom to roam. They didn't use their staffs to strike the animals or bark orders telling them, "Go here," "Don't go there," or what to eat. They allowed the flock to wander the valley. While it looked to my untrained eyes like the sheep were forgotten, the shepherd's eye was never truly off them. At the first sign of real danger, he was there. Is it any wonder why Jesus likens himself to a shepherd and us to the sheep of his flock? For that relationship reveals the heart of how Jesus cares for us. He does not stand over us with a staff to force

our every move or micromanage our lives through fear and control. He does not mistreat his flock; rather, he loves us so much that he gives us the freedom to wander, even if it means we wander away from him. But the moment we move into peril, he is there to protect us and carry us—if we are willing—back to his flock. Seeing those young shepherds caring for their sheep on the Navajo Nation that day gave me a profound insight into the love the Good Shepherd has for his flock. His watch is constant, even when he seems most still. We only truly come to experience the depth of his heart for us after we wander, and he picks us up, and we find ourselves once again in his loving arms—the place we really longed to be. Fr. James Liebner

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7 - LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS:
Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin.
Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy
Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions: 15 min.
before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm.

Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Face Devotion, Tuesdays
(chapel 6pm). Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine
Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12noon. Lady of
Fatima First Saturdays, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses &
Sunday 11am (Latin). Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

Good Shepherd Sunday (Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10: 1-10)

In the fourth Sunday of Easter, "Good Shepherd Sunday," Jesus says that the shepherd enters through the gate (heaven), and the gatekeeper (God the Father) opens it both for him and those who follow him. A few verses later Jesus says "I am the gate... enter through me and be saved." A Catholic priest is both a shepherd and a gate to heaven through the Word and Sacraments that he offers. Let us pray that your priests offer them *faithfully*, and let us pray for vocations this Sunday, especially the three men from our parish who are applying to seminary studies for the Archdiocese.



Eucharistic Adoration On April 29 (Novus Ordo) & April 30 (TLM), we celebrate St. Catherine of Siena, mystic, Lay Dominican, and Doctor of the Church. In *Dialogues*, she writes that Holy Communion is the bridge between God and man. And refers to the Eucharist as "...the supreme and infinite Good... Food of angels, giving [Himself] with fire of love to men..." and encourages us to "enrich [our] soul in the great goodness of God..."

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Spring Concert and Tea Reception featuring the St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, accompanied by string orchestra. Sunday May 3rd at St. Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough St. 3:00pm reception 4:00pm concert. Tickets: QR code



Seeking Apartment Two of our former schoolteachers, Christina Mamaril and Azalie Wood, are now working at Ignatius Press and looking for a two bedroom apartment for rent near our parish. If anyone has such an apartment available for around \$2600 a month, please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 04/25	7:00am	† All Souls
	12noon	† Marta Luna (anniv)
	4:30pm	Int. of Purificacion Abesamis
Sunday 04/26	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Santiago Ron and Family
	11:30am	Int. of Cara Sherburne (bday)
	7:30pm	Int. of Michelle Low
Monday 04/27	7:00am	Int. of Fr. William Young
	12noon	Int. of Sherly Tobin Int. of Joan Spaargaren Int. of Thelma Queri and Family Int. of Xavier Tillman (confirmation) † Arnold Low (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Eva olga Svobodova † Polly Arzaga † Alex Manahan † Lusy Budiman † Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 04/28	7:00am	Int. of Cindy Xu
	12noon	† John Sellai (annv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Coco Moro Munoz Family
Wednesday 04/29	7:00am	Int. of Fr. James Liebner
	12noon	† Ping Foon and Keng Phay Wong
	6:00pm	† Catherine Chow
Thursday 04/30	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Michael Konopik
	12:noon	Int. of Emilio and Catalina Castro
	6:00pm	Int. of Suzanne Liu (bday)
Friday 05/01	7:00am	† Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	† For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
	6:00pm	Int. of Clarice Mandala
Saturday 05/02	8:30am	† William Gong (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Corinna Gamez
	4:30pm	Int. of Elizabeth Ing

Prayers of the Sick
Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaepler, Oliva Setiawaty, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, John Brennan, Benjamin Tan, Laura Tarbox, Brian Ahrens, Christopher Dunham, Elena Cereghino, Luis Acosta, Lourdes Washington, Jerr Dewey and all sick parishioners.

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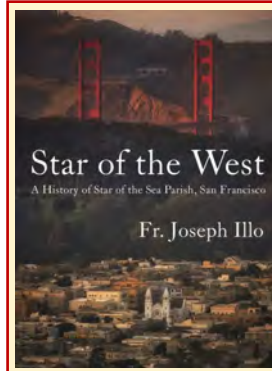


A 1.5-mile walking pilgrimage starting at 11am from Star of the Sea (4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco), to the Carmelite Chapel and Monastery of Cristo Rey (721 Parker Ave, San Francisco). 12Noon, Latin Mass at the Monastery celebrated by Fr. Joseph Illo.

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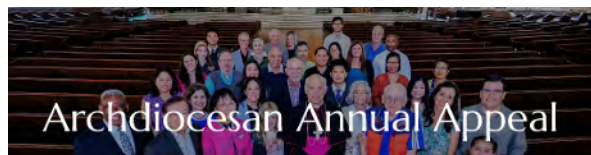


Saturday, May 2, 2026



Two Book Signings

Fr. Joseph will sign copies of his new book on the history of Star of the Sea Parish, which will be available for \$25 each, at two times: on Friday, May 1: 2pm, in the auditorium, after his talk on Our Lady (church), and 7pm, in the auditorium, after his 6pm sung Mass for St. Joseph.



A Message from Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone: As Catholics, we are called to use our gifts to serve others and bring Christ to the world. Through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, we strengthen our shared mission by supporting essential ministries that care for our youth, accompany families, serve those most in need, and support our priests. I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of so many throughout our Archdiocese.

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STEWARDS STATS

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

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