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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – APRIL 21ST A GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.



The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

IV DOMINGO DE PASCUA—DOMINGO DEL BUEN PASTOR EL BUEN PASTOR DA LA VIDA POR SUS OVEJAS

El cuarto domingo de Pascua también se llama Domingo del Buen Pastor. Nuestro Evangelio está tomado del capítulo 10 del Evangelio de Juan. En el Ciclo B, escuchamos los versículos centrales de este capítulo.

En la parte del capítulo que escuchamos proclamar hoy, Jesús describe su relación con sus seguidores como similar a la relación entre un buen pastor y sus ovejas. Así como un buen pastor arriesga y da su vida para proteger a sus ovejas, Jesús voluntariamente se sacrifica por sus ovejas. Jesús contrasta las acciones del buen pastor con las acciones del pastor asalariado que abandona las ovejas ante el peligro. En los versículos que siguen a las enseñanzas de Jesús, aprendemos que los fariseos y los otros líderes religiosos entienden que Jesús se refiere a ellos cuando describe a los pastores contratados.

La preocupación de un buen pastor por sus ovejas es parte del trabajo del pastor. Jesús dice, sin embargo, que las acciones del buen pastor se basan en la relación que se desarrolla entre el pastor y las ovejas. Esta es la esencia de la diferencia entre el buen pastor y el pastor contratado. El buen pastor conoce a las ovejas y por eso actúa por amor. Para el Buen Pastor, esto nunca es simplemente parte de un trabajo; este amor en acción es parte integral de su identidad.

Como ocurre con gran parte del Evangelio de Juan, en este pasaje se escucha el enfoque particular de Juan en la cristología. Así como las ovejas son conocidas por el Buen Pastor, el Padre conoce a Jesús y Jesús conoce al Padre. Hay una unidad esencial entre el Padre y el Hijo. La libertad con la que Jesús actúa cuando entrega su vida tiene sus raíces en la unidad que comparte con su Padre.

En este contexto, Jesús también se refiere a otras personas con quienes comparte una relación. Con esta referencia, Juan probablemente entiende la eventual inclusión de los gentiles en la comunidad cristiana. Nuestros oídos modernos escuchan esto como una referencia a la unidad cristiana. La obra del ecumenismo es restaurar la unidad entre todos los cristianos para que formemos un solo rebaño bajo un solo pastor, como Dios quiere.

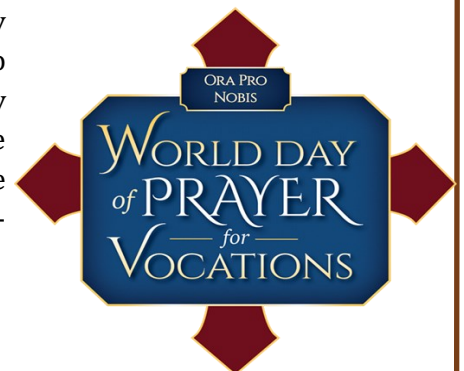
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2024

The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; PRAY therefore earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Mt. (37-38)

Today April 21, 2024, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Everyone is invited to make a special effort to pray and ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life to pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations and teaching young people how to discern God’s call, is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends— to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. This call to pray for vocations may be done by praying a rosary, by eucharistic adoration, or by doing some spiritual sacrifices with an intention that more and more young men and women in our diocese respond to God’s call.

Pope Saint John Paul II said, “Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.” Let our Easter Joy led us to hope and confidence that the Lord of the harvest will hear our prayers and raise up among us new laborers in His vineyard.

Let us pray and cultivate the culture of vocation!
Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your church!



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions April 20th—28th 2024

Sat. Vigil Apr. 20th 4:30: + Patricia Reinkemeyer

Sun. April 21st 9:00: + Alfonse Scarpitto

11:15: Candidates for Confirmation:

Josselyn Garcia, Alan Martinez, Nick Martorella,
Vicky Martinez and Anthony Sandoval.

Confirmation Bilingual Mass with Bishop Daniel Garcia.

Wed. April 24th 12:00: + Ellen Bates

Thurs. April 25th 12:00: + Gertrude Stoney

Fri. April 26th 12:00: + Dr. Tom O'Neill

Saturday Vigil April 27th 4:30: +Bill Roberts

Misa en Espanol en Cachagua

7:00 pm: + Esperanza Morales, y + Yuli Perez (9 Aniv.)

Sunday April 28th 9:00: Health of Pete Hansen

11:15: + Lyle Cavin III

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 13th & 14th 2024:

\$4,380.89

AMA 2024 (54 donors)

\$31,038.56

56% of Our Parish Goal

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PARISH COMMUNITY*

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS


Loving and generous God,
 it is You who call us by name
 and ask us to follow You.
 Help us to grow in the love
 and service of our Church
 as we experience it today.
 Give us the strength and courage
 of your Spirit
 to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders
 who will embrace Christ's mission
 of love and justice.

Through the intercession of
 Saint Junipero Serra,
 bless the Church of Monterey
 by calling dedicated
 and generous leaders
 from our families and friends
 to serve your people as priests,
 deacons, sisters, brothers,
 and lay ministers.

Inspire us to know You profoundly,
 and open our hearts
 to hear your call.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



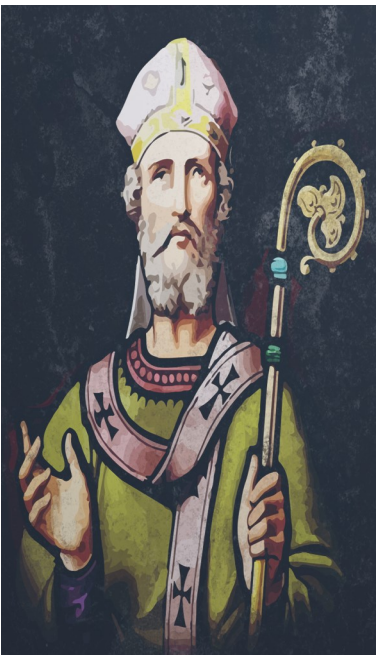
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**SAINT OF THE WEEK: APRIL 21ST
 SAINT ANSELM.** Loyola Press

As a young boy in Aosta, Italy, Anselm thought of being a priest. His father, angered by this desire, introduced his son to court life. Anselm forgot about his vocation. But in 1060, Anselm learned of Lanfranc, the leader of monasticism in Normandy, France. Anselm entered Lanfranc's monastery at Bec. Three years later, Anselm became a prior, or head, and began to publish his writings on the existence of God.

Anselm was unanimously elected abbot in 1070, when Lanfranc was made bishop of Canterbury, England. When Lanfranc died in 1089, the English clergy wanted Anselm as their bishop. But Rufus, the son of William the Conqueror, would not approve. For four years, there was no bishop of Canterbury.



EVENT CALENDAR

Parish Survey, April 27th & 28st 2024

Fourth Saturday of the Month Sat. April 27th
 7:00 pm. **Misa en Cachagua.** Hogar de la Familia Martinez Morales: 18840 Cachagua Rd. Carmel Valley, CA 93924

First Communion Bilingual Mass. Sun. May 5th at 11:15am

Then, Rufus suddenly became mortally ill. In fear of hell, Rufus appointed Anselm archbishop of Canterbury. Rufus recovered and fell into his former sins: taking Church lands and attempting to appoint his own bishops. Frightened over conflict between the archbishop and the king, the bishops and priests abandoned Anselm. The king then exiled him. In exile, Anselm wrote treatises and took part in the Council of Bari (1098). After the death of Rufus, Anselm returned to England. Henry I, brother of Rufus, was then the king. Like his brother, Henry wanted to appoint bishops. Anselm refused to accept his appointment from the king. Again Anselm was exiled to Rome. Pope Paschal worked out a compromise between the king and the bishop.

Until his death in 1109, Anselm remained in England, defending the faith. Canterbury came to be recognized as the major see in England. In 1720, Anselm was given the title Doctor of the Church and Father of Scholasticism because he analyzed and taught the truths of the faith by the aid of reason.