



PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*
April 21, 2024
*Cuarto Domingo
de Pascua*



“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

“Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas”. - Jn 10, 14-15

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil

5:00 p.m. (English)
Livestreamed

Sunday

7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children during*

10:30 a.m. Mass (English)

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños
durante Misa de*
12:00 p.m. (Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)



From Monsignor Fran Cilia

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” because the gospel readings are always from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John.

On “Good Shepherd Sunday,” the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we take up the annual collection to benefit the retired priests of the Diocese of San Jose. This Sunday has been chosen for this appeal as a way to honor our retired priests as good shepherds, after the heart of Jesus, who said:

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep (John 10:14-15).

Our gifts to this collection will help to stabilize the retirement fund that benefits 45 currently retired priests and the 38 priests who will reach retirement age in the next 12 years.

Prayer for Retired Priests

Lord Jesus, High Priest,
we pray for the retired priests of our Diocese of San José
who still have a very important mission in the Church,
the mission of prayer and intercession.

We pray with gratitude for their love and concern for us and for one another,
ever mindful of their unity in You.

We ask You to bless them for the countless years of service
they have provided and continue to provide to Your people
throughout the Diocese of San José,
that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement,
continuing to hold close
the love of Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

Here’s a link to a video message from Bishop Cantú:

<https://vimeo.com/925609028?share=copy>

SAINT CLARE PARISH - POTRTUGUESE COUNCIL



Dinner: Goat Stew or Cod Fish
with side dishes & dessert

Date: Saturday , April 27,2024

Time: 6:30 PM (Take out/pick up:4:00 - 5:30 PM)

Where: Saint Clare Parish Hall - Next to the church

Music: DJ Deodato Constantino

Donation: \$40.00 (\$20.00– children 6 - 12years old)



Tickets Available at the Parish Office

727 Washington Street | Santa Clara, CA 95050

More Information: 650-420-9908 or 408-406-8676



Welcome, Issa Qumseya, Bethlehem Artworks

We welcome Issa Qumseya and his brother, Loai, to our parish again this year. They will give us the opportunity to see and purchase some stunning olivewood religious art, for our homes and offices and for gifts for almost any occasion. With pleasant spring weather forecast, you will be able to see Issa's display in the area near the Grotto.

First Communion Celebrations

We will be welcoming children from our parish and school to their first reception of the Eucharist at the 10:30 Masses the next two weekends and at the 12:00 Noon Mass next Sunday, April 28. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacramental milestone in their lives.



Catholic Homes Missions Annual Collection: Next Weekend

"Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people.

For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. The home missions are dioceses and parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support.

Where are the home missions? Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country, especially Appalachia, the South, the Southwest along the Mexican border, the Rocky Mountain States, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and remote island chains like the Marshalls and the Carolines in the Pacific. Generally speaking, the home missions are everywhere that Catholics are few and the Church is fragile.

Thank you for your generosity to this annual collection.

Saint Clare School

Serra Club Vocations Essay Contest

Saint Clare School is grateful to the Serra Club for partnering with us for their annual vocations essay contest. This year, our 8th grade students responded to the question, "How will you, as an adult, help others know God through you?" Reflecting on and anticipating their faith journey into adulthood, the students all submitted thoughtful essays.

Congratulations to Kai, Sofia, & Pricilla, for their Honorable Mention essays. Congratulations are also in order for 3rd place honoree, Naomi, 2nd place honoree, Berket, and 1st place honoree, Jack.

Great things happen when our parish and school communities work in concert. Thank you, Serra Club!



NOW ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE FOR 2023-2024

Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders. Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE: Schedule a tour: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>.

You may also call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manage at: 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org

Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus>

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then press 9

Youth Ministry

If you have any interest in going to Diocesan Youth Retreat as a young person (entering freshman year next fall to exiting senior year this spring), please complete our interest form. Or, if you require scholarships and would like to fundraise, also complete it!

Would you like to help a youth have an experience of a lifetime? **Sponsor someone to go to DYR by financially supporting us using the QR code!** All donations are greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Youth Retreat takes place from June 10-14, 2024, in Lake Tahoe. Some activities include adoration, Mass, confession, messy games, swimming in the lake, and breakouts! This is always the event of the summer so don't forget to register before it is too late (**deadline May 5th**). For more information please contact ryan.bao@dsj.org.

READY TO REGISTER?



Interested in DYR?!

If you are even slightly interested or already going, please complete this form! Filling out the form will help us plan our fundraising efforts!




Consider sponsoring our young people! \$550 covers 1 retreatant but any amount is most appreciated!



Want to donate?

Our new dates for Bible Study can be found in the picture! Break open a snack, bring a friend, and dive into the Bible as we reflect on the upcoming Gospel of the week. This is a great way to deepen your faith and get your questions answered! Next one is this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the youth center.

Our youth center is open this week on
**Tuesday and Thursday from
6-8:30pm.**




Tuesdays at 7:30pm

- April 9
- April 16
- April 23
- April 30
- May 14
- May 21
- May 28

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

→ For all youth 8th-12th grade
→ In Youth Center (Church Basement)





Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

Stewardship Report

Collection:
April 13th and 14th

Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$13,686.50

Thank you!!

Daily Readings



Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12; John 3:1-2; John 10:11-1

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50

Thursday:

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Mass Intentions

April 20th - 27th, 2024

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| Sat | 5:00 pm | George Andrade Alabanza † |
| Sun | 7:30 am | Margaret Madrano † |
| | 9:00 am | Constantina Silva †
Zulmira Goulart Lourenco †
Andre Sardinha †
Maria Lucia Cardoso †
Dora de Oliveira †
Ernesto Gonsalves †
Manuel and Cristina Jeronimo †
Vidalia Gaspar Silva †
Joao Luis Gaspar †
Jose Mendonça †
Joao and Julia Gonsalves †
Joao Gonsalves Ferreira †
Jose Fagundes †
Mary Rodrigues
Serafina Sousa - Birthday/Health
Fernanda Ricardo - Birthday
Saint Joseph - Thanksgiving |
| | 10:30 am | Saint Clare Parishioners |
| | 12:00 pm | Anita de Masmela †
Rafael de Anda †
Martha Elena Maciel Delgado †
Ida López - Health |
| Mon | 8:00 am | The Porwol Family |
| Tues | 8:00 am | Cole Toribio - Birthday |
| Wed | 8:00 am | Hereolivo Lourenco † |
| Thu | 8:00 am | The Brady Family |
| Fri | 8:00 am | Jose Monteiro † |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Elias Botero Tobon † |

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Creation Care Tips



Twenty percent of all CO₂ emissions in the U.S. come from driving, and half of those come from cars. As the weather warms and summer approaches, can you savor the warmth and better weather by commuting or running errands on foot, bike, or scooter? Maybe now is the time to dust off the bicycle that's been hanging in the shed for years and pump up its tires. Or what about going out of your comfort zone to inquire about carpooling with co-workers, neighbors, or other families with kids on the same sports team?

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Weekly Justice Challenges



Earth Day falls on Monday. Did you know that care for God's creation is one of the seven basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching?

Our bishops call us to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, seeing creation as a precious gift from God, something to be cherished and protected, not used and abused. They specifically teach us that abusing the earth is morally wrong. Your challenge this week is to choose one way you can be "green" and care for God's world. Maybe you will commit to bringing reusable bags to the grocery store so our oceans and landfills aren't destroyed by plastic bags. You might decide to give up bottled water and drink tap water or stop using Styrofoam by carrying your own reusable mug wherever you go. Replacing old light bulbs with energy-efficient ones is a possibility, as are planting a tree or purchasing locally-grown products. Whatever you decide to do, challenge yourself to make this a life-long practice, not something you do once a year when it's Earth Day.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Shepherd



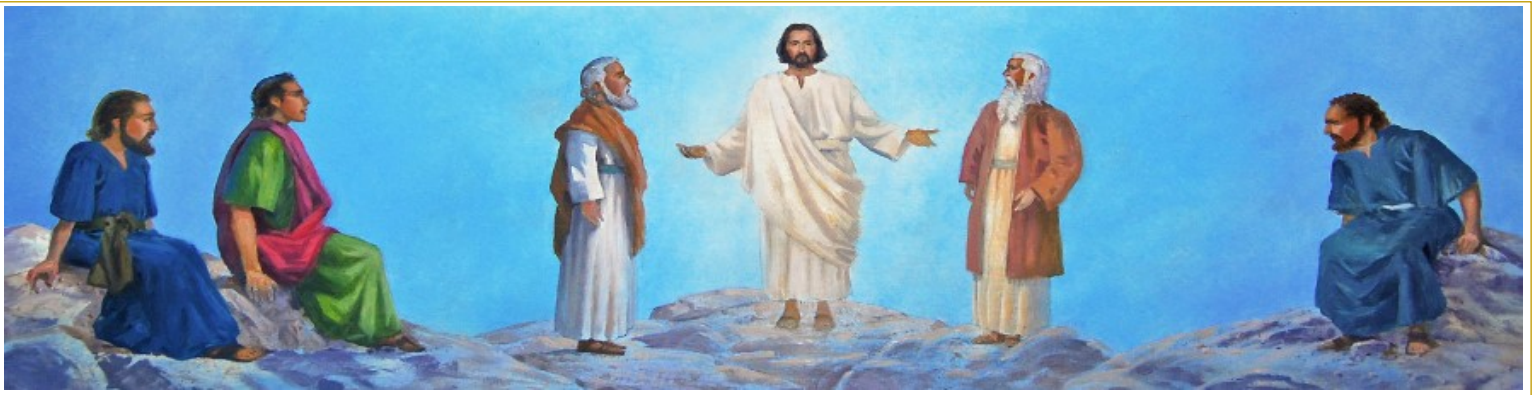
God the Father,
you are our shepherd,
who offer us green pastures,
and life-giving water.
Through love and kindness,
you lead your flock
to a restful place.
With your tender touch,
you cast away our fears.
There is nothing we want
but to remain by your side.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 The Good Shepherd

Today's readings: Acts 4:8–12; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18. When you see the Good Shepherd depicted in art, do you see yourself as the lamb? Do you see yourself as one to be protected, guided, and comforted? Or do you think the lamb reflects only a child? Imagining yourself as the lamb will provide insight into who God is for you. "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me," Jesus says. This portrayal reveals the intimacy of our relationship with God. God knows us and has given us the capacity to know him.

The shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The Good Shepherd has already done this for us, dying on the cross so that we may have eternal life. A hired hand, however, does not have this connection to the sheep; he would not sacrifice his life for the flock. This man "sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away."

Our Shepherd is with us—in our loneliness and sorrow as well as in our joy. Spend a few minutes in quiet, imagining yourself with the Good Shepherd in a green pasture. Let him hear not only your voice but your deepest desires. Seek to expand your quiet prayer time this week so that you might hear the Good Shepherd's voice. Remember your relationship with the Good Shepherd grows as you make space for him in your life.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 22

In Silence

“The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.” The Gospel of John portrays the Lord as intimately connected to his followers. They know his voice, and he has come so that “they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Only by pausing our busy lives can we hear God’s voice. Consider where you might have even a few minutes in a day to listen to God. *Today’s readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.*

Tuesday, April 23

Listen

In today’s Gospel, we hear that people continue to badger Jesus to prove he is indeed the Son of God. “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly,” they say. These people are among those who do not recognize the shepherd’s voice. Once the sheep are in the flock, Jesus says, “No one can take them [sheep] out of the Father’s hands. The Father and I are one.” In coming chapters of the Gospel of John, we will hear Jesus yearn for that same unity with humankind. *Today’s readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, April 24

Obeying the Spirit

Today’s account from Acts shows Barnabas and Saul sailing to Cyprus to spread the Good News. They wasted no time in responding to the Holy Spirit, who told the community, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” How does your community help people discern their gifts and their mission in the Church? Is there anyone you can meet with in your parish to help you discern your calling to serve the Church and the world? *Today’s readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, April 25

Feast of Saint Mark

On the Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist, we hear in the Gospel, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” St. Mark is believed to be the disciple referred to in Acts as “John who is called Mark” (12:25). He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem, who opened her home to the disciples. It is believed that he met Peter, Paul, and other disciples in his mother’s home and then joined them in evangelizing. *Today’s readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

Friday, April 26

Always Loving

With Thomas voicing confusion, Jesus lovingly replies, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Thomas had followed Jesus for years and still questioned where the Lord was leading the disciples. Believers live with questions. Whether your faith is new or lifelong, you may at times be unsure of the spiritual path you are to follow. Jesus offers assurance that he is not only the way but the truth and the life. *Today’s readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, April 27

In Silence

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us,” Philip tells Jesus. There is a Philip in all of us, looking for reassurance of the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes we ask God for a sign to calm our fears. Jesus directs Philip and us to look not only to his words but his works. Where do you see the work of God in your community? Is there some one who needs reassurance that God is present during struggles? *Today’s readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*





PARISH COMMUNITY

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Boletim Paroquial Português

21 de Abril de 2024; Domingo IV da Páscoa – Dia Mundial das Vocações
Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

A Litúrgia deste Domingo centra-se na figura do Bom Pastor. A Igreja também reservou este Domingo para dedicar-lo às vocações sacerdotais e religiosas. Pastores há muitos, mas quando se refere a Bom Pastor, não há outro que não seja Jesus Cristo; aqu'Ele que dá a vida por qualquer uma das suas ovelhas. Aquele que abrindo os braços na cruz, abraçou a humanidade com o seu amor misericordioso. Assim também seria, se todos que respondessem ao chamamento do sacerdócio entregassem as suas vidas, com a mesma generosidade que Jesus se entregou por todos nós. Cristo veio ao mundo para ser o Bom Pastor dos homens de todos os tempos. Diante de Sinédrio Pedro enfrenta os judeus os chefes do povo e os anciãos, com palavras muito fortes acusando-os de assacínio dizendo: **“É em nome de Jesus Cristo, o Nazareno, que vós crucificaste e Deus ressuscitou dos mortos...Jesus é a pedra que vós, os construtores desprezastes e que veio a tornar-se pedra angular e em nenhum outro há salvação, pois não existe debaixo do céu outro nome, dado aos homens, pelo qual possamos ser salvos”** Tal como os judeus não reconheceram Cristo como o Bom Pastor, como o Salvador, assim também nós nos perdemos, a escolher modelos de vida em líderes que não sendo bons pastores se tornam mercenários ao aproveitarem-se das ingenuidades daqueles que lhes fazem a corte e os arrastam para o lameiro da vida. As suas plataformas de fama por terem posições de alto gabarito no sistema do poder, da riqueza e da corrupção em vez de as porem ao serviço de Deus, usam-na para gozo pessoal, para maior crescimento das suas riquezas e nesse processo colaboram com o diabo. S. João, na Segunda Leitura, nos diz que de facto somos filhos de Deus, mas o mundo só nos reconhecerá como tal, quando vivermos e procedermos como filhos de Deus. O modo que vivemos e conduzimos as nossas vidas dá essa imagem de sermos verdadeiros filhos de Deus. Os maus exemplos de vida de alguns Bispos, sacerdotes e leigos, não devem ser barreira para nos desilidirmos com a Igreja,. Olhemos para a actual cabeça do Papa Francisco, o Bom Pastor que tem pos interesse que a Igreja cresça virtuosa, limpa, abrigo de todos os baptizados, dispenseira dos sacramentos que nutrem a vida dos católicos e reflecte o amor de Deus pelo Seu Povo. Que não nos deixemos iludir com tudo que os “medias” dizem, porque os factos misturam-se com os boatos e mexericos. Saibamos apoiar e encorajar aqueles que entregaram as suas vidas para servir os seus paroquianos. Oremos pelas suas vidas pedindo ao Espírito Santo guia e luz para as suas vidas e sejamos agradecidos pelo trabalho que fazem nas paróquias.

Jantar de Cabrito; ou Bacalhau: O Conselho Paroquial Português está planeando um jantar de cabrito e para os que não gostem de cabrito tem a opção de bacalhau no Sábado dia 27 de Abril próximo. Os bilhetes estão a serem vendidos ao preço de \$40.00 por adulto e de \$20.00 por crianças dos 6-12 anos. Sendo esta actividade planeada para angariar fundos para a igreja e para as actividades da nossa comunidade paroquial portuguesa nesta paróquia, encoraja-se a participação de todos com o que puderam oferecer mas mais ainda é apreciada a vossa presença.

Um Santo Domingo para todos! Feliz Aniversário á SFUPDSC!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua se conoce como “Domingo del Buen Pastor”, porque las lecturas del evangelio son siempre del capítulo décimo del Evangelio de Juan.

El “Domingo del Buen Pastor”, el Cuarto Domingo de Pascua, realizamos la colecta anual en beneficio de los sacerdotes jubilados de la Diócesis de San José. Este domingo se ha elegido para este llamamiento como una forma de honrar a nuestros sacerdotes jubilados como buenos pastores, según el corazón de Jesús, que dijo:

Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas (Juan 10:14-15).

Nuestras donaciones a esta colecta ayudarán a estabilizar el fondo de jubilación que beneficia a 45 sacerdotes actualmente jubilados y a los 38 sacerdotes que alcanzarán la edad de jubilación en los próximos 12 años.

Oración por Nuestros Sacerdotes Jubilados

Señor Jesús, Sumo Sacerdote,
oramos por los sacerdotes jubilados de nuestra Diócesis de San José
que todavía tienen una misión muy importante en la Iglesia,
la misión de oración e intercesión.

Oramos con gratitud por su amor y preocupación por nosotros y por los demás,
siempre conscientes de su unidad en Ti.

Te pedimos que los bendigas por los incontables años de servicio que han brindado y
continúan brindando a Tu pueblo en toda la Diócesis de San José,
para que puedan experimentar paz y alegría en su jubilación,
mientras continúan manteniendo cerca el amor de Tu Sagrado Corazón. Amen

Use el enlace para ver un video del obispo Cantú: <https://vimeo.com/925615929?share=copy>

Bienvenido, Issa Qumseya, Obras de Arte de Belén

Damos la bienvenida nuevamente a nuestra parroquia a Issa Qumseya y su hermano, Loai, este año. Nos darán la oportunidad de ver y comprar impresionantes obras de arte religioso de madera de olivo, para nuestros hogares y oficinas y para regalar en casi cualquier ocasión. Con un pronóstico de clima primaveral agradable, podrás ver la exhibición de Issa en el área cercana a la Gruta.

Celebraciones de Primera Comunión

Daremos la bienvenida a los niños de nuestra parroquia y escuela a su primera recepción de la Eucaristía en las Misas de las 10:30 los próximos dos fines de semana y en la Misa de las 12:00 del mediodía el próximo domingo 28 de abril. Por favor mantenga a estos niños y sus familias en sus oraciones mientras se preparan para este importante hito sacramental en sus vidas.



Colecta Anual de Misiones de Hogares Católicos: Próximo fin de semana

“Misiones de Hogares” es el nombre de las diócesis y parroquias en los Estados Unidos, incluidos sus territorios y antiguos territorios, que no pueden brindar servicios pastorales básicos a los católicos sin ayuda externa. Los servicios pastorales básicos incluyen Misa y sacramentos, educación religiosa y capacitación ministerial para sacerdotes, diáconos, hermanas religiosas y laicos.

Durante muchas décadas, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos ha enviado misioneros al extranjero para servir a los pueblos de América Latina, África, Asia y Oceanía. Las misiones locales son diócesis y parroquias aquí en los Estados Unidos que necesitan el mismo tipo de apoyo.

¿Dónde están las misiones locales? Sorprendentemente, la Iglesia católica está mal establecida en muchas partes de nuestro país, especialmente en los Apalaches, el sur, el suroeste a lo largo de la frontera con México, los estados de las Montañas Rocosas, Alaska, Puerto Rico y las Islas Vírgenes, y cadenas de islas remotas como las Marshall y las Carolinas en el Pacífico. En términos generales, las misiones locales están en todas partes donde los católicos son pocos y la Iglesia es frágil.

Gracias por su generosidad con esta colección anual.

Consejos para el Cuidado de la Creación



El veinte por ciento de todas las emisiones de dióxido de carbono en Estados Unidos provienen de la conducción, y la mitad de ellas provienen de los automóviles. A medida que el clima se calienta y se acerca el verano, ¿puedes saborear el calor y el mejor clima desplazándote a pie, en bicicleta o el “scooter”? Quizás ahora sea el momento de desempolvar la bicicleta que lleva años colgada en el cobertizo e inflar sus neumáticos. ¿O qué tal si sales de tu zona de confort para preguntar sobre compartir el con compañeros de trabajo, vecinos u otras familias con niños en el mismo equipo deportivo?

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CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Pastor nuestro



Dios, Padre y Pastor nuestro, nos llevas a prados verdes y al agua dadora de vida. Con amor y bondad guías a tu rebaño a un lugar de reposo. Con tu tacto tierno nos despojaste del miedo. Nada hay que deseemos más que seguir a tu lado. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Domingo, 21 de abril de 2024
El Buen Pastor



Lecturas del día: Hechos 4: 8–12; Salmo 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Juan 3:1–2; Juan 10:11–18. Al ver un cuadro del Buen Pastor, ¿se ve usted como oveja? ¿Se considera usted alguien al que hay que proteger, guiar y confortar? ¿O considera que la oveja refleja a solamente a los niños? Pensar que uno es la oveja, nos da la idea de que Dios está con uno. “Yo soy el buen pastor: conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí”, dice Jesús. Este pasaje nos revela lo íntimo de la relación entre Dios y nosotros. Dios sabe quiénes somos; nos ha dado la capacidad de conocerlo.

El pastor está dispuesto a dar la vida por el rebaño. El Buen Pastor ya lo ha hecho por nosotros, ha muerto en la cruz para darnos vida eterna. A un asalariado, sin embargo, le falta tal conexión con las ovejas; él no sacrificaría la vida por ellas. Este hombre “cuando ve venir al lobo, escapa abandonando las ovejas”. Nuestro Pastor está con nosotros: en nuestra desolación y lamento, en nuestra dicha. Dedique algunos minutos a imaginarse que está con el Buen Pastor un pastizal verde. Deje que él le oiga la voz y los deseos más íntimos. Intente dedicar más tiempo a la oración esta semana para así oír la voz del Buen Pastor. Recuerde que la relación entre usted y el Buen Pastor crece a medida que usted le hace espacio en su vida.



ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

Lunes, 22 de abril

El Silencio

“Ellas [las ovejas] le siguen; porque reconocen su voz”. El Evangelio según san Juan muestra que hay una conexión íntima entre el Señor y sus seguidores. Ellos conocen su voz, y él ha venido “para que tengan vida, y la tengan en abundancia”. Únicamente al hacer una pausa en nuestro ajetreado día a día es cuando oímos la voz de Dios. Pregúntese dónde es que pudiera escuchar a Dios, aunque sea unos cuantos minutos. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 11:1–18; Salmo 42:2–3; 43:3, 4; Juan 10:1–10.*

Martes, 23 de abril

Escuchar

El evangelio de hoy nos cuenta que algunos insisten en que Jesús pruebe que en verdad es el Hijo de Dios. “¿Hasta cuándo nos tendrás en suspenso? Si eres el Mesías, dílo claramente”, le dicen. Se trata de gente que son de los que no reconocen la voz del pastor. Una vez las ovejas dentro del redil, Jesús dice, “Nadie puede arrancar nada de las manos de mi Padre. El Padre y yo somos uno”. En los siguientes capítulos del relato joánico, oiremos a Jesús anhelar la misma unidad con la humanidad. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 11:19–26; Salmo 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; Juan 10:22–30.*

Miércoles, 24 de abril

Obedecer al Espíritu

En el pasaje de hoy de Hechos, Bernabé y Saulo navegan hacia Chipre para difundir la Buena Nueva. Sin cortapisas responden al Espíritu Santo que le dijo a la comunidad, “Sepárenme a Bernabé y a Saulo para la tarea a la que los tengo destinados”. ¿De qué forma su comunidad ayuda a que la gente discerna el talento propio y la misión que tiene dentro de la Iglesia? ¿Hay alguien con quien usted pueda reunirse en su parroquia para que le ayude a discernir el llamado a servir a la Iglesia y al mundo? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 12:24–13:5a; Salmo 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Juan 12:44–50*

Jueves, 25 de abril

Fiesta de san Marcos

El día de la fiesta de san Marcos evangelista, el evangelio nos dice, “Vayan por todo el mundo proclamando la Buena Noticia a toda la humanidad”. Se cree que san Marcos es el discípulo al que Hechos se refiere como “Juan, de sobrenombre Marcos”. Era hijo de María de Jerusalén, la que le abrió su casa a los discípulos. Se cree que él conoció a Pedro, a Pablo y a otros discípulos en casa de su madre y que luego se les unió en la evangelización. *Lecturas del día: 1 Pedro 5:5b–14; Salmo 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Marcos 16:15–20.*

Viernes, 26 de abril

Siempre amoroso

Ante la confusión de Tomás, Jesús responde con cariño, “Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida: nadie va al Padre si no es por mí”. Durante años Tomás había seguido a Jesús; no obstante, se preguntaba a dónde el Señor estaba llevando a los discípulos. Los creyentes viven con preguntas. Ya sea que la fe de uno sea reciente o de toda la vida, a veces uno duda del camino de la fe que estamos a punto de seguir. Jesús nos asegura que él no solamente es el único camino; también es la verdad y la vida. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 13:26–33; Salmo 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; Juan 14:1–6.*

Sábado, 27 de abril

En Silencio

“Señor, enséñanos al Padre y nos basta”, pide Felipe a Jesús. Todos llevamos a un Felipe dentro, un Felipe que busca el consuelo de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. En ocasiones pedimos que Dios nos dé una señal para apaciguar el temor. Jesús instruyó a Felipe a poner atención tanto a las palabras como a las obras de aquél. En la comunidad de usted, ¿dónde ha visto la obra de Dios? ¿Hay alguien al que le haga falta el consuelo de que Dios está presente en las horas difíciles? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 13:44–52; Salmo 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Juan 14:7–14.*



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