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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YR. C

MAY 11, 2025

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Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Closed on Holidays.

CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid & Deacon Robert Risling

MASS TIMES - MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

9:00AM WEDNESDAY 7:00AM

SATURDAY 5:00PM - SUNDAY 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:00PM

MONTHLY - 1ST TUESDAY 6 PM & 1ST SATURDAY 8 AM

RECONCILIATION...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am & Saturday 3:30–4:45pm

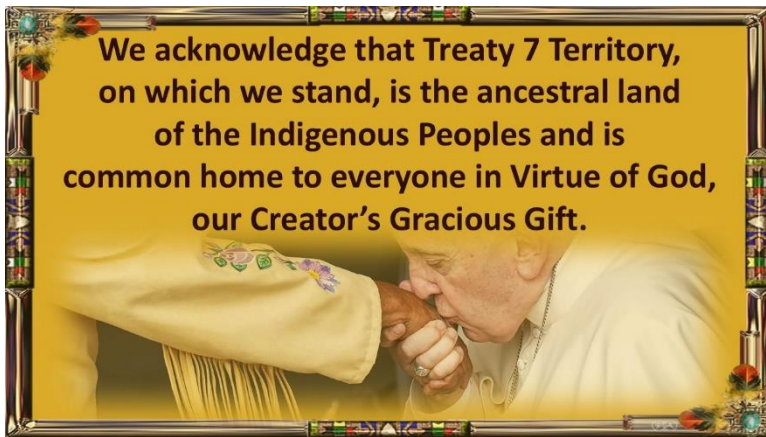
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker
Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

Knights of Columbus – Greg Martin
Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda



† Masses & Mass Intentions May 10th to 16th †

Sat. May 10 - 5:00pm – Don Heffley

Sun. May 11 - 8:30am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Carmen Markin

5:00pm – Joanna Sansregret †

Mon. May 12 - 9:00am - Yvonne D'Amour † & Dorothy Hecker †

Tue. May 13 - 9:00am – Ilene Pettyjohn †

Wed. May 14 - 7:00am – Delores Hellman †

Thu. May 15 - 9:00am – Garry Hof †

Fri. May 16 - 9:00am – Neil Jangula †



FINANCIAL REPORT**Monthly Operating Budget** **\$ 70,156****MAY MONTH TO DATE**

General Envelope Collection \$ 15,034

Loose Collections \$ 759

Future Development \$ 995

Misc. Income \$ 1,903

Total Month Income **\$ 19,03****Budget Vs Actual** **-\$ 51,465****SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****2025 YEAR TO DATE****Together in Action (TIA)** \$ 32,496**GOAL - \$70,938** **46%****St Vincent de Paul** \$ 16,277**World Mission** \$ 100**Clergy Retirement** \$ 864**Mission Mexico** \$ 714**CARO** \$ 215**Loonies 4 Lent** \$ 14,642**Seminary Fund** \$ 1,189**Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral** \$ 4,517*Thank You for your Generous Contributions***May Ave. Weekend Atten.** **1199**e-transfer
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17.

John 10:27-30.

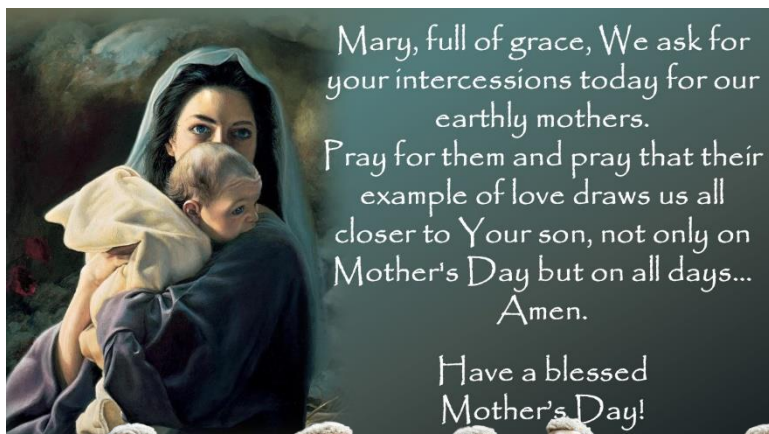
Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd.

Oh, to hear the voice of the One who keeps us safe. The One who protects us all. The One who leads us to the Father. We do know and believe that this shepherd still speaks today — often very softly.

† How will I listen for the voice of the Shepherd every day?

† How will I choose to follow the voice of this Shepherd and not other voices?

† How can I help others to listen to this voice? And follow?



Mary, full of grace, We ask for your intercessions today for our earthly mothers.

Pray for them and pray that their example of love draws us all closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days... Amen.

Have a blessed
Mother's Day!

**Prayers for Souls of the Faithful Departed**

Pray the Rosary with the Legion of Mary.

Mother's Day, May 11th, from 3:00 - 3:30pm

**HILLSIDE CEMETERY -13th St. SW entrance,
1st right to grassed area beside the office**

An altar for Mary provided to place flowers which you can later place on a loved one's grave.

Dress for weather & Bring a lawn chair if needed.

Info – Cora or Karen-Anne at kacherwono@shaw.ca



Medicine Hat Pro-Life Association
HIKE FOR LIFE
Saturday, May 10, 2025
Kin Coulee Park (by the Band Shelter)
Registration 1:00pm & Hike @ 1:30pm
 For more information:
 George Ibach - 403-527-7434
 Or Terry Hurst - 403-527-6298

Knights of Columbus
General Meeting
Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Faith Room


Catholic Women's League (CWL)
General Meeting
Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hall



Coffee with the Church Lady Staff
Tuesday May 13, 2025
Following 9:00 Mass
Isn't that special! In the Hope Room



SPRING TEA
HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL
HOSTED BY THE CWL
Saturday, May 17 2:00 - 4:00pm
 Door Prizes, Mystery Box
 Raffle, 50/50 Draw, Good Food
 & Good Fellowship



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EXHIBITION DATES...
 Thurs. June 5th - 9 AM - 6 PM
 Fri. June 6th - 9 AM - 9 PM
 & 12 Hour Adoration
 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM
 Sat. Jun 7th - 8:30 AM - Noon
 & 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Sun. Jun 8th - 9 AM - Noon
 & 1 PM - 8 PM




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Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30pm in the Faith Room
OR
Thursday, May 29 @ 1:00pm in the Faith Room.
Please choose one date to attend.
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Bible Study



Thursday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass

Listen...with the ear of your heart.
 This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict.
 Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we listen to the voice of God in our lives.



We meet every Saturday morning
 at 10:00 in the Hope Room
 at Holy Family Parish.
 For more information call Carol at 403-526-0415.

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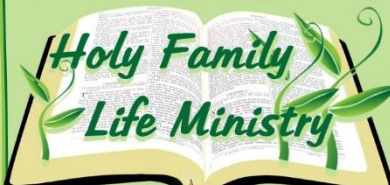
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 with what's happening in and around our Diocese!

I want to personally thank all the individuals who gave their time to the sacramental programs this year. Thank you to our wonderful teachers, Kyla Stroh, Lynette Pancoast, Heather Irvine, Natasha Taylor, Dc. Robert Risling and helpers Dianne Smith and Rachel Morrissey who shared their insight and encouraged our youth to not only grow, but to walk in their faith every day. I also want to thank all the CWL members for their time and organization of celebrations in the hall as well as the Knights of Columbus for their contributions and support. Thanks to the office staff for their attention to the needs of these sacrament classes and finally thank you to Fr. Iqbal and Fr. Roque for your guidance, encouragement and prayers. You are all deeply appreciated.

Sally Myers

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Prayer and Adoration
1st Monday of the month
at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Education Evening
4th Monday of the month at
7:00pm in the Hope Room.

Information
Rob at 403-529-0985
Sonia at 403-528-0028

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tammylynnpeterson@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay Contest
Dean Fitzpatrick Council 1732
Grand Knight Rob Stroh is pleased to
announce and congratulate...

Emmit Openo

1st runner up in the Grade 9

International Essay Competition

Emmit received a congratulatory letter from
Supreme Knight Patrick E Kelly, and a cash prize!

Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site Pilgrimage
Sunday, June 8th, 2025 Reconciliation 2:00-2:45
Stations of the Cross, Rosary & Mass starts @ 3:00
Supper following Mass ~ Bring lawn chairs, bug
spray, umbrellas ~ Flower girls/boys bring baskets
Located; 16km south & 6.4km east of Leader, SK

Tours: Sundays, July 6 until Sept 1st from 2-4

Facebook ~ Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



Notre Dame Academy is very proud to be one of the nine Catholic Schools within the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education (MHCBE). Notre Dame Academy has a student population of approximately 440 students in Grade 6 to 9. We are also extremely proud that we are one of only a very few successful sports academy schools in Alberta and Western Canada. As a sports academy school, we offer specialized training in baseball, golf, hockey and soccer.

In addition, we continue to offer innovative and unique exploratory programs like Lego-robotics, Rocketry, Archery, Graphic Design, Carpentry, Plumbing, Gaming Concepts, Drama, Food Studies, Art, Outdoor Education, etc. to keep our students engaged in their learning.

We consider ourselves a community school with many great partnerships. Notre Dame Academy has a very well-developed partnership with Medicine Hat College. Because of this partnership, we are able to offer an amazing Industrial Arts program in Carpentry, Welding, Electrical and Plumbing. Our leadership in this program has been the envy of other schools as they now are seeking to develop a partnership with the MHC. Too, our sports academy programming has been so successful over the past 21 years and now we are seeing other districts wanting to also build sports academy programming into their schools and districts. Notre Dame also has an ongoing partnership with the company Under Armour and Source for Sports.

Our school focus and missions are:

- Build Effective Relationships with Each Other and Our Students.
- Living Our Faith Through Service
- Helping All Students Learn

We would like to thank all the parishioners and staff of Holy Family and St. Patrick's Parishes for allowing us to be part of such loving parish communities.

Neal Siedlecki (Principal) and Lon Bosch (Vice Principal)





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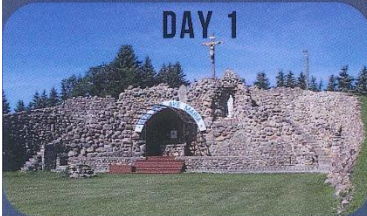
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DEADLINE: JULY 11, 2025

GROUP TOUR/MOTORCOACH/HOTELS

A 4 Day Catholic Journey of Alberta's Historic and Sacred Sites. Be taken back to the late 1800's when French, Polish, & Ukrainian Catholics brought the faith to Alberta. Two France Inspired Grotto of Lourdes Shrine's, Alberta's first Chapel building, Learn about Bro Anthony - possibly Alberta's first Saint. Hear historic talks, see historic buildings and join approx. 3500 Catholic Albertans & 107 years of prayer, procession & pilgrimage.

DAY 1

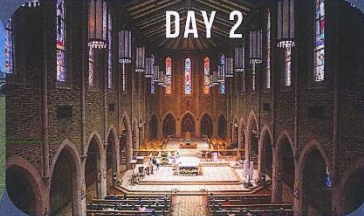


ST ALBERT PARISH

ST ALBERT, AB

- 1 Night St Albert Inn & Suites
- Dinner & Catholic History Talk
- Oblate Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk (declared Venerable)Grave Site
- 1860 Fr Lacombe Chaple Alberta's oldest building
- Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
- Way of the Cross

DAY 2

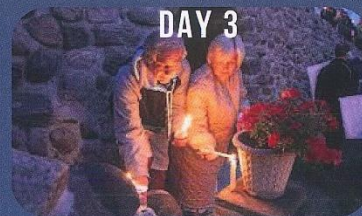


ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

EDMONTON, AB

- Daily Mass @ Cathedral
- 2 Nights Lamont, AB Inn
- Group Dinner & Fellowship
- Evening Catholic Talk at the Historic Chesterton House

DAY 3

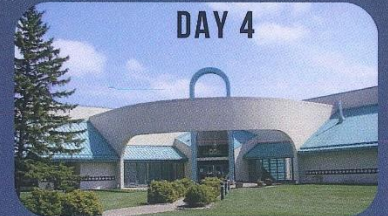


OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL LOURDES GROTTO

SKARO, AB

- 107th Annual Skaro, AB Evening Pilgrimage
- Reconciliation, Vespers, Solemn Mass, Blessed Sacrament, Candle Lit Procession w/Bishop

DAY 4



BASILIAN FATHERS MUSEUM/CHESTERTON HOUSE

MUNDARE, AB

- The history of Ukrainian Catholic culture a religious pioneers, the Basilians Fathers Monastery/Museum
- Travel Home

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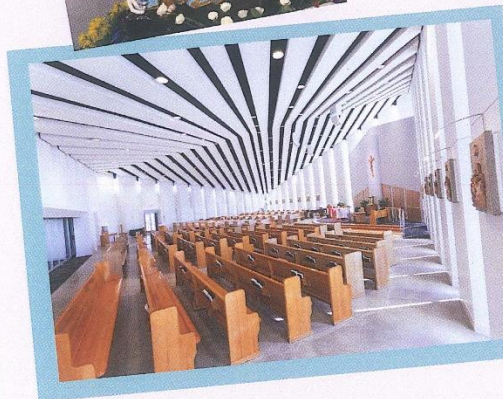
JULY 14-17, 2025

EXPLORE THE WORLD IN SASKATCHEWAN

91st Annual Notre Dame d'Auvergne Ponteix, SK Pilgrimage

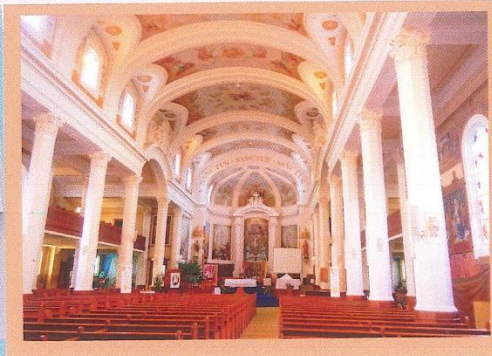


400 year old - Our Lady of Sorrows Statue preserved from destruction during the French Revolution is honored in Ponteix.



Christ the Redeemer Swift Current

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- Evening Vespers



Our Lady of Assumption Co-Cathedral Gravelbourg, SK

- Day Trip to francophone Gravelbourg
- Co-cathedral built in 1919
- **Ecclesiastical National Historic Site.**
- Guided tour of its history and the extensive murals focusing on: the sins of the world; stations of the cross, the life and death of St Philomena. Stain glass from France & the 17th century Bishops Chair used by Italian Royalty.
- Tour of the Bishops House & Convent
- 3X meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Supper)



Notre-Dame d'Auvergne Ponteix, SK

- **PILGRIMAGE DAY to Ponteix**
- 2pm Arrival at Historic Ponteix Church
- Welcome; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Presentation Mother of Hope Talk; Coffee Break; Adoration, Anointing of the Sick; Holy Mass; Candle Light Procession.
- Private Resting Room at the on-site Convent - if a short lie down or privacy is needed.
- 3X meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Supper)

Occupancy: Single \$1025 pp
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Tradition of House Blessing dates to early Christianity. We read in the Gospel of St. Matthew ""On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their

treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." It means we open the doors to Jesus to come in and stay with us. As it is written in the Book of Revelation 3:20 *"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me"*

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "Among the sacramentals blessings occupy an important place. They include both praise of God for his works and gifts, and the Church's intercession for men that they may be able to use God's gifts according to the spirit of the Gospel.

at the Easter Vigil, all is restored: The fonts are filled again, and the baptismal water is blessed. In this blessing, we hear how God has given water the "power to sanctify" throughout salvation history — the great flood cleansed the earth of sin, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea to freedom, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. For the remainder of the Easter season, the congregation is sprinkled liberally with this holy water in place of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. We are reminded of our baptism and our baptismal vow. During Easter time, when houses are blessed with the water blessed at Easter Vigil, reminds us about the life-giving water which flowed from the side of Jesus when his heart of pierced. During the blessing, we remember the words of the Psalmist, "Blessed art thou, and it shall be well with thee".



4th SUNDAY YEAR C

MAY 11, 2025

WHO OUR GOOD SHEPHERD IS?

Every year fourth Sunday during Easter is celebrated as “Good Shepherd Sunday” to highlights the qualities and attributes of Jesus who is our Good Shepherd who died for his own sheep. Today we also pray for more vocation to religious life because “harvest is plentiful, but labourers are few”. Jesus called himself “THE GOOD SHEPHERD”. When he said this, his audience probably knew well the role of a shepherd. I live in a village and shepherds are very common there. The life of shepherds is very hard and 24/7 busy to look after the animals. They are protective, caring, and strong in relationship with their sheep.

In the Bible, sheep and shepherds are referred to with great frequency. Sometimes, the Bible talks about real sheep and real shepherds. Other times, it compares God’s people to sheep and the leaders of God’s people as shepherds. Only Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. What is it about Jesus that makes him refer to himself as such?

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to

the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face, and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

"The Lord is our Good Shepherd and there is nothing I shall want because he leads me to the green pastures and anoints my head with the purest of oil" Psalmist describes the attributes of the Lord. All of us have amazing vocation stories to share with one another which lead us to have a better and strong relationship with the Lord. Our vocation stories are based on our calling, mission and vision and without these we are nothing. St. Gregory the Great reflecting on the image of Christ the Good Shepherd says "I am the good shepherd. I know my own, by which I mean, I love them, and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it. My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love, not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar. Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly, he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father".

He continues to say "Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me, he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life. So, our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There is the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more".

In the First Reading, St. Paul and St. Barnabas after seeing the stubbornness of the Jewish authorities, turn their focus to Gentiles “It was necessary that the Word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth”. Apostles played the role of shepherds to different communities within the Roman Empire and converted them to Christian Faith. Although they suffered for the sake of the Gospel and embraced martyrdom, but they knew about their calling and obligation to continue to witness Jesus to other people.

As we reflect on the attributes of Good Shepherd, we are also invited to test our own obedience to him “who was humble and became obedient to death even death on a cross” as St. Paul says.

The following is a very interesting story from the early desert fathers.

A brother from Scetis was going to harvest: and he went to one of the great hermits and said, ‘Tell me, abba, what am I to do, while I am harvesting?’ The hermit said, ‘If I tell you, will you do as I say?’ The brother answered, ‘Yes; I will obey you.’ He said, ‘If you do what I say, you will give up your harvesting: and come here, and I will tell you what to do.’ So, the brother abandoned his harvesting, and came to the hermit who said, ‘Go into your cell, and stay there fifty days without a break. Eat bread and salt once a day. At the end of that time, I will tell you what to do next.’ He did so and came back to the hermit. The hermit realized that he was in earnest and told him how he ought to live in his cell. The brother went into his cell, and for three days and nights he lay prone upon the ground, in penitence before God. Then the thought came into his mind, ‘You are very good, you are a great man,’ but he took control of his thoughts, and in humility called his sins to mind, saying, ‘What about all the sins I have committed?’ If the thought rose in his mind that he had neglected the commandments of God, he said to himself, ‘I will offer God a little service, and I believe that He will have mercy upon me.’ So, he conquered the demons that sent him wicked thoughts: and they appeared before him in a visible form, and said, ‘You are making us angry.’ He said to them, ‘Why?’ They said, ‘If we praise you, you are quick to be humble; if we humble you, you rise up on high.’

In our calling or vocation, obedience is the most important element. In the Gospel today, Jesus himself shared the first quality of good sheep “my sheep hear my voice” which is the first step to obedience. Jesus our Good Shepherd keep calling us every day to obey and listen.

Secondly Jesus speaks about his relationship with his sheep “I know them, and they follow me”. This is the key point of our relationship and only takes place when we listen and obey. However, our relationship with God has to be defined on His terms, because He has

ownership of our past, present and future. God is faithful to forgive a genuine heart, guide a willing servant and uphold the promises He makes to those who faithfully endure. We can trust in the one who does not change, cannot lie, whose “mercy is ever lasting” and whose “truth endures to all generations” (Psalm 100:5). He does not deny us as St. Paul says. God has called those who trusted in Him “His children.” He loved the patriarchs of old like Noah and Job who endured, despite mounting pressure to give up. He was patient with the Israelites as they perfected being indifferent to the “God of their fathers.” Today, the trials of those who love Him find the same patience and forgiveness those first-century Christians found while studying at the feet of Paul, Timothy or Peter. God loves His children. He cares for them and values the relationship they share with Him, on a daily basis, more than any other relationship in this world.

Thirdly Jesus gives us eternal life and saves us from being perished in our shortcomings and failures of life. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life, and the resurrection and he gives us eternal life in abundance. Jesus being our Good Shepherd searches for us and has compassion all the time. He rejoices over the sheep which was lost and got back. Prophet Ezekiel talking about the Good Shepherd, says “For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I, myself, will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice”.

Fourthly Jesus being the Good Shepherd is very protective of his sheep “No one will snatch them out of my hand”. It is a powerful image of his protection we can see, and the Psalmist says, “he has appointed his angels to look after you lest you foot dash against the rock”. Jesus loves his own and never leaves them alone because he came to search for the lost sheep of Israel. St. John says in his First Letter “We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them”. There is a beautiful prayer by Judith which really speaks about the protection of God towards his people “For your strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, savior of those without

hope. Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant, and against your sacred house, and against Mount Zion, and against the house your children possess. Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!"

Being under Jesus the Good Shepherd means we are one with him as he is one with his Father "The Father and I are one". However, condition is only one that we must know our Good Shepherd.

There was once a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a dramatic reading of Psalm 23. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation - "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the Psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. "Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?" The actor was quite taken back by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the Psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the Psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation that every eye was full of tears. Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training - but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?"

The young man quietly replied, "Well sir, you know the Psalm... I know the Shepherd."

St. Bede the Venerable once wrote; "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. This praise was given long ago by Moses to the ancient people of God, and now the apostle Peter rightly gives it to the Gentiles, since they have come to believe in Christ who, as the cornerstone, has brought the nations together in the salvation that belonged to Israel. Peter calls them a chosen race because of their faith, to distinguish them from those who by refusing to accept the living stone have themselves been rejected. They are a royal priesthood because they are united to the body of Christ, the supreme king and true priest. As sovereign he grants them his kingdom, and as high priest he washes away their

sins by the offering of his blood. Peter says they are a royal priesthood; they must always remember to hope for an everlasting kingdom and to offer to God the sacrifice of a blameless life.

The deliverance of the children of Israel and their journey to the long-promised land correspond with the mystery of our redemption. We are making our way toward the light of our heavenly home with the grace of Christ leading us and showing us the way. The light of his grace was also symbolized by the cloud and the pillar of fire, which protected the Israelites from darkness throughout their journey, and brought them by a wonderful path to their promised homeland". The Letter to the Hebrews opens our hearts and minds to understand who Jesus the Good Shepherd is for us in the real sense by understanding his sacrifice once for all. Here the is question for us today:

Who our Good Shepherd is?

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4th Sunday of Easter Year C

John 10:27-30

May 11/25

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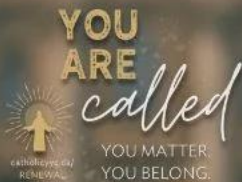
It has been a tradition, as a private devotion, to ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit. This practice is especially suitable during the Eastertide. To do so, families may use the following prayer.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Leader: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
All: and renew the face of the earth.
Leader: O God, on the first Pentecost
you instructed the hearts of those who believed in you
by the light of the Holy Spirit:
under the inspiration of the same Spirit,
give us a taste for what is right and true
and a continuing sense of his joy-bringing presence
and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Pray for the Conclave

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Mass for the Election of a Pope, Roman Missal



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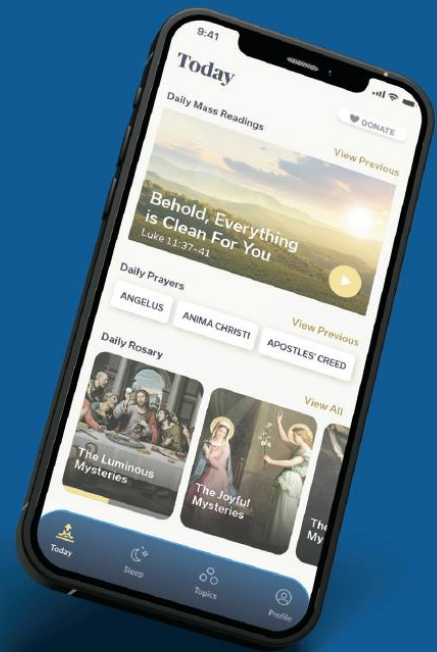
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Note that these scams do not stop at emails. Those in social media should stay vigilant when responding to friend requests or to other compelling posts requiring a response. There are many fake Twitter, Facebook and other social media accounts trying to impersonate people you know and our church leaders. Some scammers may take the time to build a relationship with you to gain your trust, before trying to extort money or other things like gift cards.

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