

Instruments of the Good Shepherd  
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)—Good Shepherd Sunday

*Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." John 10:11-13*

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

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# Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

April 21, 2024

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Parish Staff:

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### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 am

12:30 pm English Mass

### **Daily Mass During Lent:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays – Low Mass @ 7:00 am

Wednesdays & Fridays—Sung Mass @ 10:15 am

Saturdays—Low Mass @ 7:00 am

**Reconciliation:** Sundays at 10:00 am

### **Baptism and Holy Matrimony:**

The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please contact Father Ishida.

### **Parish Office:**

Please email or leave voice message.

### **FORMED.org—"The Catholic NetFlicks**

Step 1. **Sign up as a Parishioner (it's FREE)**: search for St. Anne Medical Lake

Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

welcome

to our parish

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Wednesday, April 24 @ 7:00 pm**

Young Adult Trivia Night

Jack & Dan's, 1226 N. Hamilton St., Spokane  
Gather the gang and get competitive! Please feel free to invite a priest or religious to join your team. If you can't find a team beforehand there are always opportunities to join a team there. Get there early, last time we filled the space.

**Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Light & Life Holy Hour – St. Peter Parish, Spokane  
A holy hour of Adoration, praise & worship music, and Confession. Multiple priests will be available to hear Confessions. This event is for all ages!

**Friday, April 26, 2024, 3:00 PM**

Gonzaga Faith & Reason Institute: Astronomy and the Vatican – Wolff Auditorium/Jepson 114 at Gonzaga University with Br Guy Consolmagno, SJ, Vatican Observatory Director

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 5:30 PM**

St. Peregrine Prayer Service – Cathedral, Spokane  
St. Peregrine Prayer Service - Prayer for healing for those and their families affected by cancer.

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Young Adult First Wednesday Adoration,  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
Adoration and Confession are available. Spokane Catholic Young Adult's Social to follow.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

21	Sunday	Pro Populo
22	Monday	
23	Tuesday	
24	Wednesday	
25	Thursday	
26	Friday	
27	Saturday	
28	Sunday	Pro Populo



*St. Anne ... Pray for us!  
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!*

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Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

*Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

### Save the Date:

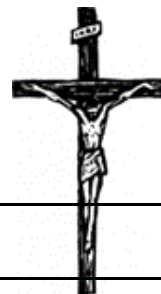
## 2024 Middle School Camp



### *"To the Heights"*

August 11-16, 2024

Shoshone Mountain Retreat, Idaho  
Current 6th –8th Graders  
Registration opens May 1 @ 7:00 am  
\$50 deposit required  
Cost \$400—more info coming soon



**Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish** To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

## Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

During Lent: Low Mass Saturdays @ 7:00 am  
Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am  
12:30 pm

### Daily Mass Schedule During Lent:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays – Low Mass @ 7:00 am  
Wednesdays & Fridays—Sung Mass @ 10:15 am



## All Diocesan Priests, including Father Ishida will be on Retreat May 6–9 and May 13-17

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Amen

### FORMED.org

### JOIN for free!

Directions on front of the bulletin  
Catholic "net flicks".



## Seven Sisters Apostolate

**That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.**



A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

**Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email sookiesue@msn.com**

**Seven Sisters Apostolate** meet after 9:00 am Mass at St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake. For all those interested —Please join us in the Church.

# Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

INDIANAPOLIS  
JULY 17 - 21, 2024

with Bishop Thomas Daly and  
the Diocese of Spokane



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



[BOOK NOW!](#)



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

### Adult Pricing\*

**\$1,049**

Triple/Quad

**\$1,249**

Double

**\$1,749**

Single

\*Price reflects an early booking discount of \$100 for registrations made before January 22nd

### Family Pricing

**-\$200**

off prices above for children  
ages 3-12

**FREE**

for lap children (0-2) when  
rooming with two paying  
adults in double occupancy

## A CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ.

### Tour Inclusions

- NEC Congress Pass
- Four nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily (pending hotel assignment)
- Daily transportation from hotel to the Indianapolis Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
- Gratuities payable to motorcoach drivers



### Tour Does Not Include

- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Items not specifically mentioned above

### 3 Step Registration Process

1. Scan the QR Code on the cover of the flyer or click [HERE](#) to access our online registration site.
2. Follow the prompts to enter your personal information, select your rooming configuration, enter payment information, and acknowledge our terms and conditions.
3. Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your diocesan code and a video tutorial providing instructions for finalizing your registration on the official National Eucharistic Congress' website.



### Payment Schedule:

\$250 per person deposit due upon registration

\$500 per person due December 31, 2023

Remaining balance due April 17, 2024

All payments are non-refundable. By registering for this tour, you understand and agree to CTS Terms and Conditions and accept our CTS Liability Release. All cancellations must be received in writing.

**Travel Insurance:** Cancel for any reason ("CFAR") travel protection is highly recommended

See Travel Insured link: [www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47907&p=CTS21](http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47907&p=CTS21)

**Cost does NOT include airfare.**



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