

Shepherding Through Virtue

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)—Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." [John 10:27-28](#)

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders. We are given this image today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.

In our short Gospel passage today, Jesus addressed some of the Jews who were trying to trap Him in His speech. Prior to this passage, they asked Him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." To that, Jesus responded, "I told you and you do not believe." Jesus answered this way because the people questioning Him were not interested in actually knowing whether He was the Messiah. Instead, they wanted to accuse Him of blasphemy. But Jesus tells them that He already told them Who He was through His works: "The works I do in my Father's name testify to me."

Do you see the works of God in your life? If you do, then it is important to understand that Jesus' works are one of the primary ways that He speaks to you and leads you as your Shepherd. God certainly speaks to us through His Word as it is revealed in the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us through His works. Among the many works of God in your life is the work of grace by which God enables you to grow in virtue.

Therefore, it is important to look for the ways that supernatural virtue grows in your life. For example, do you see courage in the face of fear? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue? Do you see a supernatural ability to forgive another? If so, what is God telling you through the increase of that virtue? Do you see an increase in the virtue of piety, by which your life of prayer becomes more important to you? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue?

The discernment of the will of God enables us to hear His voice and follow Him. And one of the best ways to discern the will of God is to look for the ways that God is touching your life. Where you see virtue increase, the will of God is present and is calling you to grow in that area. Conversely, if there is something in your life that leads you to sin, and, thus, a decrease in virtue, then this is also God's voice telling you to avoid these things.

Reflect, today, upon God's actions that are perceptible in your life. Even though God speaks clearly to us through His revealed Word, He also speaks to us and shepherds us through His discernable touching of our souls. Where you see virtue increase, you will find the will of God. Where you see virtue decrease, you will not find the will of God. Listen to God as He speaks to you this way so that you will hear His voice, follow Him and receive eternal life.

*My revealing Lord, You speak to me day and night, calling me to follow You as my Shepherd.
May I learn to perceive Your voice as You speak to me in varied ways so that I can more readily follow You
wherever You lead. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
12:30 pm English Mass

Reconciliation: Sundays at 12:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active members 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:

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Daily Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for
Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home
or abroad in distant mission fields; for
Your tempted priests; for Your young
priests;
for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your
priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You
the priests dearest to me; the priest who
baptized me; the priest who absolved me
from my sins; the priests whose Masses I
assisted

and who gave me Your Body and Blood
in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted
in any other way, especially
.... list all priests ...

O Jesus, keep them close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly
in time and in eternity. Amen.

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in
battle. Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heav-
enly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the
world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

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Lectionary #51C - Liturgical color: white

Good Shepherd Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43–52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b–17

Gospel: John 10:27–30

The Gloria; Apostles' or Nicene Creed

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center (IHRC)

Cooking Class

"Chef Matt's Heavenly Kitchen: Simple Recipes, Big
Flavors" IHRC Chef Matt McDaniels
Sunday, June 8, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Please register in advance: (509) 448-1224 or visit
www.ihrc.net ... Individuals: \$46, Couples: \$90

Dear Lord,

Your presence in the Eucharist is truly the source
and summit of our faith and life. In the Breaking of
the Bread, you invite us to see beyond our immedi-
ate gathering and unite us with the larger gathering
of our sisters and brothers around the world.

All that we have we give to you.

As we recognize you in the Eucharist, help us to
also recognize You among those who
hunger and suffer in the world.

All that we are we give to you.

Guide us so that our faith in Your presence will
move us to share Your life and Your love
with the world.

All that we hope to be we give to you.

Deepen our faith, make us good stewards of Your
Eucharistic presence, and help us to bear fruit in
the lives of those we encounter, especially those
most in need of Your love and compassion. Amen



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.

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm - English Mass



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Parishioner of Mary, Queen of Heaven

Please note: Mass Intensions take approximately
2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please
note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL/MAY

04	Sunday	Pro Populo
05	Monday	Tim & Pam Harper
06	Tuesday	
07	Wednesday	
08	Thursday	
09	Friday	
10	Saturday	Patrick Blakely †
11	Sunday	Pro Populo

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