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**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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## Our Mission Statement

**As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.**

### Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

### Office/Parish Center (for all Churches)

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### Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Please contact the parish office



### St. Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

### Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

### Weekday Mass

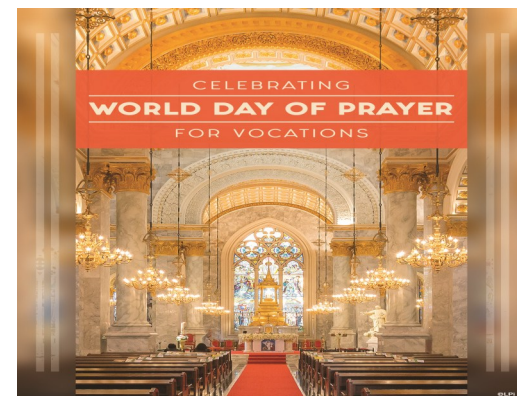
Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at  
9:00 a.m.

### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



## Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

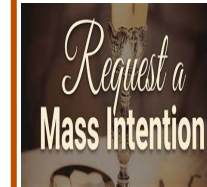
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each month from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.



### Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in your hand, Please **do not** step to the side and then consume it. You **must** consume the host **in front** of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.



### Mass Intentions

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Continuing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has died—whether recently or many years ago. Mass intentions are not only for the deceased. They also make thoughtful and prayerful gifts for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

All Mass intentions must be submitted **at least one week prior to the Mass date** in order to be listed in the bulletin. **All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.**

†Deceased    ♥Health    \*Special Intention

We give thanks to God for blessing us with another year of new Confirmation candidates. This year, we were fortunate to have three candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop James Misko on April 17, 2026.

We congratulate Diego Romero, Dulce Camacho, and Victor Espinoza Jr., who celebrated this special moment at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Let us continue to keep them in our prayers, that they may remain strong in their faith and continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.



### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Safe Environment

We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-623-0344 (1-800-234-0344) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese at 520-838-2513



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# Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

## A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Parish Community

With hearts full of gratitude, we would like to extend a sincere *thank you* to all the wonderful people who helped make the Grand Opening of our Parish Community Hall such a beautiful and successful event.

This special occasion would not have been possible without the generosity, time, and dedication of so many individuals. We are especially grateful to our local restaurant vendors who so kindly donated delicious food. Your support and willingness to give truly made the evening memorable for all who attended.

To our volunteers, parishioners, and friends—thank you for your hard work, your joyful presence, and your commitment to our parish. From planning and organizing to setting up and welcoming guests, every contribution made a difference.

It was truly a wonderful event filled with community spirit, fellowship, and celebration. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and generous parish family.

May God bless each and every one of you for your kindness and support.

With gratitude,  
St. Ann's Parish



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Peter said to them,  
"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been healed.  
For you had gone astray like sheep,  
but you have now returned to the shepherd and  
guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

### Gospel:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more  
abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

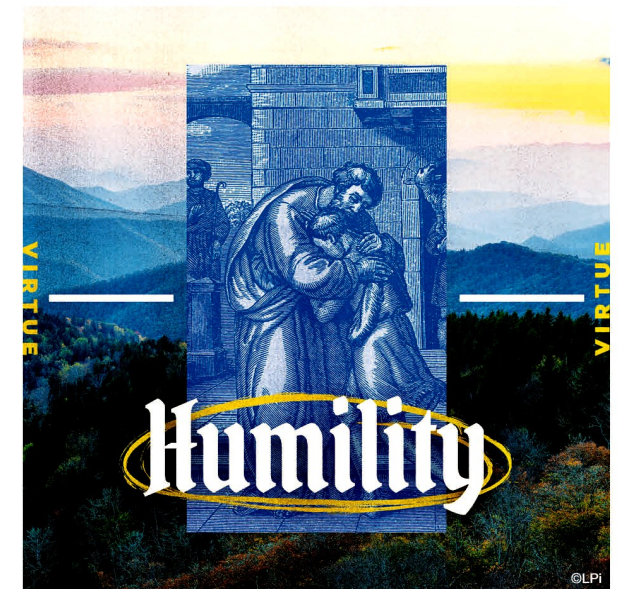
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

## Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



## Virtues, Explained!

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.

## Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,  
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.  
Help me to know your voice and to respond.  
Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead.  
Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.  
Refresh my soul.  
Amen.

(PRACTICING)  
CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** We can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

**The Devil's Long Con**

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something *is* right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger.

But where will he lead?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Why do we do that?**  
**Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:**

What is the history behind the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

**Answer:**

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

**Readings for the week of**  
**April 26, 2026**

**Sunday:**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:**

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18  
(second choice)

**Tuesday:**

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:**

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:**

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:**

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:**

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:**

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12



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A LOVE THAT SURPASSES  
**LOGIC**

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**Gospel Meditation**  
**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— Father John Muir