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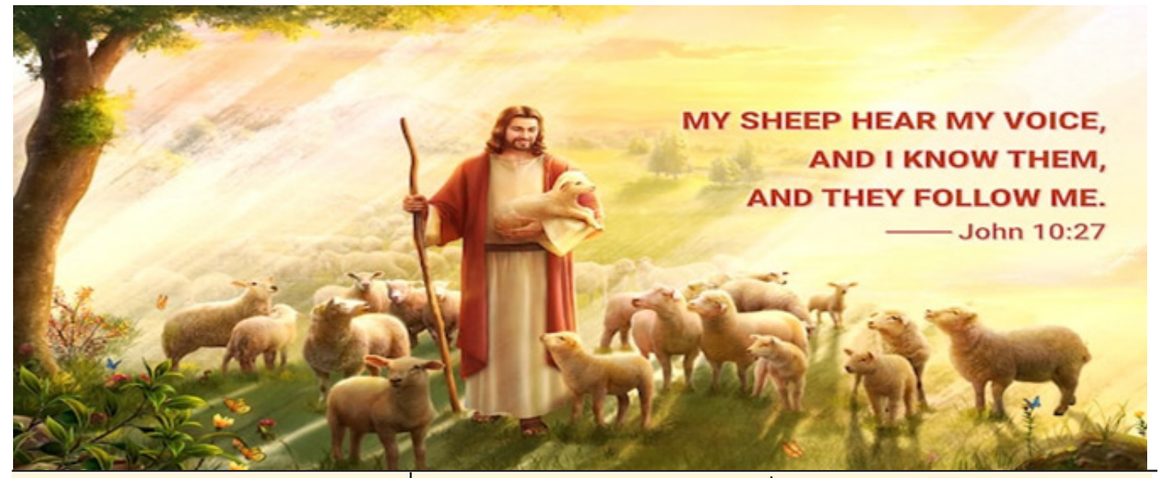
May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2,3,5
A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9,14b-17
John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30
Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading
The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called **Good Shepherd Sunday.** In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, **"Are you the Messiah?"** Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition.

(Background on the Gospel continued)

Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about **the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.**

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the **familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice.** Today's Gospel also speaks to the **relationship between Jesus and the Father.** In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that **they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father.** Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. **Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.**

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Anyone wishing to have his or her wedding celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral must contact the parish office 9-12 months prior to the celebration and talk to a priest for pre-wedding counseling. Please visit our website www.cathedralvi.org or call us at 340-774-0201. The Sacrament of Marriage is generally celebrated on a Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Please contact the parish priest if you would like a different time for your wedding. (Note that Saturday mornings are reserved for cleaning and decorating the cathedral.)

VISITING AND ANNOINTING THE SICK:
If anyone in your family is sick or shut-in, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for them and arrange to visit them. Please note that the hospital does not notify us when Catholics are in the hospital. Please call the parish office to inform us of a Catholic in the hospital who needs to have a priest visit. Thank you!

FUNERAL MASSES:
Funeral Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral are held on the designated day at 9:30AM. Please make arrangements with the Church office before the funeral home to assure availability of the date requested. The Funeral Program should read "**Christian Burial**" on the cover. If you would like a different time, please contact the parish priest. Viewings will not take place inside the cathedral. Funerals generally are not held on weekends (Saturday or Sunday).Thank you for your cooperation.

DAILY WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday, May 12, 2025
St. Nereus & St. Achilleus
First Reading: Acts 11: 1-18
Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Our Lady of Fatima
First Reading : Acts 11: 19-26
Gospel: John 10: 22-30

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
St. Matthias
First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Thursday, May 15, 2025
St. Isidore
First Reading : Acts 13: 13-25
Gospel: John 13: 16-20

Friday, May 16, 2025
First Reading: Acts 13: 26-33
Gospel: John 14: 1-6

Saturday, May 17, 2025
First Reading : Acts 13: 44-52
Gospel: John 14: 7-14

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. John Mark
Our beloved Father John Mark continues to receive medical attention on the mainland. We ask that you continue to keep Father John Mark in your prayers, and if anyone would like to make donations to assist Father's treatment, please feel free to drop your donations at the church office or in the baskets during weekend masses with a notation that it is for Father John Mark. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Mother's Day
We would like to wish all mothers a blessed and Happy Mother's Day! Let our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, be an inspiration to you as you continue to nurture and be a role model for your children.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Raffle
The Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Annual Cash Raffle drawing date was postponed from May 16 to May 30. Tickets are on sale for $10.00 individually or $100 per book, the first prize is $10,000.00, plus additional cash prizes. You can purchase your tickets today from the Church office, the school, teachers, or parents. Please support our Catholic school. Thank you.

Reminder
Please secure your tickets for the rescheduled Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral and Holy Family Parish Spring Boat Ride on the Kon Tiki Party Raft on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

St. Joseph Workers
The St. Joseph Workers of Holy Catholic Church is having a raffle to raise funds for an air conditioner for their church. Tickets are on sale at the Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral Office, and any member of St. Joseph Workers for $10.00 individually or $100.00 per book. The raffle drawing will take place on June 15, 2025. Thanks in advance for your support.

Save the date
Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral Patronal Feast will be celebrated on Sunday, June 29, 2025 with mass celebrations and a Man Pot Competition/Family Fun Day. Participants from all Parishes are needed to participate in the Man Pot Competition in the following categories: Appetizers, Soups, Main Dishes, Side Dishes, Vegan Dishes, Desserts and Local Beverages. Parishioners who are interested in participating in the Man Pot Competition should contact (340)513-4817.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 10, 2025
7:00AM For the homebound of the parish
offered by a parishioner

4:30PM † For the Holy Souls in purgatory
offered by a parishioner

† For the repose of the souls of Janet Charles, Philbert Charles and Jean Stedman
offered by Cynthia Charles

Sunday, May 11, 2025
7:00AM For Cynthia Charles, her sons, and brothers, for God's deliverance and protection
offered by Cynthia Charles

8:30AM For the Mothers of the parish

10:00AM In Thanksgiving for all graces received offered by a parishioner.

12:15PM †For the repose of the soul of Ana Mercedes Acosta and Eugenio Acosta offered by Seneida.

Monday, May 12, 2025
7:00AM For our parishioners

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
7:00AM For the conversion of sinners
offered by a parishioner
6:30PM (Spanish)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
7:00AM Thanksgiving for all graces received
offered by a parishioner

12:15PM For Cynthia Charles, her sons, and brothers, for God's deliverance and protection
offered by Cynthia Charles

Thursday, May 15, 2025
7:00AM For the priest and religious of our parish
offered by a parishioner

Friday, May 16, 2025
7:00AM Thanksgiving for all graces received
offered by a parishioner

Saturday, May 17, 2025
7:00AM Thanksgiving for all graces received
offered by a parishioner

4:30PM † For the souls in purgatory offered by a parishioner

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 13:14,43-52
Pablo y Bernabé predican la buena nueva entre los gentiles y son expulsados por los judíos.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 100:1-2,3,5
Un cántico de alabanza a Dios, nuestro pastor.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 7:9,14b-17
Juan describe su visión de las alabanzas que los santos cantan al Cordero.

Lectura del Evangelio: Juan 10:27-30
Jesús describe su cuidado de sus ovejas.

Antecedentes de la Lectura del Evangelio
El cuarto domingo de Pascua también se llama Domingo del Buen Pastor. En cada uno de los tres ciclos leccionarios, el Evangelio se toma del capítulo diez del Evangelio de Juan. Este capítulo del Evangelio de Juan sigue la curación del ciego de nacimiento por parte de Jesús y el rechazo de este milagro por parte de los líderes judíos, quienes cuestionan la autoridad de Jesús para sanar. Jesús responde a este desafío a su autoridad llamándose el Buen Pastor. Critica a los fariseos y a otros líderes judíos. Estos, indignados, intentan apedrear y arrestar a Jesús (véase Juan 10:31 y 10:39). Esta controversia con los líderes religiosos continúa hasta la muerte de Jesús.

En un momento de tensión y conflicto en el Evangelio de Juan, la lectura del Evangelio de hoy es la respuesta de Jesús a la pregunta: "¿Eres tú el Mesías?". Jesús responde, en esencia, diciendo: "Si tienes que preguntar, entonces no eres de mis ovejas". Entonces Jesús afirma su unidad con el Padre. Al concluir estas palabras, Juan informa que los judíos intentan apedrear a Jesús por blasfemia, pero él escapa del arresto.

Quizás estemos menos familiarizados con las metáforas de oveja y pastor que aquellos a quienes Jesús se dirigió. La imagen de Jesús como el Buen Pastor y la comunidad de seguidores como sus ovejas ha perdurado a lo largo de los siglos como una imagen fundamental en nuestra tradición de fe.

Antecedentes del evangelio (continuación)

Su poder para describir la relación entre Jesús y sus se guidores trasciende la experiencia directa con las ovejas. La imagen nos habla de la protección, la seguridad y el cuidado que los pastores representan para sus ovejas.

El Evangelio de hoy habla con fuerza de la familiaridad e intimidad entre Jesús y sus discípulos, expresada en el reconocimiento y la comprensión de la voz del otro.
El Evangelio de hoy también habla de la relación entre Jesús y el Padre. En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús se identifica tan estrechamente con el Padre que nos dice que son uno; no solo cercanos, sino uno solo. Conocer a Jesús es conocer al Padre. Jesús no solo nos acerca al Padre, sino que nos pone en contacto directo con Dios Padre, eliminando toda distancia entre nosotros. Nuestra relación con Jesús es una invitación a compartir la vida de Dios.

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Padre John Mark
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Día de la Madre
¡Les deseamos a todas las madres un feliz y bendecido Día de la Madre! Que nuestra Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Jesús, sea una inspiración para ustedes mientras siguen criando y siendo un ejemplo a seguir para sus hijos.

EL MES DE MAYO
Nos complace invitarlos a participar en el rezo del Rosario durante el mes de mayo, un tiempo especial dedicado a honrar a nuestra Madre, la Virgen María.

FECHAS IMPORTANTES
1. Domingo, 25 de junio de 2025 (Solemnidad de la Ascensión):
Primeras Comuniones
2. Domingo, 8 de junio de 2025
(Pentecostés): Las confirmaciones

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May 4 - Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement
May 11 - Music Ministry
May 18 - Priest Retirement
May 25 - Youth Ministry
June 1 - Catholic Communication Campaign

The Month of May is dedicated to the Blesssed Virgin Mary

Let us recite the rosary daily!

Feast Days:

May 1st
St. Joseph the Worker

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