

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Apr 26: "Growing in Faith" program, immediately following Mass

Tues., Apr 28: Bible study, 6:00 pm, church basement

Wed., Apr 29: Children's Catechism class, 3:45pm

Wed., Apr 29: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Fri., May 1: 1st Friday of the month, Healing Mass, 5:30 pm

Tues., May 5: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, basement

Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr 26: For the People

Mon., Apr 27: No Mass

Tues., Apr 28: _____

Wed., Apr 29: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus

Thurs., Apr 30: _____

Fri., May 1: _____

Sat., May 2: _____



Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's

Sat., Apr 18: \$ 315.00

Sun., Apr 19: \$ 913.75

Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$4,340.00

St. Mary's

Sun., Apr 19: \$ _____

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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Sat., Apr 25	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Julie O'Dell
Sun, Apr 26	Candy Wells	Juvi Mula	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez
Sat. May 2	Celeste Geier	Julie O'Dell	Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 3	Genne Taganahan	Liezel Ferido	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., May 9	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Julie O'Dell
Sun., May 10	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Visencia Ramirez	Juvi Mula & Candy Wells

*God is good all the time:
All the time God is good!*

Children's Catechism Class

This Wednesday, April 29th is the last regular Catechism class of the year.

Those receiving the Sacraments will have class through May 13th.



Scholarships Available



Catholic Daughters Scholarship and Catholic Daughters Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors. **Deadline May 1st.**

Applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

St. Joseph's Income and Expenses for the 3rd quarter FY 2026

Month of Feb., 2026
Income: \$ 9,001.50
Expenses: \$ 9,343.28
Loss \$ 341.78

Month of Jan., 2026
Income: \$ 7,130.00
Expenses: \$ 8,926.08
Loss \$ 1,796.08

Month of Mar., 2026
Income: \$ 8,979.45
Expenses: \$ 9,649.08
Loss \$ 669.63

Monday

April 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

April 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

April 29
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

April 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

May 3
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

Good News!

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20b-25 / John 10:1-10

MIGUEL DULICK

It is "Good Shepherd Sunday," and the gospel quotes Jesus: "I am the gate for the sheep." It seems the oddest of Jesus' "I am" identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep's pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—"strangers" who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as "thieves and robbers."

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow him because we recognize "his voice." In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like "a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). ●



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

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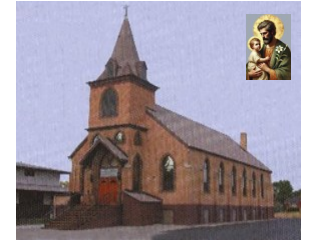
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass
and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Dear Padre,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●



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