



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
— 1 Peter 2:24a



Dear Sisters and brothers,

For years St. Anthony's Catholic Church in San Francisco has served meals to people in need. Over the doorway to its dining room the church has posted a sign bearing the inscription: "Caritate Dei." One day a young mechanic, just released from jail and new to St. Anthony's, entered the door and sat down for a meal. A woman was busy cleaning the adjoining table. "When do we get on our knees and do the chores, lady?" he asked.

"You don't," she replied. "Then when's the sermon comin'?" he inquired.

"Aren't any," she said. "How `bout the lecture on life, huh?" "Not here," she said.

The man was suspicious. "Then what's the gimmick?" The woman pointed to the inscription over the door. He squinted at the sign. "What's it mean, lady?" "Out of love for God," she said with a smile, and moved on to another table.

Check out the inscription over your next door in life. If it has to do with genuine love for God, you won't go wrong.

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Today's Readings

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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Readings for the Week

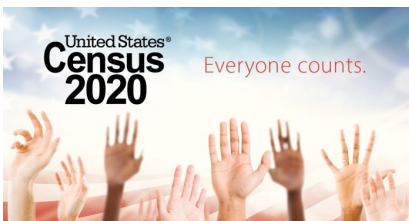
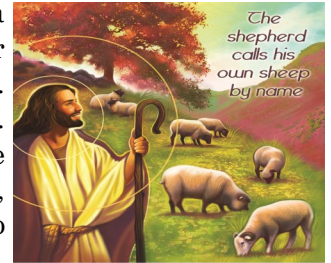
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: **National Day of Prayer**
Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Free Lunches - Drive By / Walk Thru
Boxed to go Jambalaya Lunches for the hungry will be served at St. Paul the Apostle on Friday, May 8th at Noon for members of the church and community. There will be no dine in or sit down service. Lunches available while supply last.

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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The goal of the **2020 CENSUS** is a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States. You can complete your questionnaire online at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mail. It should be completed as soon as possible.

The results of the Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next ten years. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Census results affect planning and funding for education—including programs such as Head Start, Pell Grants, rural education, adult education, and grants for preschool special education. It also impacts school lunches, plans for highways, support for firefighters and families in need. **DO YOUR PART AND BE COUNTED!!!**

Through the resurrection of Jesus, God in great mercy has given us “a new birth to a living hope.” Let us continue to support one another during these difficult times—and pray in hope to our merciful God.

During times of crisis,
in moments of doubt,
during periods of isolation,
through seasons of uncertainty...
we place our trust in our loving God.

Let us open our hearts to God’s word.
In communion with the saints,
in solidarity with the suffering,
and united with all people of good will,
we pray for all whose lives have been impacted
by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Amen.

For Those Who Have Died

Eternal God,

We come before you in sorrow and disbelief
to pray for the thousands of people
who have died during this pandemic.

While most of them are unknown to us,
you know the name of every person.
Enfold them in your loving embrace
and welcome them to the banquet of heaven.

Be with their family members and friends.
Comfort and support them through
this time of loss and separation.

We pray through Christ, our resurrection and our
life, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THANK YOU FRONTLINE WORKERS!



Wear a Mask. Save a life. Show love for your community by wearing a face covering in public.



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May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Pierre family at the passing of Ms. Mary Margaret Pierre, sister of Mr. John Pierre.

May God grant her peaceful eternal rest. May the same God grant comfort and consolation to the family as they grieve the passing of their loved one.



Strength in Time of Storm

God our Sturdy Vine,
 in you we find nourishment and life.
 Apart from you, we cannot grow and flourish.

When strong winds toss us about
 and threaten to break our spirits,
 help us to remain flexible even as we cling to you.

Relying on your strength, may we weather every storm
 and, even when battered a bit,
 continue to bear fruit that will last.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATING MAY 1st - 8th BIRTHDAYS



Joseph Patrick, III 5/01
 Vincent Foulcard 5/02
 Meredith Jones 5/02
 Brandy Williams 5/02
 Aidan Sam 5/03
 Martha George 5/05



Jaiden Parker 5/06
 Judge Luke LaVergne 5/07
 Patrick Clay 5/08
 Harry Griffen 5/08
 Allura Guilbeaus 5/08
 Myrtis Rogers 5/08



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND



Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Quincy Hamilton, Charles Davis, Jr., Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Barbara Rodney, and Mercedes Mackey

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, and Jenna Scott