



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday in Easter season has been designated as “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” This Sunday is also called “Good Shepherd Sunday.”

In today’s Gospel Jesus said, “I am the gate for the sheep . . . I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved.” “He came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” The sheep will be called by name and led out by the shepherd. Jesus Himself is the gate, the gatekeeper and the shepherd.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd; He knows our names; we belong to His flock; we know His voice and follow it. We should not listen to the one who “climbed over elsewhere” for that one is “a thief and robber.”

A flock needs a shepherd, and a shepherd needs a flock. Chaos will occur (from inside and outside) to a flock without a shepherd or a leader. A shepherd without a flock or followers has no meaning at all. The relationship between the flock and its shepherd must be maintained and strengthened by love and good attitudes of the shepherd, and with the cooperation and “obedience” of the flock. This relationship is stated by Jesus:

*“The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out; he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”*

And, what are the results for those who hear and follow the true Shepherd, Jesus Christ? They will not be stolen and slaughtered and destroyed. They will have life and have it more abundantly.

There are always some “BAD” shepherds and “REBELLIOUS” sheep out there. Looking back at the history of the Church, we must say thanks to God for there have not been many of them, and even the few did cause big damages for the Church. We believe that Jesus still protects His Church: its shepherds and sheep; He still keeps His promises, and He is

still with the Church - no power, even the power of Hell, can destroy His Church. Jesus will continue to provide “good shepherds” for His Church, and these good shepherds will look up to Jesus the True Good Shepherd and let Jesus form them as He wants them to be: laying down their lives for their flocks; being the “voice of truth” of Jesus.

What should we do to the bad shepherds or rebellious sheep? Do we criticize them? No. Do we condemn them? No. The best way is to pray for them, asking Jesus Christ-the Good Shepherd, to renew them, to transform them and lead them back to the truth and to His flock, to “hear” and “follow” the truth: the voice of the Good Shepherd. However, they can choose to say yes or no. **Free-will** is the key.

How about you? You, as Catholic parents, teachers, catechists, leaders of a group and so forth, are the shepherds, so are you the good shepherds? Does your “flock” hear and follow you? Do you, also as the sheep of the flock-the Church, truly hear and follow the Good Shepherd? Are you “good” or “rebellious” sheep in the flock?

By the will of God, I will celebrate my 22<sup>nd</sup> year Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood with you here at Saint Francis on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember me and pray for me.

Dear Friends, today let us pray fervently to our Good Shepherd, asking Him to continue to send more good shepherds to the Church who are willingly and ready to uphold the **holiness, unity** and **peace** in the Church with the guidance and protection of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of Truth. May they echo the voice of the Good Shepherd that guides their sheep to eternal life. And may they have more “obedient” sheep to follow. Amen.

Peace in our good Shepherd,  
Fr. Tien

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**OCIA-Adult Education** on Monday night April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM is *Last Things*. Death-Heaven-Purgatory-Hell. Does God send souls to Hell? What is the difference of the 'Particular Judgement' and 'Final Judgement' we will face after dying? Is the concept purgatory mentioned anywhere in the Bible? Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. Deacon David & Education team



**Diocesan Requirements for Reporting Ministry-Related Sexual Abuse of a Minor:** Any individual having actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry-related sexual abuse is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery. After the incident is reported, the Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authorities. The individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the Chancery's filing of the incident with the civil authorities. The reporting is not intended to supersede the right of an individual to make a report to civil authorities, but is to ensure proper, complete, and timely reporting. Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authority, a report is still to be made to the Chancery.

Visit this website for valuable information on how to get more people, including yourself, involved in the pro-life movement.  
[10stepstoendabortion.com](http://10stepstoendabortion.com)



Never regret a day in your life; good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons and the best days give memories

**Unwritten dress code:** While the Catholic Church has no strict dress code, there is an unwritten code that demands proper attire out of respect for the Real Presence of Our Lord.



**Pray for healing:** Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, April 25

#### Saint Mark, Evangelist

5:00 P.M. Josette, Wanda, Joe and Charlene  
†Neil Popper by Doris Kelly

### Sunday, April 26

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 A.M. †Tomasa Nunez †Holy Souls  
†Alfonso Trujillo, †Guillermina Nunez

### Monday, April 27

9:00 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, April 28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr  
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
NO MASS

### Wednesday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:30 P.M. †Margaret Ramsey

### Thursday, April 30

#### Saint Pius V, Pope

9:00 A.M. Joyce Mielnik

### Friday, May 1

#### First Friday

9:00 A.M. Josette, Wanda, Joe, and Charlene  
†Walter Millet, †Laurie Marinelli Sullivan, †Vinnie Sullivan

### Saturday, May 2

#### First Saturday

#### Saint Athanasius,

#### Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:45 A.M. Benediction  
9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's intentions  
5:00 P.M. Stephanie Ortiz

### Sunday, May 3

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 A.M. †Ed Maquire  
11:30 A.M. †Marciano Diaz Ordaz  
†Antonina Arango Diaz, †Marciano Diaz Acevedo  
†Antonio Cruz Arango

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. & benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass & Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth

