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Sunday Masses

Sunday Mass Schdule

5:00 PM Saturday; 8:30 AM (church) &

11:30 AM Sunday (chapel) – in English

10:00 AM - domingo en español;

11h30 AM - en créole – dans l'église

Weekday Masses: every day 8:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Apr. 26, 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday

In the Gospel of John,
chapter 10, Jesus tells us:
*"I am the Good Shepherd,
and I know Mine
and Mine know Me...
and I will lay down
My life for My sheep." n*

Jesus, we beseech You
to give Your Church
priests who will be
shepherds
with Your Heart!



Masses and Services for the Week Apr. 26th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 26

(*Breaking Bread: p. 145*)

- 8:30 AM Blessings for the Luke Family/
10:00 AM **Misa en español**
† Amanlia Vilchis & Rosenda
Hernández *por Jessica Bruno*
11:45 AM **Messe Haïtienne - église**
Pour le Peuple de la Paroisse
11:45 AM **English Mass - chapel**
Samantha Smith & Preston Brown -
Birthdays
2:00 PM **Baptisms**
3:00 PM **Bautismsos**

MONDAY, Apr. 27

- 8:30 AM In Honor of St. Elias
by Maika Mobnar

TUESDAY, Apr. 28 - St. Louis Montfort

- 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, Apr. 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

- 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

Readings for the Week of Apr. 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2.14,35-41/1 Pt. 2, 20-25/Jn 10.1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 1.15-26/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13.5/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13.13-25/Jn 13.16-20
Friday: Acts 13.26-33/Jn 14.1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14.21-27/Rv 21.1-5/Jn 13.31-25

Please Remember our Deceased

Theresa Adams; Dieuville Neptune; Marie Ghislaine Bouzi;
Gloria Wilson; Joseph St-Aubin; Agnes Ama; Flore Jean-
Paul; Michael Weeks; Domingo Garcí; Phillipe Duviwier; Helen
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Louisa Rainvil; Beryl Demercado; Agnes Hunter; Keith Hall;
Marie Florival; Pauline Charles; Marie Rose Momplaisir;
Jerome Sergeant; Louisa Johnson; Thomas Hinkson

**Candles the Month of April offered In
Thanksgiving for Jonathan Férissier
*by Fabiola Clervil***

**Bread & Wine for the Month of April
offered In Thanksgiving *by Marie Béliard***

**Paschal Candle
offered In Thanksgiving *by Jacqueline Dure Adams***

THURSDAY, Apr. 30 - Pope St. Pius V

- 8:30 AM † Irmice Erie & Nesly Toureau
by Jacqueline Levasseur

FRIDAY, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

- 8:30 AM Chickara Shannon - Birthday *by
Grandmother Eremita Peterson*
7:30 PM **Exposition & Holy Hour**
9:00 PM **Holy Hour** 10:00 PM **Benediction**

SATURDAY, May 2 - St. Athanasius [1st Sat.]

- 8:30 AM † Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM † Kevin Taylor *by Joan & Family*

SATURDAY, May 9th - 11 AM & 2 PM

First Holy Communion

THURSDAY, May 14th - 7:30 PM

Parish Mass for Ascension Thursday

FRIDAY, May 15th

Beginning of the Holy Spirit Novena

SATURDAY, May 16th - 11 AM

Confirmation - Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

SUNDAY, May 24th

Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY, June 7th

Corpus Chisti - 1:15 PM Procession

SATURDAY, June 13th - 7 00 PM

Gala Dinner at Glen Terrace (\$160)

Msgr. Malagrec'a 50th Aniversary

SUNDAY, June 14th 11:30 AM

All Sacraments Mass

SATURDAY, June 20th

5:00 PM - Mass of Thanksgiving

Msgr. Malagrec'a 50th Anniversary

Reception in Auditorium after Mass

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God bless you, Fr. Nodius

Fr. Nodius came to Holy Cross in
July 2025. He will leave at the end of April.
Unfortunately, he must renew his Visa as a
Religious worker, and US law requires him
to leave the country to renew it
We do not know how long it will take for him
to get a new visa
***Let us pray that all will go quickly and
smoothly. Thank you for your pastoral
care! May the Lord bless you!***

THE 63rd WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is "**Good Shepherd Sunday**" - with the theme of the Resurrection of Jesus, we read the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, and meditate on the living Jesus Who cares for and shepherds His flock, the Church.

The reading of this Gospel is an occasion to think about the question of "vocations". A vocation is a call from God - and every Christian is called at Baptism to be a follower of Jesus, a disciple, a witness. We spend the first twenty years or so of life figuring out **how** Jesus wants us to serve and **what** is our vocation.

The most common Christian Vocation is **Matrimony**. This vocation forms one of the strongest foundations of our Church. Others are called to **priesthood** or **religious consecration**. The question of priesthood is appropriate for Good Shepherd Sunday, since through His priests Jesus continues to shepherd His Church. At present, in the United States, we are in what is called a "**vocation crisis**". In this country, the Church was very accustomed to an abundance of vocations to priestly and religious life. For example, there was a time in our Diocese when every parish had three, four or five priests and every parish school had 8-16 sisters. Every year, classes of 20 to 30 young men were ordained to the priesthood - in these years, we consider a class of 5 to be large.

Pope Leo has written his first message for Vocation Sunday. He calls it: "**The interior discovery of God's gift**". Here is an excerpt.

The way of beauty

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself as the "good shepherd" (ὁ ποιμὴν ὁ καλός) (Jn 10:11). This expression refers to a shepherd who is perfect, authentic and exemplary, inasmuch as he is ready to give his life for his sheep, thus revealing God's love. He is the Shepherd who draws us to himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows him. Neither the eyes of the body nor aesthetic sensibilities alone are sufficient to recognize this beauty; rather, contemplation and interiority are required. Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd's gaze can

say with confidence: "I trust him; life with him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty." What is most extraordinary is that, in becoming his disciple, one truly becomes "beautiful"; his beauty transforms us. As the theologian Pavel Florenskij wrote, asceticism does not produce a merely "good" person, but a "beautiful" one. [1] Indeed, more than goodness, the distinctive trait of the saint is the luminous spiritual beauty that radiates from his or her life in Christ. In this way, the Christian vocation reveals itself in all its depth as a participation in the life of Jesus, by sharing in his mission and reflecting his beauty.



This interior experience of life, faith and meaning was also that of Saint Augustine, who, in the third book of the *Confessions*, while acknowledging the sins and errors of his youth, recognizes God as "more inward than my most inward part." [2] More than self-knowledge, Augustine discovers the beauty of the divine light that

guides him in the darkness. Perceiving God's presence in the innermost recesses of his soul, he came to understand the importance of caring for the interior life as a place of encounter with Christ, which is the way to experience the beauty and goodness of God in our own lives.

Such a relationship is based on prayer and silence, and when cultivated opens us to receive and actively respond to the gift of vocation. It is never an imposition or a one-size-fits-all model to which one merely conforms; instead, it is an adventure of love and happiness. Thus, on the basis of caring for the interior life, we must urgently recommence our vocational ministry and renew our commitment to evangelization.

In light of this, I invite everyone — in families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful — to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God's call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world. By embarking on the path that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, shows us, we come to know more deeply both ourselves and the God who calls us

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LA 63^{ème} JOURNÉE DES VOCATIONS!"

Le Quatrième Dimanche de Pâques est le "**Dimanche du Bon Berger**" - avec le thème de la Résurrection de Jésus, nous lisons l'Évangile du Bon Berger, et nous méditons sur le Jésus vivant Qui prend soin de Son troupeau, l'Église, comme un pasteur.

La lecture de cet Évangile est une occasion de penser de la question des "vocations". Une vocation est un appel de Dieu et chaque Chrétien est appelé au Baptême à être un partisan de Jésus, un disciple, un témoin. Nous passons les premiers vingt ans de notre vie en discernant **comment** Jésus veut que nous servions et **quelle** est notre vocation.

La Vocation Chrétienne la plus commune est celle du **Mariage**. Cette vocation forme une des fondations les plus fortes de notre Église.

Des autres sont appelés au **sacerdoce** ou à la **consécration religieuse**. La question du sacerdoce est bien pour le Dimanche du Bon Berger, parce que c'est par Ses prêtres que Jésus continue à donner pâture à Son Église.

Au présent, aux États-Unis, nous nous trouvons dans une dite "**crise de vocations**". Dans ce pays, l'Église était habituée à une abondance de vocations à la vie sacerdotale et religieuse. Par exemple, il y avait un moment au Diocèse de Brooklyn et Queens où chaque paroisse avait trois, quatre ou cinq prêtres, et chaque école paroissiale avait 8-16 sœurs. Ces jours n'existent plus. Et aussi, chaque année, classes de 20 à 30 jeunes hommes étaient ordonnés au sacerdoce - maintenant nous considérons une classe de 5 comme un grand numéro.

Pape Léon a écrit son premier message pour la Journée des vocations, avec le titre: "**La découverte intérieure du don de Dieu**". Voici une partie:

Dans l'Évangile de Jean, Jésus se définit littéralement comme le "beau berger" (ὁ ποιμὴν ὁ καλός) (Jn 10, 11). Cette expression désigne un berger parfait, authentique, exemplaire, car il est prêt à donner sa vie pour ses brebis, manifestant ainsi l'amour de Dieu. C'est le Pasteur qui fascine : ceux qui le regardent découvrent que la vie est vraiment belle si on le suit. Pour connaître cette beauté, les yeux du corps ou les critères esthétiques ne suffisent pas : il faut la contemplation et l'intériorité. Seulement celui qui s'arrête, écoute, prie et accueille son regard, peut dire avec confiance : « Je lui fais confiance, avec Lui la vie peut être vraiment belle, je veux parcourir le chemin de cette beauté ». Et le plus ordinaire, c'est qu'en devenant ses disciples, nous

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devenons à notre tour "beaux" : sa beauté nous transfigure. Comme l'écrit le théologien Pavel Florenskij, l'ascèse ne crée pas l'homme "bon", mais l'homme "beau" [1]. En effet, outre la bonté, ce qui distingue les saints, c'est la beauté spirituelle lumineuse qui rayonne de ceux qui vivent en Christ. Ainsi, la vocation chrétienne se révèle dans toute sa profondeur : participer à sa vie, partager sa mission, rayonner de sa propre beauté...

Cette relation se construit dans la prière et le silence et, si elle est cultivée, elle nous ouvre à la possibilité d'accueillir et de vivre le don de la vocation, qui n'est jamais une imposition ou un schéma préétabli auquel il suffit d'adhérer, mais un projet d'amour et de bonheur. Le soin de l'intériorité : c'est de là qu'il est urgent de repartir dans la pastorale des vocations et dans l'engagement toujours renouvelé de l'évangélisation.

Dans cet esprit, j'invite tout le monde - familles, paroisses, communautés religieuses, évêques, prêtres, diacres, catéchistes, éducateurs et fidèles laïcs - à s'engager toujours plus à créer des contextes favorables afin que ce don puisse être accueilli, nourri, préservé et accompagné pour porter des fruits abondants. Ce n'est que si nos milieux rayonnent d'une foi vivante, d'une prière constante et d'un accompagnement fraternel, que l'appel de Dieu pourra s'épanouir et mûrir, devenant un chemin de bonheur et de salut pour chacun et pour le monde. En nous engageant sur la voie que Jésus, le beau Pasteur, nous indique, apprenons alors à mieux nous connaître nous-mêmes et à connaître de plus près Dieu qui nous a appelés



SAMEDI, 9 MAI - 11h00 AM & 2h00 PM

Célébration de la Première Communion

JEUDI DE L'ASCENSION, 14 MAI

7h30 PM Messe multilingue

VENDREDI, 15 MAI

Commencement de la neuvaine de l'Esprit-Saint

SAMEDI, 16 MAI - 11h00 AM

Célébration de la Confirmation: Mgr. DiMarzio

SAMEDI, 23 MAI

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DIMANCHE, 24 MAI - LA PENTECÔTE

DIMANCHE, 7 JUIN - LA FÊTE-DIEU

1:15 PM - Procession du St-Sacrement

SAMEDI, 13 JUIN - 7 00 PM

Gala Dinner à Glen Terrace (\$160)

Msgr. Malagrecia 50^{ème} Anniversaire

SAMEDI, 20 JUIN

5:00 PM - Messe d'Action de Grâce

Msgr. Malagrecia 50^{ème} Anniversaire

Réception à l'Auditorium après la Messe

LA 63^{era} JORNADA DE LAS VOCACIONES

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua es el "Domingo del Buen Pastor" - con el tema de la Resurrección de Jesús, leemos el Evangelio del Buen Pastor, y meditamos al Jesús vivo Quien cuida el rebaño de Su Iglesia como Pastor.

La lectura de este Evangelio es una ocasión de pensar de las "vocaciones". Una vocación es una llamada de Dios - y todo cristiano está llamado desde Bautismo a ser un seguidor de Jesús, un discípulo, un testigo. Pasamos los primeros veinte años, más o menos, discerniendo **cómo** Jesús quiere que Le sirvamos y **qué** es nuestra vocación.

La vocación más común de un cristiano es el **Matrimonio**. Esta vocación forma una de las bases más fuertes de la Iglesia. Otros están llamados al **sacerdocio** o a la **consagración religiosa**. La cuestión del sacerdocio cabe bien el Domingo del Buen Pastor, porque a través de Sus sacerdotes, Jesús continúa a pastorear Su Iglesia.

Hoy día, en los Estados Unidos, nos encontramos en lo que llaman una "**crisis de vocaciones**". En este país, la Iglesia estaba acostumbrada a una abundancia de vocaciones a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa. Por ejemplo, hubo un tiempo en la Diócesis de Brooklyn y Queens cuando toda parroquia tenía a tres, cuatro o cinco sacerdotes, y cada escuela parroquial tenía entre 8-16 hermanas. Aquellos días están bien pasados. Además, cada años clases de 20 a 30 hombres jóvenes se ordenaban al sacerdocio - hoy día llamamos el año bendito cuando hay 5 ordenados.

El Papa León ha escrito su primer mensaje para el Domingo de las vocaciones. Le ha dad el título:

León ha escrito lamados a sembrar la esperanza y a construir la paz" Aquí tiene una parte

En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús se define literalmente el «pastor bello» (ὁ ποιμὴν ὁ καλός) (Jn 10,11). La expresión hace referencia a un pastor perfecto, auténtico, ejemplar, en cuanto está dispuesto a dar la vida por sus ovejas, manifestando de ese modo el amor de Dios. Es el Pastor que cautiva; quien lo mira descubre que la vida es realmente hermosa si lo sigue. Para conocer esta belleza no son suficientes los ojos del cuerpo o criterios estéticos; se necesita contemplación e interioridad. Sólo quien se detiene, escucha, reza y acoge su mirada puede decir con confianza: "Me fío, con Él la vida puede ser verdaderamente hermosa, quiero recorrer el camino de esta belleza". Y lo más extraordinario es que, convirtiéndonos en sus discípulos, a su vez nos volvemos "bellos"; su belleza nos transfigura. Como escribe el teólogo Pável Florenski, la ascética no hace al hombre "bueno", sino al

SEMINARIO DE LA VIDA EN EL ESPÍRITU

en el Grupo de Oración de
viernes, 7:30 PM
en St. Mary's Hall
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hombre "bello". [1] El rasgo que distingue a los santos, además de la bondad, es la belleza espiritual deslumbrante que irradia quien vive en Cristo. Así, la vocación cristiana se revela en toda su profundidad: participar de su vida, compartir su misión y resplandecer de su misma belleza.///

Dicha relación se construye en la oración y en el silencio y, si se cultiva, nos abre a la posibilidad de acoger y vivir el don de la vocación, que nunca es una imposición o un

esquema prefijado al que simplemente hay que adherir, sino un proyecto de amor y de felicidad. En la pastoral vocacional y en el compromiso siempre nuevo de la evangelización es urgente volver a partir del cuidado de la interioridad.

En este espíritu, invito a todos —familias, parroquias, comunidades religiosas, obispos, sacerdotes, diáconos, catequistas, educadores y fieles laicos— a comprometerse cada vez más a crear contextos favorables con el fin de que este

don pueda ser acogido, alimentado, custodiado y acompañado para dar fruto abundante. Sólo si nuestros ambientes brillan por la fe viva, la oración constante y el acompañamiento fraterno, la llamada de Dios podrá surgir y madurar, convirtiéndose en camino de felicidad y salvación para cada uno de nosotros y para el mundo. Recorriendo el camino que Jesús, el Pastor bello, nos indica, aprendemos entonces a conocernos mejor a nosotros mismos y a conocer más de cerca a Dios que nos ha llamado.



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