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Parishioner of St. Richard 5-10-21

Mass Intentions This Week:



Parishioners of St. Richard

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

Next Week's Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm: 22:26-27,
28, 30, 31-32
Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

LECTOR SCHEDULE

05-02 Elsie Moleno
05-09 Ana Verduzco-Rios
05-16 Toni Ferris
05-23 John Holtkamp
05-30 George Seif

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People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. If you would like your loved one to go back on the list for the following month please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need:
Steven Goellner; Franklin Epps; Rosemary Buskirk; Robert Taylor

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If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and wish to join our Council please contact: Jerry Beil (252-586-0635) ncjib2@gmail.com or Thomas O'Neill (252-308-0493) oneilltomandanne@gmail.com

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SUNDAY: 10:30AM

SPANISH MASS:

Saturday: 1:00PM

ROSARY: 10am Sunday

CONFESSIONS: 10am Sunday

Holy Days - As Announced.

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We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

4th Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

Good Shepherd, lays down his life, lay down my life, hear my voice, one flock, Father loves, lay it down, command I have received
To the point: What is the command Jesus received from his Father? That he be the Good Shepherd by laying down his life for his sheep. That he gather all people into one flock by laying down his

life for his sheep. We, Jesus' disciples, receive the same command from him. We are not to be "hired" hands but good shepherds who, by listening to his voice leading us, lay down our lives for others. In the Father's love we too gather all people into one flock by laying down our lives for others. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. So are we to be.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading:

Because "the Father has bestowed on us" great love, we are able, like Jesus, to lay down our lives for others.

... to experience: As human beings we have a hard time being faithful about loving. The whole Easter mystery reveals to us how utterly faithful God is in loving us. We can be faithful in our own loving because God is faithful in loving us.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

Buen Pastor, pone su vida, pone mi vida, escucha mi voz, un rebaño, padre ama, lo pone, orden que he recibido

Hasta el punto:

¿Cuál es el mandamiento que Jesús recibió de su Padre? Que él sea el Buen Pastor poniendo su vida por sus ovejas. Que reúne a todas las personas en una bandada poniendo su vida por sus ovejas. Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, recibimos el mismo mandamiento de él. No debemos ser manos "contratadas", sino buenos pastores que, al escuchar su voz que nos guía, ponen nuestras vidas por los demás. En el amor del Padre también reunimos a todas las personas en una bandada al poner nuestra vida por los demás. Jesús es el Buen Pastor. Nosotros también.

Conectar el Evangelio

... a la Primera Lectura: Debido a que "el Padre nos ha otorgado" un gran amor, somos capaces, como Jesús, de establecer nuestra vida por los demás.

... para experimentar: Como seres humanos nos cuesta ser fieles a amar. Todo el misterio pascual nos

revela cuán completamente fiel es Dios al amarnos. Podemos ser fieles en nuestro propio amor porque Dios es fiel al amarnos.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

Spanish Mass (Misa en español) – Saturdays at 1:00 PM



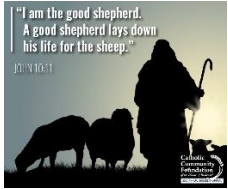
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- Angel Arguelles Leon
- Janely Arguelles Leon
- Paolo Anthony Serrano Menjivar
- Cindy Hernandez Vallejo
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Weekly Offerings: April 18th

Offertory: to be reported next week
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Mass Attendance for 04/18:	
Adults	21
Children	8



If a kid asks her parents for a dog, she might hear this response: "If you take care of it." The logic is simple: human beings respond to responsibility. We tend to treat things better when they belong to us.

Jesus knows this, and shows us in today's Gospel that His love is not the love of a hireling, who runs away when faced with trouble. Instead, He loves like the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep, precisely because they are His sheep. When we have a stake in something, we tend to invest in it.

God has entrusted each of us with this parish community. We are all truly members of it, and we all have a stake in it. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is a great way to imitate the Good Shepherd by caring for what belongs to us, as opposed to merely using it like a hireling. Do we really believe that our parish is ours, that it's been entrusted to us as a gift from God? If so, what should our commitment through the Annual Diocesan Appeal look like? And if not, why not? God wants us to be a part of the fold, because He knows that responsibility and relationship are the only ways to grow in love. Please consider making a gift as a response to Christ's call to be a good steward.

Si un niño les pide un perro a sus padres, es posible que escuche esta respuesta: "Si lo cuidas". La lógica es simple: los seres humanos responden a la responsabilidad. Tendemos a tratar mejor las cosas cuando nos pertenecen.

Jesús lo sabe y nos muestra en el Evangelio de hoy que su amor no es el amor de un asalariado, que huye cuando se enfrenta a problemas. En cambio, ama como el Buen Pastor, que da su vida por sus ovejas, precisamente porque son sus ovejas. Cuando tenemos una participación en algo, tendemos a invertir en ello.

Dios nos ha confiado a cada uno de nosotros esta comunidad parroquial. Todos somos realmente miembros de él y todos tenemos un interés en él. La Campaña Diocesana Anual es una excelente manera de imitar al Buen Pastor cuidando lo que nos pertenece, en lugar de simplemente usarlo como un asalariado.

¿Creemos realmente que nuestra parroquia es nuestra, que nos ha sido confiada como un regalo de Dios? Si es así, ¿cómo debería ser nuestro compromiso a través de la Campaña Diocesana Anual? Y si no, ¿Porque no? Dios quiere que seamos parte del redil, porque sabe que la responsabilidad y la relación son las únicas formas de crecer en amor. Considere hacer un regalo como respuesta al llamado de Cristo a ser un buen mayordomo.

Who Cares?

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, "who has no concern." He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others.

We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying.

What would happen if all of us cared, really cared, about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, helpless, mistreated, victimized, suffering, unemployed, impoverished, threatened, rejected? What would happen if all of us became good shepherds and cared? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?

No one is permitted to disregard the plight of his brothers living in dire poverty, enmeshed in ignorance and tormented by insecurity.

Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio, 1967:74

No one may claim the name Christian and be comfortable in the face of the hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice found in this country and the world.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: #27 (p.6).

Gerald Darring
https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/4EasterB042521/reflections_justice.html



- 1 Katherine Abernathy
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