



MASSES

Saturday [anticipated] **4:30 pm**

Sunday **8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am**

Mass in the chapel Monday-Friday at 9 am

Saturday at 10 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday **7-7:30 pm**

Saturday **9-9:45 am & 3-4 pm**

in the chapel

**ST IGNATIUS
&
ST LUKE'S**

25 April 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

from Dom Gueranger's *The Liturgical Year*

This Sunday goes under the name of the Good Shepherd Sunday, because, in the Mass, there is read the Gospel of St. John, wherein our Lord calls himself by this name. How very appropriate is this passage of the Gospel to this present Season, when our Divine Master began his work of establishing and consolidating the Church, by giving it the Pastor, or Shepherd, who was to govern it to the end of time!

In accordance with the eternal decree, the ManGod, on the fortieth day after his Resurrection, is to withdraw his visible presence from the world...And yet, he could never abandon mankind, for which he offered himself on the Cross.... He will continue to be its Head after his Ascension into heaven: but what shall we have, on earth, to supply his place? We shall have the Church. It is to the Church that he will leave all his own authority to rule us; ... it is the Church that he will make the dispenser of all those means of salvation, which he has destined for the world.

This Church is a society, unto which all mankind is invited...But how is this society to subsist? ...who is to give it unity and adhesion of its parts? what is to be the visible link between its members,—the palpable sign of its being the true Spouse of Christ, in the event of other societies rising up and disputing her titles? If Jesus himself could have remained with us, we should have had nothing to fear, for where he is, there also are truth and life; but, as he says, he is going, and we may not as yet follow him. Give ear, then, and learn what is the primary quality of the true Spouse of Christ.

Jesus was one day, previous to his Passion, in the country of Caesarea Philippi; his Apostles were standing around him, and he began questioning them about what they thought of him. One of them, Simon the son of John or Jonas, and brother to Andrew, answered in the name of all, and said: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God! Jesus expressed his pleasure at receiving Simon's testimony, which was not the result of any human knowledge, but the expression of a divine revelation there and then granted to him; and he immediately told this Apostle, that from that time forward he was to be, not Simon, but Peter (which means a Rock). Christ had been spoken of by the Prophets under the name of a Rock, or Stone; by thus solemnly conferring upon his Disciple a title so characteristically that of the Messiah, Jesus would give us to understand, that Simon was to have a something in common with himself, which the other Apostles were not to have. After saying to him: Thou art Peter, (that is, thou art the Rock,)— he added: And upon this Rock I will build my Church.

Let us weigh the force of these words of the Son of God: *I will build my Church.* He has, then, a project in view,—he intends to build a Church. It is not now that he will build it, but at some future period; but one thing we already know as a certainty, —it is, that this Church will be built on Peter... The Son of God continues: *And I will give to thee the keys of the*

Kingdom of heaven.... By saying to Peter, (which is henceforth to be Simon's name,) I will give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven, Jesus implied this: "I will make thee the King of my Church, of which thou art to be the Foundation!" ...But let us remember, that all these magnificent promises regard the future.

That future has now become the present. We are now come to the last days of Jesus' visible presence here below. The time is come for him to make good his promise, and found the Kingdom of God,—that Church which he was to build upon the earth. The Apostles, in obedience to the order sent them by the Angels, are come into Galilee. Our Lord appears to them on the shore of the lake of Tiberias: after providing them with a mysterious repast, and whilst they are all attentive to his words, he suddenly addresses himself to Peter: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Observe, he does not call him Peter; he, as it were, goes back to the day when he said to him: Simon, son of Jonas, thou art Peter; he would have his Disciples note the connection between the promise and its actual fulfilment. Peter, with his usual eagerness, answers his Master's question: Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus resumes, with a tone of authority: Feed my Lambs! Then repeating the question, he says: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Peter is surprised at his Master's urging such an inquiry; still, he answers with the same simplicity as before: Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee— and as soon as he had given answer, Jesus repeats the words of investiture: Feed my lambs!

The Disciples respectfully listen to this dialogue; they see plainly, that, here again, Peter...is receiving a something which they themselves are not to receive... And yet, there is another privilege or office to be added to this of feeding the Lambs. A third time, then, Jesus says to Peter: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? This is too much for the Apostle. These three questionings of his love bring to his mind the three denials he had so sinfully made to the servant girl of Caiphas. ... This third time...his reply bespeaks humility rather than assurance: Lord! says he, thou knowest all things! Thou knowest that I love thee! Then, making Peter's authority complete, Jesus pronounces these imposing words: Feed my Sheep.

Here, then, we have Peter made Shepherd by Him, who says of himself: I am the good Shepherd. Firstly, our Lord gives his Apostle...the care of his Lambs;...when he bids him feed his Sheep too, the whole Flock is subjected to his authority. Now, therefore, let the Church show herself, let her take her stand, let her spread herself through the length and breadth of the nations; Simon, the son of John, is proclaimed its visible Head. Is the Church a Building? he is the Foundation -Stone, the Petra, the Rock. Is she a Kingdom? he holds the Keys, that is, the sceptre. Is she a Fold? he is the Shepherd.

In the Tridentine Mass and in the Book of Common Prayer, Good Shepherd Sunday was on the Second Sunday After Easter, the equivalent of the third Sunday of Easter. The post-1970 revisions moved this observance to the following week.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.

Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [for a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The 2020-2021 term of religious education classes for both children and adults, held in the St. Ignatius school Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am, will end on Sunday, May 23rd.

We are looking for volunteers to teach or substitute in the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to serve the parish in this vital ministry.

ATTENTION, ALL GARDENERS! A couple of parishioners have been starting to expand our collection of flowering plants, and would love to have more help. Would you like to help with developing a cutting garden? Perhaps you have bulbs, shrubs, or perennials you are dividing, and you are looking to donate your extra plants somewhere? Drop a message to the office and we will connect you with other interested parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 24 April

Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm Thomas and Lenore Wolford

Sunday, 25 April

The Fourth Sunday of Easter,
called Good Shepherd Sunday
8 am Pro populo
9:30 am Page and Martin Hogan +
11 am Maria López +

Monday, 26 April

Eastertide Feria
9 am Nicholas Loney

Tuesday, 27 April

Eastertide Feria
9 am Jeannette Arechavaleta +

Wednesday, 28 April

Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
9 am G. Gordon Liddy + [Rosemary Coller]

Thursday, 29 April

Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9 am Russell Kirk +

Friday, 30 April

Pius, Pope
9 am Russell Maske + [month's mind]

Saturday, 1 May

Joseph the Worker
10 am Lourdes Iglesias
Anticipated Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm descendants of Rafael F. & Lilian C. Madan

Sunday, 2 May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
8 am Pro populo
9:30 am Maggie Edmondson [Edwin Smith]
11 am Joham Celusma + [month's mind]

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