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## Holy Cross Catholic Church

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### Welcome:

If you are a new parishioner, or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are glad that you are here and hope you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming community. If you would like to become a member of our parish, please check with the parish office or give us a call.

**Homebound:** For Communion to the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Food Pantry hours are Tuesday, 10am - noon and Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 7pm.

**Funerals:** To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

**Baptism Preparation:** Classes offered as needed. Please contact the parish staff for more information. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

**Senior Luncheon:** We are working on re-establishing the Luncheons and will notify everyone when we are ready to offer lunch once a month at 11:30am in the school hall for Seniors and Friends.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

**Saturday:** 5pm Vigil, English

**Sunday:** 9am, English & 12pm, Español

**Adoration:** Thursdays, 8:30am-8:30pm

**Adoración al Santísimo:** jueves, 8:30am-8:30pm

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday and Wednesday, 7pm  
**Reconciliación:** martes y miércoles, 7pm

**Anointing of the Sick:** Second Wednesday of each month following the 8:30am Mass.  
(Anointing is available at all hours in emergency.)

**School Mass:** Friday, 8:30am (Sept.—June)

May 7th & 8th, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Easter

## The Church Teaches...

**The way the modern media works,** we could easily find thousands, maybe millions, of books, movies, plays, videos, children's coloring books, and a great number of other publications with all kinds of "information" about Jesus.



Knowing Him, however, by hearsay is a long way from knowing Him personally. That is the issue raised in this week's Gospel (John 10, 14-30).

**These verses in John 10** come in reply to a question which a not-so-friendly crowd puts to Jesus. They ask about whether or not He is the Messiah. Refusing to fall into the trap of allowing Himself to be defined by *their* notions of the Messiah, He replies that they could not understand Him because they are not among His sheep, and then He goes on to describe those who *are* His sheep, who are His own.

**Notice that John 10** is all about a relationship, a relationship that is (and must be) real, immediate, and ongoing. St. John (who never says anything accidentally or anything that is inconsequential!) is pointing out that it is not enough to know *what Jesus did* in the past. We have to know and experience what He is doing now in His Church, in our parish, in our families, and in our lives day by day. Jesus' personal relationship with us is just like every other relationship: it takes time, and it takes work. It takes a whole lot of listening, a lot of attention, and a lot of presence. This is how we get to know someone, isn't it? Why would it be any different in our relationship with the Lord?

**Some of those people in today's Gospel** were stuck on *what* Jesus was – without any concern about *who* He was. They wanted to argue about *a* Messiah, He wanted to be their Shepherd. Worth pondering this week: *who* is He, not *what* is He? That comes later. When we get to the point of being truly interested in *who* Jesus is, we will then know *what* He is. The fact is, the people in John 10 didn't want to put in the time and the effort to really know *who* Jesus was. Do we?



\*Masks are now recommended in the church! We encourage you to keep your masks on while in the church.

- **Masks are welcome** – in order to protect the more vulnerable in our community, like children *and* those with compromised immunities.
- **On a practical note**, whether you wear a mask or not at Communion, please continue to say "Amen," step aside, consume the Consecrated Host, and then return to your pew.
- **Finally**, now more than ever, if you are sick in any way or even feeling a little "under the weather," please stay home! Our overriding concern is for *your* good health and the good health of others in the pews.

## Bulletin Announcements



**School News**—We are excited to share that Holy Cross has hired **new teachers** for the 1st grade and 4th grade positions next year. We are happy to welcome Katie Wilcox and Keelin Burk to the Holy Cross community. The school is fortunate that both Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Burk will start with us immediately, so as to learn more about our school community and our students. We will miss Mrs. Veiga and Ms. Wanner and we hope that they know they will always be a part of the Holy Cross family!

—Julie Johnson, Principal

### Get to Know...



**Ms. Katie Wilcox, New 1st Grade Teacher:**  
"I am so excited to be joining the Holy Cross community, teaching First Grade next year! I am a recent University of Portland School of Education graduate. I am originally from Spokane, WA but am excited to officially continue to call Portland home! I am so excited to get to know this lovely community and am already so grateful for such a warm welcome!"



**Ms. Keelin Burk, New 4th Grade Teacher:**  
"I am so excited to be working at Holy Cross as the new fourth grade teacher. I recently graduated from University of Portland with an undergraduate degree in elementary education. As a product of Catholic school since kindergarten, I am excited to provide that education to the students at Holy Cross. I'm originally from Auburn, Washington, but I grew up camping along the Oregon coast. I am looking forward to getting to know the Holy Cross community and all that it has to offer!"



**Catholic Charities of Oregon's 2022 Annual Appeal**—In one week, this second collection will be held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. But it's never too early to give!

When you give to Catholic Charities you help ensure lifesaving services for the most vulnerable Oregonians. Please consider giving today and walking alongside us to share God's love and help to spread Christ' light.

For more information on how you can contribute, please go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/>.

### The Holy Cross Worship Schedule—

- ❖ **Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30am**  
\*Anointing after Wednesday, 8:30am Mass

**Confessions this Week:** Tuesday, 6-8pm.

\*Please note: No Confessions Wednesday, 4/11

**\*Special note:** Appointments for Confession are also available throughout the week.



## Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities

### 7TH & 8TH GRADE

#### Hangout

Join us Thursdays  
3-4:30pm  
in the Parish Center

### Holy Cross Teen Programs—

Hello Holy Cross 7th and 8th grade families! We are happy to announce a new program for 7th and 8th graders in the parish.

James Henderson (Youth Ministry Coordinator) and Mary Jane Weber (Director of Evangelization) will be hosting a hangout time after school on Thursdays in the Parish Center from 3pm till 4:30pm. Join us for fellowship and a fun time!

Permission slips will be available at the front entrance of the church, please bring those with you when you join us.

**Happy Mother's Day!** We give thanks for our Moms today, but we know in our hearts that we ought to be thankful for them every day. Motherhood is a special vocation and the many sacrifices and the great love our Mothers have shown us is a precious gift from God.



**As believers,** we also know that we have the special grace and fortune of having two mothers: the Moms who brought us into the world and our Mother Mary. May she intercede for our Moms and for us in a special way today and every day.

**For reflection:** Giving thanks for (and to) our Moms is a way to let them know that we are, indeed, grateful for all they have done for us and for all they mean to us.



**The St. Vincent de Paul Conference** here at Holy Cross is looking to add a monthly opportunity for food delivery from the Food Pantry.

Along with the weekly hours presently scheduled, the Food Pantry will now be "open" on the last Sunday of the month at 1pm (May 29th, for example).

**The Conference** is hoping to make food available for those who need a helping hand themselves — but they are also going to encourage all of us to reach out to our neighbors, who may not have enough food. If any of us have neighbors "in need," let's plan to make a delivery so that "nobody will go hungry." Thank you!



**Parish Website**—Please view the resources available at the parish website, including continuing education resources for all ages, and more!

**Livestreaming our Masses**—We are once again livestreaming the Mass from Holy Cross Church. Join us at 9am on Sundays (available all week)!

**Our Website Team** has made access to our Masses simpler and the site easier to use.

- ❖ Go to: [www.holycrosspdx.org/holy-cross-church/](http://www.holycrosspdx.org/holy-cross-church/)
- ❖ Click on: the English Mass image

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...are available in the parish office "treasure chest."



**Homebound Ministry**—If you are homebound or know of someone who is homebound who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Mary Jane at 503.953.8328.



**Vocation Awareness**—Today the Church throughout the world prays for Vocations. Will you make a special effort, starting today, to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and Religious life?

- **Pray** for priests who have ministered to you throughout your life. Pray even for those who have served you and have already gone to their eternal reward.
- **Encourage** your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or as a Religious brother or sister.
- **Pray** for more young people in our Archdiocese to respond to God's call.
- **Pray** for the parents of priests and Religious who have given their child as a gift to the Church.
- **Talk** to a young person, whom you know, about listening to God's voice, especially when making big decisions in life.

## May: Mary's Month



**Dedicating the month of May** to St. Mary has been a custom in the Church dating back many centuries. It offers us a beautiful chance to associate her with all the signs of "new life" appearing all around us. In this special month, we are encouraged to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

**The Gospels tell us** that Jesus grew in wisdom in the household at Nazareth, guided and cared for by St. Mary and St. Joseph. Similarly, we grow in faith and holiness if we stay close to them. If we listen to St. Mary's words and learn from the example of the Holy Family, we too can grow in grace and wisdom.

**"Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy..."**

### FIRST COMMUNION SEASON HAS BEGUN!

*First Communion*

This year, Holy Cross Parish has a large group of children who are receiving their First Communion. We have children who have prepared in several classes, both in English and in Spanish.

For our English-speaking program, these are our children who will share in the Eucharist for the first time:

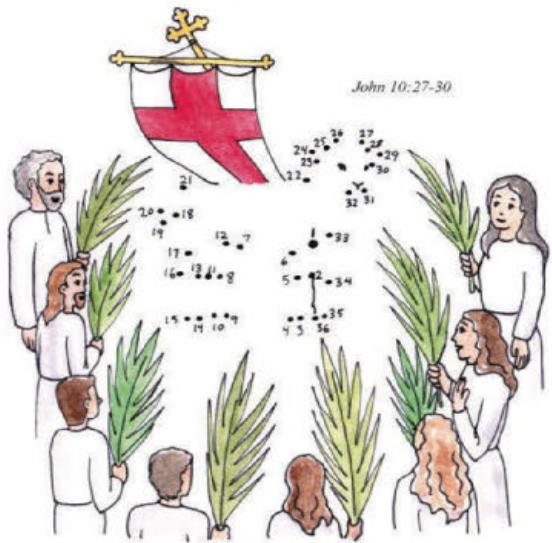
- Kailey Culligan
- Harper Fadden
- Michelle Gallegos
- Arleth Gomez
- Dominic Kiltow
- Carson Leahy
- Petrona Lopez
- Alexander Nieves
- Siobhan O'Regan
- Ruby Prenguber
- Jack Ridenour
- Josie Stolle
- Autumn Troxell
- Yazmin Vega-Alvez

Please keep all the children of the parish in your prayers, especially those who are preparing for their First Communion this month!



### The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8th, 2022



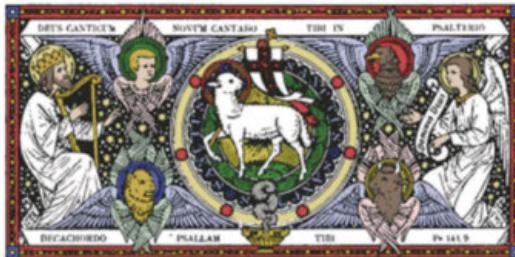
*In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.*

### The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



### A Mother's Day Prayer

*Happy Mother's Day*

**In the name of  
JESUS CHRIST,  
we lift up all  
MOTHERS today.**



**We thank them for their  
sacrifices so that we can  
have a life of contentment.  
Grant them favour, Lord  
and may they have a  
wonderful place in existence  
in Your heart of GRACE.**

## Important Dates

- May 8:** Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day ❤  
**May 9:** No School, Easter Holiday  
**May 10:** Confessions, 6-8pm (an extra hour this evening)  
**May 11:** \*No Evening Confessions, Holy Cross Catholic School Annual Fund Drive Dinner—University of Portland, Bauccio Commons, 6pm  
**May 12:** Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm  
**May 14:** Community of Hope's Raise Hope Gala—University of Portland, Bauccio Commons, 5pm  
**May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17 & 18:** Confessions, 7pm  
**May 19:** Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm

## Next Week's Readings – May 15th

### Fifth Sunday of Easter—

**1st Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 14, 21-27  
**Psalm:** 145      **2nd Reading:** Revelation 21, 1-5a  
**Gospel:** John 13, 31-33a, 34-35



**Did you know...?** Our parish website has a daily reflection provided by our pastor Fr. Mark? The Saint of the Day, prayers, Easter reflections, and more are posted each day of the week.

The tab labeled “What’s Happening” is where you will find these features. They also include a Friday posting called “Preparing for Sunday’s Mass.” Many have found these helpful as they prayerfully prepare for coming to Mass on the weekend. Check out the latest items and, for the truly curious, take a look back at archived posts... everything posted for the past two years is there!

**During his papacy**, Pope St. John Paul II named St. Isidore of Seville the patron saint on the internet, which is interesting because St. Isidore lived in the 7th-century, long before the internet came to be. He created a school that became a model for universities. He also established norms for social justice and representative government, as well as firm foundations in the faith. The Holy Father saw him as someone who had in mind the great “potential of sharing” that comes through the internet.

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## Mass Intentions for May 9th—15th, 2022:

- Monday Morning Prayer ~ No Mass**  
**Tues.** +Mary Se Bui by Nga Tran  
**Wed.** +Joseph Gega by Nancy & Larry Wissbaum  
**Thurs.** +File Gega by Nancy & Larry Wissbaum  
**Friday Int. of Francisco Salezio** by Nga Tran  
**Sat. (5pm)** +Jim Wilson by Theresa Lang  
**Sun. (9am) Int. of the Nguyen Family** by Nga Tran  
**(12pm) People of the Parish**

To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.  
Please plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.



In our prayers, let us remember all those who have died, including: Frances Keagbine, Betty Olheiser, and Andrew Bachman

**Let us pray for all those who are ill or homebound, including:** Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Joyce McNichols, Sue Anne Boettcher, Sandy Barrera, Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin, Tomasa Moreno, Bob Hungerford, Steve Unger, Bernie Verbout, Ernie Marbott, Jim Graiff, Amanda Holmberg, Erma Faoro, John Bachmeier, Helen Shamrell, Luise Ritter, Christina Gardener, Yvonne Clendenin, Pat Schaeffer, Eleanor Archerd, Joe Schweitzer, and Harry Clark

## Stewardship



**April 30th & May 1st, 2022**  
**Weekend Offertory:** \$4,618.41  
**Online Giving:** \$3,085.00  
**Total:** \$7,703.41

**Stewardship:** Sheep are funny creatures. They need to be sheared. They need to be fed. They need their hooves trimmed. They don’t like to exercise, but they love to eat. They certainly don’t like to be alone. Some are friendly, others are timid and standoffish. Most of all, sheep need a shepherd! The shearing, feeding, trimming, and careful watching that sheep need all falls to the shepherd.

**Pope Francis**, in one of his more famous expressions, has suggested that shepherds need to “smell” like their sheep. Jesus, in today’s Gospel, says “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

**There are some** good shepherds, and (sadly) some bad shepherds. There is only one *Good Shepherd*. We praise and thank Him for watching over us and caring for us unlike any other shepherd.

**There are so many voices** we hear in our day-to-day living—are any of them the Lord’s voice? Do we ever get so caught up in our own concerns that we forget about our fellow sheep? Do we take seriously our call follow the example of our Good Shepherd and care for one another as He cares for us?

## EL EVANGELIO



**El Papa Francisco** nos ha dicho que “Todos los católicos, en todo el mundo, hemos de aprender a poner en el centro de nuestras comunidades la Palabra Viva de nuestro Buen Pastor... la Palabra concreta e inconfundible de Jesús, nuestro único Señor.”

**Pero no basta escuchar su voz.** Es necesario seguir a Jesús. Ha llegado el momento de decidirnos entre contentarnos con una religión “fácil” que tranquiliza las conciencias (pero ahoga nuestra alegría), o aprender a vivir la fe católica como una aventura apasionante de seguir a Jesús.

**La aventura consiste** en creer lo que Él creyó, dar importancia a lo que Él dio, defender la causa del ser humano como Él la defendió, acercarnos a los indefensos y desvalidos como Él se acercó, ser libres para hacer el bien como Él, confiar en el Padre como Él confió, y enfrentarnos a la vida y a la muerte con la esperanza con que Él se enfrentó.

**Si quienes viven perdidos** o desorientados, pueden encontrar en la comunidad católica un lugar donde se aprende a vivir juntos de manera más digna, solidaria, y liberada siguiendo a Jesús, la Iglesia estará ofreciendo a toda la sociedad uno de sus mejores servicios.

### Mayo: El Mes de la Virgen María

**Mayo es el mes** que la Iglesia Universal dedica a la Madre de Dios, la Bienaventurada Virgen María. Este tiempo es una oportunidad para renovar el amor de todos los Bautizados hacia la Mujer que Dios, desde la eternidad, escogió para darlo a luz y cuidarlo. La Santísima Virgen María es por siempre la Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra, no hay santidad sin María porque toda Ella lleva a Cristo.



**Debemos darle un lugar especial a María** no porque sea una tradición de larga data en la Iglesia o por las gracias especiales que se pueden obtener, sino porque María es nuestra Madre, la Madre de todo el mundo y porque se preocupa por todos nosotros, intercediendo incluso en los asuntos más pequeños. Por eso se merece todo un mes en su honor.



**Hoy es la “Jornada Mundial por las Vocaciones.”** Lo que se dice de Jesús es también aplicable a los pastores que ocupan su lugar. ¡No que ellos sean Jesús mismo! Son solamente humildes signos de Jesús, que, por su vida y por sus obras, deberían mostrar al pueblo el camino hacia Él.

**Rezamos con gratitud** por quienes han dedicado su vida al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada y por aquellos a quienes Dios está llamando a seguir una de esas vocaciones. Los sacerdotes y los Religiosos consagrados se dedican a llevar el mensaje del Evangelio que cambia la vida a todos los que salen a su encuentro, incluso a quienes están solos y tienen miedo.

**Pidamos la intercesión de San José**, protector de las vocaciones, al rezar especialmente por los sacerdotes y los Religiosos al servicio de la Iglesia, con el fin de que todos continúen dando de sí mismos para atender los llamados de Dios, ahora y siempre.

## PARA REFLEJAR



**En el Cuarto Domingo de la Pascua**, Jesús mismo nos recuerda cómo nos conoce personalmente – Él es nuestro Buen Pastor. Al mismo tiempo, el hecho de que también nosotros le conozcamos a Él, al menos un poco, cambia nuestra vida entera – porque conociéndole a Él, conocemos a Dios. Experimentamos en Él la bondad, el cuidado, y la presencia íntima de Dios en la vida de cada día. Ojalá nosotros también pudiéramos estar cerca los unos de los otros, y los pastores de Jesús pudieran estar cercanos a su pueblo.

**Nuestro Buen Pastor** nos conoce porque nos ha creado, ¡cada uno de nosotros es su oveja preferida! Él está con nosotros y nunca nos abandonará. Jesús siempre nos conduce hacia fuentes tranquilas y a descansar en verdes prados. Él nos da la felicidad que tanto necesitamos ahora. Si de veras queremos ser ovejas de su rebaño, tratemos siempre de escuchar su voz y de vivir unidos a nuestros prójimos.

**“Padre, tu Hijo Jesus nos conoce bien, ya que nos lleva en su corazón. Haz que seamos siempre íntimos tuyos. Amén.”**

### Las Primeras Comuniones...



**La Primera Comunión** es una celebración importante en la vida de todo niño. En ella, se recibe el Sacramento de la Eucaristía: el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

**Como su palabra indica**, comunión proviene del latín “*communio*” y significa “participar en común.” Es un momento en el que se reúnen familiares, amigos, y personas que comparten creencias religiosas afines, para celebrar esta unión entre la toda la familia humana y Dios.

**Es importante** que toda la parroquia sepa que este primer encuentro con Dios es de gran valor para los pequeños y que representa un momento muy profundo en sus vidas. Es una etapa donde ellos afirman ciertos valores éticos, morales, y espirituales, y que tenemos que acompañarlos y guiarlos para que puedan perdurar a través de los años.

**¡Felicitaciones** a todos que van a comulgar por primera vez durante del mes de mayo!

## MINISTERIO HISPANO

Ana Carmina Pérez 503.289.7188

Por ahora la oficina no está abierta.

Si tiene preguntas o necesita algo llámenos  
o mande un correo electrónico.

**¡Agradecemos la paciencia que nos ha tenido  
durante estos tiempos sin precedente!**

### Pláticas Pre-Bautismales:

18 de junio a las 9:30am

### Bautismos:

Domingo 26 de junio

Sábado 2 de julio

### Preparación Sacramental para:

Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA)  
y Bodas –

por favor llame a la oficina.

### Misas de Acción de Gracias para Quinceañeras:

11 de junio, 11am

### Confesiones:

cada martes y miércoles a las 7pm

**¡Gracias por su paciencia  
y compresión!**

### **En nuestras oraciones recordemos:**

#### **...a todos los que están enfermos,**

**incluyendo:** Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez,  
Joyce McNichols, Sue Anne Boettcher,  
Sandy Barrera, Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland,  
Irene Heaverin, Tomasa Moreno, Steve Unger,  
Bob Hungerford, Michael Fitzgerald,  
Bernie Verbout, Ernie Marbott, Jim Graiff,  
Amanda Holmberg, Erma Faoro, Luise Ritter,  
Yvonne Clendenin, Armando De Los Reyes,  
Eleanor Archerd, Pat Schaeffer, Harry Clark,  
Joe Schweitzer, y John Bachmeier



#### **...y a todos los que han muerto,**

especialmente Frances Keagbine,  
Betty Olheiser, Andrew Bachman, y todos  
los que han fallecido a causa del Covid-19.

*"Te pedimos, Señor, que tus siervos que han  
muerto ya para este mundo, vivan ahora para  
ti y que tu amor misericordioso borre los  
pecados que cometieron por fragilidad humana.  
Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor."*

## HORARIO PARROQUIAL

**8 de mayo: Cuarto Domingo de la Pascua y Dia de las Madres**

**10 de mayo: Confesiones, 6-8pm**

**11 de mayo: No habrá Confesiones**

**12 de mayo: Adoración, 8:30am — 8:30pm**

**14 de mayo: Misa de Primera Comunión, 10am**



### **Corresponsabilidad Parroquial: 30 de abril & 1 de mayo: 7,703.41**

Jesús nos dice que estamos en las manos de Dios y que nadie puede cuidarnos con más ternura y solicitud que Él. Esta es una verdad consoladora para todos los que creemos en la bondad de un Dios misericordioso y atento a nuestros desvelos y necesidades. En algunos momentos, la vida puede llegar a ser muy dura para cualquiera de nosotros: el virus, los problemas familiares, la violencia... cosas que pueden envolvernos fácilmente. Parece que se nos hunde el suelo y que vamos a caer al vacío. La certeza de que a nuestro lado, llevándonos de la mano, está un Buen Pastor – que nos protegerá y nos librará de todos los peligros – es una certeza evidentemente consoladora. No nos va a librar de las dificultades, pero nos va a dar fuerza para vencerlas.

## LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

### V DOMINGO DE PASCUA

**Primera Lectura:** Hechos de los Apóstoles 14, 21-27

**Salmo:** 144

**Segunda Lectura:** Apocalipsis 21, 1-5

**Evangelio:** Juan 13, 31-33. 34-35

## DÍA DE LAS MADRES



**Hoy celebramos el Día de las Madres**, pero ¡debemos dar gracias a Dios por nuestras madres todos los días! Debemos dar gracias por todos sus sacrificios y amor.

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**Para reflejar:** Decir gracias a nuestra mamá es manifestar, a través de acciones concretas, nuestro compromiso de dar lo mejor de nosotros mismos para hacerlas sentir que su esfuerzo y dedicación por cada uno de sus hijos no ha sido en vano. De manera especial les pedimos que no descuidemos a las mamás ancianas o enfermas, particularmente en estos tiempos. Busquemos siempre la forma de hacernos presentes."

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