Sacred Heart Catholic Church

April 25, 2021

Pastor
Fr. Yves Francois

Parish Assistant
Fr. Sean Mulcahy

Parish Office
The office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m

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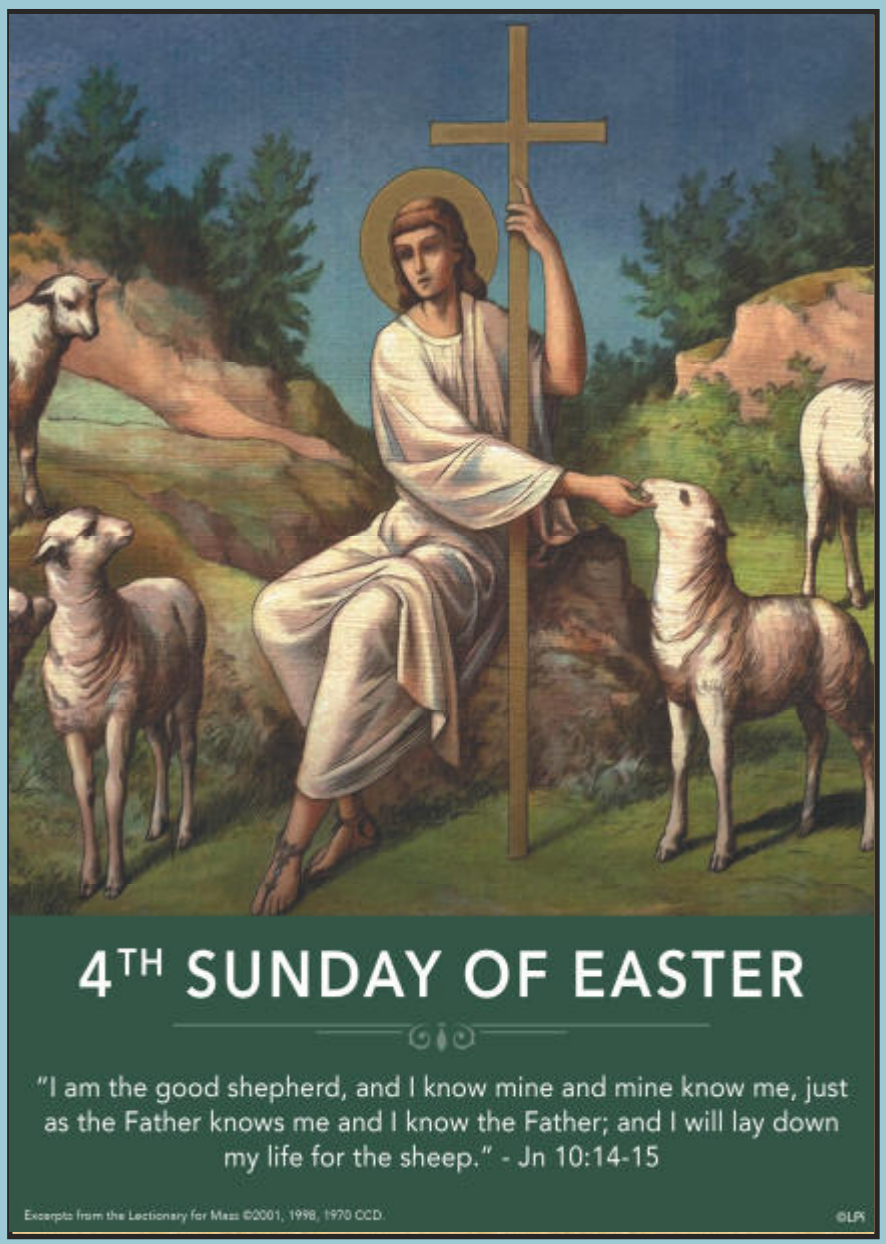
	Oscar Hernandez
	FIL-AM Choir
Spanish Ministry:	Francisco Mandujano
	Alvaro Garcia

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Monday thru Friday 8:30 am (English)
Wednesday 7:30 pm (Spanish)
Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday:
4:30 pm (English),7:30 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am (English) 10:00 am (English) 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Catecismo—11-12 Domingo
Social distancing will be observed and face coverings will be worn. Thank you.



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Religious Education Ministry
Director: Sandy Olson
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Baptismal and Marriage Preparation
Fr. Yves Francois
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Please see the Priest after Mass for an appointment

Parish Registration
Newcomers are expected to register as members of the Parish. Forms are available in the foyer of the church.

Baptisms
Parents and Godparents preparing for the baptism of their child must attend a baptism seminar. Please call the office to arrange for a seminar.
Telephone: (863) 763-3727

Ministries of the Parish:

Food Bank:
Olivia Van Eman, Roy Padgett, Bonnie & Tom Peer
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Padre Yves Francois (863)763-2737

Grupo Ministerio de Ninos y Jovenes Lectores
Mariela Leal (863)697-6148 Yesenia Salgado (312)905-3931

Sick List

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Doris Lecair, Mariquita Torres, Lorraine Mroczek, Irene Romero, Carol Cunningham, Jesus Cabrera, Ron Urschel, Terrie Saret, Prescott, Leslie Lewis, Maureen Ryan, Lori Doney, Helen & James O'Connell, Elvia Ramos, Sally Renuart, Alice Armstrong, Judy Raulerson, Anna Sweezer, Debbie Metevia, Bob Mullins, Mario Martinez, Carson Broderick, Ramona Romero, Roger Sulenski, Guadalupe Villalpando, Peg Guydosh, Jessica Allen, Callie Mosley, Rosamaria Lomeli, Dennis Carlson, Larry Johnson, Nick Cameron, Jan Boswell, Susan Forrester, George D. Jenkins, Everleigh Grace Rivera, Marisela Luevano, Yareli Ramirez, Roman Espinoza, Peggy Hand, Trudy Carren, Mary Williams, Alice Moreno, Colleen Meo, Stanley Breedlove, Connie Carlill, Ron Kruger, Richard Thivierge, Regina Buettner, Mary, Greg and Danny Wallace, Marge Cain, Kayleen Kenenske, Noel Smith, Tony Beckman, Louise Petty, Michael Stout, Sherri Owens, Jennifer Owens, Geneieve Solimani, Elizabeth Velaquez ,Tere Beebe, Jim Glancy, Edna Whaley, Perez Family, Melanie Anderson, Louise Keefe, Judy Mix, Margaret Bagley, Carol Doucette, Zelda Mixon, Trudy Bledsoe, Gary Cantrel, Betty Jo and Steve Bell, Helen Rich, Nancy Steiert , Deacon Dan Hoppe, Bennet Eger, Brian Mass, Nick Petrykowski, Jim Whitmore, Rose Owens, Joyce Conrad, Donna Spaniola, Barbara & Henry Dill and Seth Benningfield.

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.
But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us, Amen.

Oración Diocesana para la protección de Dios por la Pandemia del Coronavirus

Dios amoroso y amable, como en todos los tiempos, recurrimos a ti e imploramos tu protección y curación al enfrentar una nueva amenaza para nuestra salud, bienestar y paz con la pandemia del coronavirus que tenemos ante nosotros. Ayúdanos a unirnos entre nosotros y con todos nuestros hermanos de todo el mundo afectados por esta enfermedad. Oramos por todos aquellos en el campo de la medicina que están ayudando a los pacientes y en el campo de la ciencia que están discerniendo una cura, así como por todos los líderes gubernamentales. Recuerda a aquellos que, por este virus, han pasado de esta vida, así como por sus familias en su pérdida.

En este momento de incertidumbre, también te suplicamos humildemente que nos concedas prudencia, esperanza, coraje y paciencia. Disipa de nosotros el miedo, el pánico y la desconfianza que nos perturban en espíritu y en nuestro bienestar.

Hacemos nuestra oración en el nombre de su amado Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, quien siempre curó a los que estaban enfermos de diversas enfermedades y expulsó a muchos demonios. Patrona, de nuestra Diócesis, Nuestra Señora Reina de los Apóstoles y Consoladora de los Afligidos, ruega por nosotros, Amén.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. Lpi

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO
25 de abril de 2021
4º Domingo de Pascua

El cuarto Domingo de Pascua siempre nos recuerda la belleza del Señor Jesús como Buen Pastor. En el Evangelio, Jesús describe cómo es el trabajo de un pastor. Nos dice que, lo primero es dar la vida por sus ovejas. Segundo, cuidarlas y protegerlas de todo peligro. Y tercero, un buen pastor no cobra un salario, no trabaja a sueldo. Más, sin embargo, da la vida por su propio rebaño. Existe una acción permanente entre pastor y oveja. El Papa Francisco explicó lo que hace un Buen Pastor: *"El Buen Pastor, Jesús, está atento a cada uno de nosotros, nos busca y nos ama, dirigiéndonos su Palabra, conociendo en profundidad nuestro corazón, nuestros deseos y nuestras esperanzas, como también nuestros errores y nuestras decepciones".* Y el continuó diciendo: *"Nos acoge y nos ama como somos, con nuestros méritos y nuestros defectos. Por cada uno de nosotros Él da la vida eterna: nos ofrece la posibilidad de vivir una vida plena, sin fin. También nos custodia y nos guía con amor, ayudándonos a atravesar los senderos inaccesibles y las rutas a veces peligrosas que se nos presentan en el camino de la vida" (Noticias Vaticano 12 de mayo 2019).* No tengamos miedo, continuemos firmes en este tiempo de prueba, el Señor es nuestro auténtico Pastor que camina con nosotros y es fiel a sus promesas. *"Yo Soy el Buen Pastor y conozco a los míos como los míos me conocen a mí, lo mismo que el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Y yo doy la vida por las ovejas" (Juan 10:14-15).* ¿Dónde, cómo y cuándo ha sido Jesús nuestro Pastor en este tiempo? ©LPi

Weekly Announcements

2021 Diocesan Services Appeal "Our Faith, Our Future"

Every family attending Mass is asked to offer a generous pledge to advance the mission and ministry of the church. Our goal is $47,000.00. Please take an envelope and submit your donation. You make a difference! Your support is greatly appreciated!

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on May 29th during the 7:30 pm Mass, May 30th during the 10:00 am Mass & 12:15 pm Mass. Parents, please come to the office to register. Please register by April 30th.

CCD Program

A very special thanks goes out to all the teachers for their dedication and hard work in making this years CCD program a success. All are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the Confirmation students.

Bible Study

Join the Bible study from 8:45 am to 9:45 am on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

Food Bank

The Drive Thru Food Bank Is open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 9 am to 11 am. During the month of March, 50 families consisting of 200 people were provided with food. Thank you for your generous donations.

Actividades de la Parroquia

2021 Colecta Para Los Servicios Diocesanos Nuestra Fe, Nuestro Futuro

La meta de 2021 es $47,000.00. Por favor, tome un sobre de donacion ubicado en los mesa y cajas laterals.

Primera Comunion

El Sacramento de la Primera Comunión tendrá lugar el 29 de mayo durante la misa de las 7:30 p.m. o el 30 de mayo durante la misa de las 10:00 a.m. o la misa de las 12:15 p.m. Regístrese en la oficina. Por favor regístrese antes del 30 de abril.

Banco de Alimentos

El banco de alimentos está abierto el 1o y 3er viernes del mes de 9 am a 11 am.

Las declaraciones de impuestos de 2020 están disponibles en la oficina.

Blessed by the Best, Twenty-four Seven, Seven Eleven, all the way to Heaven!

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: **4th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/ Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/ Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/ Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/ Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/ Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Your Gift to God
Su Regalo a Dios

Weekend/Fin de Semana: April 18, 2021/ 18 de Abril 2021
Weekly Expenses/ Gastos Semanales: $7,200.00
Weekend Collection/ Colecta de la ultima semana $ 3,611.00
Shortage/Corto $ 3,589.00

2nd Collection this weekend is for:
Catechetical Ministry
La 2nda Collecta esta semana es por:
Ministerio de catecismo

DSA Goal-$47,000.00 Shortfall-$26,068.00
Thank you! Gracias!

Masses for the Week
Misa por la Semana

Saturday– April 24:
Sabado–24 de Abril:
11:00 AM: Confirmation
4:30 PM: Diego Vega, RIP

Sunday-April 25:
Domingo-25 de Abril:
7:30 AM: Pro Populo
10:00 AM: Thanksgiving by Ellen and Andy Cea
Stephanie Rodriguez, Intention
Francisco Arjona, RIP
12:15 PM: Pro Populo

Monday-April 26:
Lunes-26 de Abril:
8:30 AM: Pro Populo

Tuesday-April 27:
Martes-27 de Abril:
8:30 AM: Pro Populo

Wednesday–April 28:
Miercoles-28 de Abril:
8:30 AM: Pro Populo
7:30 PM: Pro Populo

Thursday–April 29:
Jueves-29 de Abril:
8:30 AM: Pro Populo
Friday–April 30:
Viernes-30 de Abril:

Thought of the Week
Pensamiento de la semana

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos es ahora la piedra angular.

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