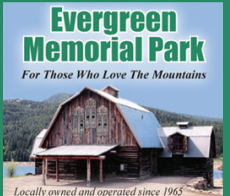


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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

When I was little, I would always cling to the same routine each night before going to bed. I would say to my parents, "Good night." They would respond, "Good night." I then would say, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I would await their response, and if they did not respond, I would say it again louder, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I somehow felt that if they did not assure me that I would see them tomorrow, it would possibly not happen. What would happen to me if I awoke and no one was there? It seems silly now, but to a small boy, it was very serious. In our lives, many of us have somehow bought into the notion that there is so much in the world that can take us away from God. We believe that worldly values, immorality, or evil itself can take us away from God's love and protection. But there are few greater lies than this. The reality is that if we find ourselves far away from God, the only force that carried us away was our own choices. In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me... No one can take them out of my hand." Yes, we are tempted at every side, but no temptation can take us away from him. Unfortunately, sometimes after initial choices, we find ourselves in addiction or dependency, making our reconciliation with God impossible without the help of friends and loved ones. But make no mistake, no one or nothing can take those who are His sheep away from God. When you think about this, you realize the importance of your actions. The power of your stewardship is great, because by utilizing your gifts, you determine if you will draw closer to or wander away from God. The world can't do that. The devil can't do that, nor can the wishful words of a little boy in the night.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock."  
~ Psalm 100:3c ~



*Bless all the women*  
in our lives who model for us the love of a mother. Protect them and encourage them to love as you have loved us.





### Today's Focus: Listen Up!

The voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd still speaks to us in many ways: through our faith communities, the Church, and those around us. Our job is to listen for the Shepherd's voice.

**REFLECT:**

In Acts we hear, all who were destined for eternal life came to believe" (13:48b). Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). John offers a vision of a "great multitude . . . from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). How do we know that someone is destined for eternal life or hears Christ's voice or will be counted in that great multitude? We know it when we see someone live how Jesus teaches us to live. Or, as Pope Francis put it: "Listening to religious teaching or learning a doctrine is not enough. What we want is to live as Jesus lived" (Twitter post, 1/17/18).

Like the jealousy that Paul and Barnabas experienced, or being washed in the blood of the Lamb, living Jesus often elicits fear and envy in those who resist his teachings. Fear and envy can result in ridicule, rejection, and ruin because those who are afraid resist seeing as God sees. That resistance has led to followers of Jesus being martyred. As St. Francis de Sales explained it, every martyr died for divine love. So if we say that their deaths were for the faith, we must assert that it was for a living faith, not a dead one, a faith animated by the will and love of God (Treatise on the Love of God).

As sheep of God's flock, ours is a living faith, animated by charity, that is, love in word and deed. Live as Jesus lived by listening for his voice. Act on what you hear, even when rejected. Live Jesus here and know that you are destined for life eternal in which God offers us springs of life-giving water and will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

**CONSIDER:**

How do you listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd? Give examples of how you try to live as Jesus lived.

**PRAY:**

We are Your people, Your flock, Good Shepherd. Teach us Your ways that we may know You more deeply and follow You more clearly. May we shine Your light on areas where darkness blinds us. Free us from fear and anything that gets in the way of living as You lived.

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART**

The Knights of Columbus are holding a nationwide tour of the major relic of St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart, which will be on display here in Denver for public veneration at St. John Vianney Seminary May 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. For questions, email [vianney@kofc.org](mailto:vianney@kofc.org).

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**KOC BREAKFAST BURRITO FUNDRAISER**

The Knights have partnered with Santiago's to make their breakfast burritos! Pre-orders will be this week and continue until May 12, 2019. The burritos will be delivered after Mass on May 18th at Our Lady of Lourdes and after Mass on May 19th at both St. Paul's and St. Mary of the Assumption. The burritos will be priced at \$3.00 each or \$30.00 per dozen.

**LOAVES & FISHES**

You're invited to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes from 10:30am to 2:30pm on the **3rd and 4th Thursday of each month** with your fellow parishioners.

If you are interested in helping us this month, please call Dede Waldron at 303-567-0186, email [dedeleen@gmail.com](mailto:dedeleen@gmail.com), or signup in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

**AL-ANON WEEKLY MEETINGS AT SAINT PAUL'S**

Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.

This group meets weekly on **Mondays at Noon** in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's, Idaho Springs. This group is free of charge and self-supporting through members' voluntary contributions. There are no dues or fees for membership.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT REQUESTS**

If you would like to share an announcement with our Tri-Parishes, they can be submitted on our website at [www.GodRushCatholic.org](http://www.GodRushCatholic.org). Just click on "Bulletin" and fill out the form!

Deadline for request is typically the Sunday prior to publication date, though could be earlier during the holidays.

## THE PRIESTHOOD

Only a validly ordained Catholic priest has the power (bestowed by Christ through the apostolic ministry of the Catholic Church) to turn bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and to absolve sins. Acting in the person of Christ as mediators between God and man, priests continue Christ's work of redemption on earth. The Catholic priesthood therefore is an extension of Christ's perfect Priesthood; 'Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers' (CCC 1545). Priests communicate the salvation won by Christ to God's people through the sacraments of the Catholic Church. This is the order established by Christ in and through his body the Church, to help all people grow in holy innocence as children of God and this is confirmed in both the Old and New Testaments.

### A TIME FOR CELEBRATION!

Our very own priest, Fr. Tadeusz, will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination of Holy Orders on May 20th. Come to St. Paul's Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate this happy occasion. We will have a Mexican Fiesta potluck. If you didn't receive an e-mail to sign up for this special occasion, you may go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ea8a728a1fa7-celebration> to RSVP, or call Lynn Hillary at (303) 956-5615.

A box for cards will be available at the party.

**Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5).**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

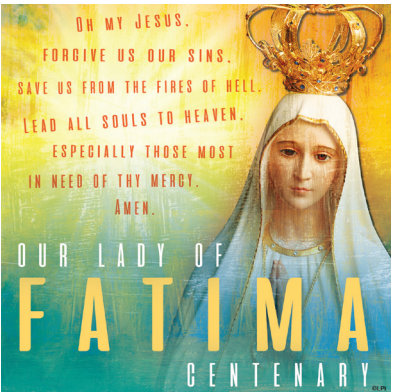
We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISHES

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		6:30 pm	Mass
	Wednesday, 5/15	8:00 am	Mass
	Thursday, 5/16	8:00 am	Mass
	Friday, 5/17	8:00 am	Mass
<b>St. Mary's</b>	Thursday, 5/16	6:00 pm	Faith Sharing
	Saturday, 5/18	9:00 am	Mass



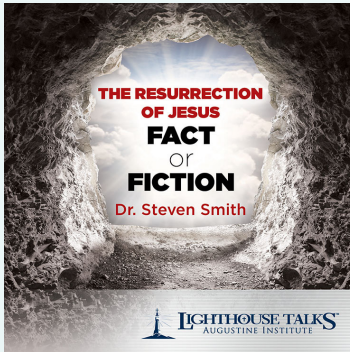
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### Trusting In The Good Shepherd

"It is necessary that at all times you recognize your own weakness and the truth of your nothingness, that you remember always that you will perish if you do not trust in the Good Shepherd."

S.C. Biela, In The Arms of Mary, 2nd. ed, rev. (Ft.Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 70-71.