



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH MAY 12, 2019
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In the Gospel today Jesus compares himself to a shepherd protecting his sheep, promising his disciples that he will hold them securely in his hands. How appropriate that this wonderful image is presented on Mother's Day. Today we honor all types of mothers who have loved us, protected us, and held us, those who have treated us with the tender loving care of the Good Shepherd. Let us give thanks today for all our mothers, living and deceased.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

Theme: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd

Today's account from the Acts of the Apostles paraphrases Isaiah 49:6, "I have set you to be light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). Originally spoken about the promised Messiah, these words apply equally to Paul and all who preach the Word. Discipleship guarantees both success and failure. Failure, in this passage, is Paul and Barnabas being expelled by the Jews; success is their disciples' experience of being filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

In the gospel, when Jesus describes God as greater than all, he is declaring that his leadership does not rely on political strength but rather on faith in God and God's Word. The bond between Jesus and the Father is so strong that no one will ever be able to snatch his sheep out of his hands.

Today, let us meditate upon the gifts of the Good Shepherd and the marks of His Sheep.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Our Lord Jesus claimed, "I am the Good Shepherd." It is a proclamation, which must be heard, and there is no alternative to him or any competition to this claim. All those who came before him and all those who would come after him claiming falsely that they are the messiahs are thieves and brigands. They came not to lay down their lives for the sheep, but to plunder them. Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd, is not only good in the sense that he cares and is tender towards us, but that he is also the true Shepherd.

Characteristics of the Good Shepherd

- ❖ The Good Shepherd knows his Sheep: Any good shepherd must know his sheep, their character and names. If they wonder as most sheep do, he must go after and fetch them back. Jesus knows us because he loves us and has sympathy for us. A loveless heart has no knowledge or intimacy, but Christ's heart is full of love for us. He not only knows us personally, but also our many needs.

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- ❖ A True Shepherd will protect his sheep: King David, who was a shepherd before becoming the king of Israel, had often fought with lions and bears in order to rescue the sheep from their mouths (1 Sam 17:34-36). A good shepherd will lay down his life for the sheep.

The Marks of the Sheep

The pharisees and the scribes refused to listen and believe in Jesus because they did not belong to him as his sheep. Jesus Himself said that the sheep, which belong to him, would listen to his voice.

- ❖ The sheep hear his voice: The Lord had undertaken to make sure that his sheep hear his voice. Formerly, he spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but now he has spoken to us through his only begotten Son. We have to discern his voice and rejoice in it. We who are his sheep must listen to his voice and rejoice in it. Only those who open their minds and hearts to him and his words, belong to him as his sheep.
- ❖ The Sheep Follow Him: Those who belong to the Shepherd have discerning ears and obedient hearts. They submit to his guidance by a willing obedient to all his teachings. We who belong to him as his sheep must follow him faithfully as a soldier follows his commander.

Beloved, the modern Christian must allow the Word of God to impact daily living. God's Word is reflected in words of support between friends, in words of fidelity between husband and wife, in words of honesty between business associates.

We have to set Christ, as a seal on our hearts and also take him as the light for our paths. We must lead our lives by following his commands and directions of his Spirit.

May the Lord Jesus Christ who is our Good Shepherd guide, guard and nourish us always.

Motivational story

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed that as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She then pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, Mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity — boiling water — but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

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Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity? Do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor of your life. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level?

How do you handle adversity? Are you changed by your surroundings or do you bring life, and flavor to them?

MOM

*My heartfelt wish for you on Mother's Day,
is that you are healthy, happy,
and loved each and every single day.*

Dear Mothers,

Today, I joined the whole world in paying glowing tributes to our dear mothers whose sacrifices, care and love keep us going.



Dr. Aggrey of Ghana once said, *“if you educate a man, you educate an individual, but if educate a woman you educate a nation.”* Each person in life has ever experience the touch and love of a mothering woman. Yes! Mothers hold their husbands and children dear in their heart even if their teethes are strong to bite.

Today we honor you for being a loving mother. Despite the fact that we ought to show adoration to you, mother each and every day, Mother's Day is that one day when we demonstrate the most love for you, and make you feel like a Queen. Today, we appreciate you for being the queen of our hearts. I am particular indebted to you dear mothers, for your TLC (Tender Loving Care).

Congratulations to our Mothers who never retire, no matter how old her children are she is always a Mom, always willing to encourage and help her children in any way she can! As a mother you are the one who is still there when everyone else has deserted us.

On behalf of your children (nieces or nephews), husband and grandkids I say Thank you, Mom. We will always be grateful for the life lessons you taught and the love you shared. For those who nursed and imparted their love for us but are no more, we pray for the peaceful repose of their souls.

“Ayekoo” mothers!

Fr. Raphael

NB: “Ayekoo” is a Ghanaian expression for congratulation or well-done.

*CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES.*

*Last week six of our children celebrated by bringing Christ into their hearts.
It was a very special day for everyone!*



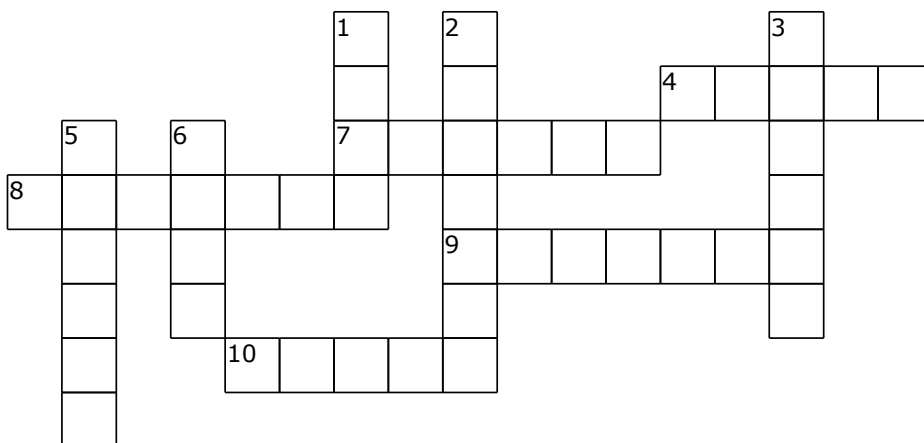
Front row from left—Cora Moody, Kyla Spurlock and Cora Hirner
Second row from left—Bentley Grasso, Evan Laumann and Xavier Casey



In the Palm of His Hand

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28 (NIV)

Based on John 10:22-30



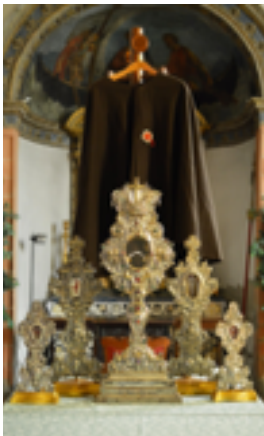
ACROSS

4. Woolly animal similar to goats
7. To move behind someone or something and go where they go
8. Something that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
9. Lasting forever, never ending
10. Sounds that come from the throat when people speak or sing

DOWN

1. The period between birth and death
2. To think that something is true
3. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship.
5. The season between autumn and spring
6. The body part used for holding things

ETERNAL	LIFE	MIRACLE	FOLLOW	WINTER
BELIEVE	HAND	VOICE	TEMPLE	SHEEP



Relics of St. Pio coming to Des Moines

Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, also known as Padre Pio, will be at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines on Wednesday, May 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for viewing followed by a 5 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Pates.

St. Pio was born in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He became a Capuchin friar and was ordained a priest in 1910. He experienced the wounds of Jesus, known as the stigmata. He founded a hospital (Home for the Relief of Suffering) in the 1940s. He celebrated daily Mass, heard many confessions and drew a large number of pilgrims to his community in San Giovanni Rotondo. He died in 1968 and was proclaimed a saint in 2002 by St. John Paul II.

The relics, brought to Des Moines by the St. Pio Foundation, include St. Pio's glove, crusts of his wounds, cotton gauze with his bloodstains, a lock of his hair, his mantle (cloak) and his handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before his death. Visitors may touch a religious item (rosary, medal, prayer card) to the relics but are asked to refrain from picking up or kissing the reliquaries. St. Pio's mantle may not be touched. The opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation will be available throughout the day at St. Ambrose Cathedral. The church's regularly scheduled 12:10 p.m. weekday Mass will be moved to 5 p.m.

Tour groups will gather at the Catholic Pastoral Center across the street from the cathedral. Books, rosaries and more will be sold through the St. Pio Foundation at the Pastoral Center. High Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Street will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to allow for buses to drop off tour groups.

"I am grateful that we, in the Diocese of Des Moines and beyond, have the opportunity to venerate these relics. St. Pio, through his renowned exercise of the sacrament of reconciliation, supports the spirituality of so many of our young people in the Church today and exemplifies the bottomless mercy of a caring God," said Des Moines Bishop Richard Pates.

For more information, contact coordinator Mary Purtle at 515-865-3861 or markp3006@aol.com. General questions can be directed to Nancy McCarthy at the cathedral, 515-288-7411 or nancy@saintambrosecathedral.org



Readings for the Week of May 12, 2019

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

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

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

St. Marys will host Ambassador service on May 26

ADA is still in full swing,

We are short of our goal and are encouraging everyone to make their contribution towards it.

Any questions, Dan will be glad to help with.

Thank You for being a positive and supportive member of St. Mary's!

As part of our appreciation to The First Baptist Church and The Sidney elementary School for housing us during the devastating flood. We will take a second collection today (May 12) as our donation to defray their cost of utilities and supplies. Our appreciation is deep, and their actions were truly appreciated. God is Good!!

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



5-12--Bill Ettleman

5-15--Larry Moores

5-16--Becky Lockhart

5-16--Wendy Duncan

5-16—Maddy Duncan

5-17--Maryn Phillips

5-19--Tom Lockhart

5-20--Judy Clark

5-21--Joe Travis

5-21--Emily Magel



5-11-Tom and Becky Lockhart

5-23-Shane and Connie
Smith

5-28-Robert and Mary
Burkhiser



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Harold & Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Diane Cunningham

Alan Briggs

All who are feeling the
effects of the flood

*Your Contributions
May 5, 2019*

Plate—\$93.00

Tithes—\$1445.00

Thank You!!

2019 Can you answer my question??	May 12 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30	May 19 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30	May 26 6th Sunday of Easter 8:30	June 2 7th Sunday of Easter 8:30	June 9 PENTECOST 8:30
	Greeters and Ushers Rick & Teresa Jamison	Terry & Kim Travis	Angie Sheldon Kathy Moody	Vince & Susan Hilton	Joe & Robbi Travis
Eucharist Ministers	Vince Hilton Anne Hendrickson	Denny & Joella Travis	Bill Green Dan Goodman	Joe & Robbi Travis	Annie Wakefield Vince Hilton
Servers	Mia Foster Kylee Foster	Amelia Moody Joseph Roberts	Keely Mount Emily Hutt	Ryan Roberts Garrett Phillips	Avery Dowling Maddy Duncan
Lector	Carolyn Maher	Kathleen Lorimor	Linda Dewhirst	Teresa Jamison	Michael Gallagher
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Kim	Children's Choir/Cara	Beth	Kim	Kate
Accompanist	Donna	Emily/Kate	Nancy	Donna	Donna
Coffee and Donuts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wash Linens	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield	Bev Finnigan	Bev Finnigan
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