

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



Congratulations to all our children who received their First Communion!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am
in English, 12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times

Baptism Prep - May 11

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.



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Intentions for May 8-12, 2017

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	† Teresa Link
Wed.	10am	† Bobbie Ledford (Rehabilitation Ctr of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	† Nick Henning
Fri.	8am	† Alice Miller

Saturday, May 13, 2017

4:00pm † Mary Ellen Hermann

Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00am † Teresa Link
10:30am Intentions of our Parish Family
 Intentions of Esperanza Humbird
12:30pm Spanish † Gonzalo Gomez Ramirez

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

† August Weber, husband of Mary Weber

† Bobbie Ledford, mother of Joe Ledford

† Nick Henning, grandson of Nancy and Jack Henning

† Alice Miller, sister-in-law of Don Miller



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, May 7 - Domingo, 7 de Mayo

- 9:00am Parish School of Religion
9:00am Parents Lounge
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am Escuela de Religión
7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, May 8 - Lunes, 8 de Mayo

- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, May 9 - Martes, 9 de Mayo

- 7:00am Youth Prayer Group
7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm Green Team Meeting
7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas
7:00pm Exploring the Reformation, Part II

Wednesday, May 10 - Miércoles, 10 de Mayo

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
10:00am Exploring the Reformation, Part II
10:00am Mass at Rehabilitation Center of Raymore
7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

Thursday, May 11 - Jueves, 11 de Mayo

- 9:30am Quilters
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class in English
7:00pm RCIA/RICA
8:00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday, May 12 - Viernes, 12 de Mayo

- 5:00pm Quinceañera Rehearsal - Fatima Bretado

Saturday, May 13 - Sábado, 13 de Mayo

- 10:00am Pláticas Bautismales
1:00pm Quinceañera de Fatima Bretado
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, May 14- Domingo, 14 de Mayo

- Trinity Dome Collection
Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign Begins
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Helping Hands Workday - Volunteers Needed

Our Helping Hands workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th and we need volunteers. To volunteer, please sign up in the gathering space or call the parish office at 816-331-4713.



Religious Articles Sale

The Altar Society will be selling Religious Articles after all Masses on the weekend of May 7th and 8th. Stop by and select an inspirational gift for Mother's Day. Cash, check and credit card are accepted. All proceeds benefit St. Sabina Parish.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

A Mass honoring all couples in the diocese celebrating 50 years of marriage in the year 2017 will be celebrated by Bishop Johnston at **2:00pm on Sunday, June 4** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The liturgy will be followed with a dessert reception at the Catholic Center, 20 W 9th St, KCMO. This celebration will include all couples who have celebrated or will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. If you were married in 1967, please call Kris in the parish office at 816-979-3151 so that you can be acknowledged. You can be acknowledged even if you cannot attend this special Mass. Couples celebrating their 50th anniversary are listed below. If you are celebrating your 50th anniversary in 2017 and your name is not listed, please contact the parish office so we can correct our records.

Eliceo and Maria Rocha	January 1, 1967
Ray and Vicki Malisos	May 6, 1967
Ken and Nancy Daire	July 1, 1967
Chris and Patricia Kallas	July 22, 1967
Robert and Noeline Woolrich	November 18, 1967
Paul and Mary Jo O'Brien	November 25, 1967
John and Barbara Clark	December 30, 1967

Knights Baby Bottle Campaign

Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be handing out baby bottles to raise funds to advocate against abortion. Funds raised are used to buy sonogram machines for women's clinics. Please pick up a baby bottle, fill it with your spare change and return it on the weekend of June 3-4. Thank you.



Parish Happenings

Wedding Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Wilian Mena and Carla Orellana** who celebrate their wedding on Saturday, May 6th!



The Reformation and its Impact on Current Christian Relations - Continuing the Exploration

- The Ecumenical Movement, Past and Present
- Differing Views on Church, Ministry, Eucharist
- Reconciling Differences and Next Steps on the Way

This four week series will be offered at two different times if enough register.

Tuesday Evenings, May 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ 7-9pm

Wednesday Mornings, May 10, 17, 24, 31 ~ 10am-Noon

This year, 2017, is the 500th anniversary of The Protestant Reformation. The Reformation is usually associated with Martin Luther and the posting of his 95 Theses on October 31, 1517. Luther's challenge to the church of his day, while neither intending nor desiring it, split Western Christianity, fragmenting it into multiple denominations, churches and traditions, each emphasizing different theologies, beliefs, spiritualities and community structures. All claim Christ as their Savior and Lord and claim to be faithful to what Christ desires of us. Yet each tradition has a different understanding of what following Christ entails.

These sessions will continue to explore the history of the Reformation as it continues to impact current ecumenical relationships. We will continue to examine the key theological beliefs and practices of the various Christian denominations with regards to differing understanding of church, ministry and sacraments, especially Eucharist. With special emphasis on the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue, we will detail the ecumenical teaching of Vatican II and reflect on how we can work together in reconciling differences and move toward Christian Unity. Come as we continue to learn together the rich variety that exists within Christianity. To register, please contact Biagio in the parish office by phone at 816-979-3153 or via email at biagio@stsabinaparish.org.



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped prepare our annual Stewardship mailing! Thanks for sharing your time and talent with our parish!

Stewardship

"So Jesus said again, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.'" John 10:7-9

Our Gospel reading today comes from St. John 10:1-10. In St. John 10:11, the next verse, Christ declares "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." As Catholics and Christians, we, too, are called to be Good Shepherds to all those with whom we come in contact. It may be from another culture than ours, but we should understand full well the implications of that. - See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Stewardship of Treasure

April 30th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$10,732.90
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 994.05
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 362.00

Collection for St. Regis School - May 6-7

This weekend our second collection will be for St. Regis Catholic School, which provides children in Kindergarten through grade 8 with a Catholic education aimed at educating the whole child: encouraging academic, spiritual and personal growth. As a fully accredited Diocesan School, they are committed to delivering superior scholastics in family classroom environments, through which students can learn and grow as scholars and individuals throughout their years. You can schedule a tour by contacting Marilyn Moore at mmoore@regisschool.org or 816-763-5837.

Trinity Dome Collection - May 12-13

The Trinity Dome Collection is a special second collection that Bishop Johnston has asked our diocese to take part in. This collection is being taken up nationwide to raise money for the maintenance and repair of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This Basilica is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. Fulfilling its mission, the Basilica is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. Donations to this collection support the completion of a beautiful mosaic that will adorn the "Crowning Jewel" of May's Shrine in Washington, D.C. Please visit www.trinitydome.org for more details.

Annual Stewardship Pledge Drive

Our parish recently sent out its annual stewardship mailing which includes a pledge card and Time and Talent ministry sheet. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to our parish of your time, talent and treasure. Please fill out your cards and return them on Pledge Weekend, May 20-21. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please contact the parish office at 816-331-4713.

Giving from Your IRA

Giving from one's IRA account is one of the smartest ways to make a real impact for your parish. In late 2015, Congress made this method permanent:

* **What You Can Give.** Contributions from traditional IRAs.

* **Age Requirement.** You must be 70 1/2 years old or older when the distribution is made.

* **Directly to the Charity.** Distributions must be made directly from your IRA account to charity. Use the diocesan Request Form.

* **Professional Advice.** Please consult with your tax or legal professional.

Who benefits from this type of giving?

* Individuals who take required minimum withdrawals and want to avoid paying tax on the distribution. Give your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to a qualified charity without having to report it as taxable income. Contact your IRA administrator to learn the amount of your RMD.

* Taxpayers who don't itemize their deductions. An IRA charitable transfer most benefits the nearly two-thirds of Americans who do not itemize deductions on their tax returns and therefore do not receive a tax benefit for giving to charity.

* Itemizing taxpayers who've reached the charitable giving limit. Donors who itemize their taxes are prohibited from deducting more than 50 percent of their adjusted gross income as charitable donations. Donations from an IRA are excluded from this percentage limit, allowing individuals who have reached the 50 percent threshold to give more.

To learn more, please contact Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363 or vranicar@diocesekcsj.org.

Green Team Tip of the Week

May 13: Wings Over Weston - Learn all about migratory birds with hands on activities at Weston Bend State Park, <https://mostateparks.com/park/weston-bend-state-park>.

May 13: Monarch Watch at KU.



Area Information

Applications for the Diaconate

This May the Diaconate office will begin the process of Inquiry and Application for the next group of men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A number of Information and Discernment Sessions will be scheduled in June. If you know of a man who may be interested in serving the church and would like to learn more about becoming a Deacon, have him contact Deacon Paul Muller at 816-714-2302 or muller@diocesekcsj.org. All inquiries should be directed to the Diaconate office.

Retrouvaille Weekend - June 2-4

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact our registration team at 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.



Memorial Day Masses at Catholic Cemeteries

In loving memory of family and friends that have gone before us, a Mass will be celebrated at the following Catholic cemeteries on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. All Masses begin at 10:00am.

- Mount St. Mary's, 2201 Cleveland Ave, KCMO, celebrated by Fr. Thomas Ludwig
- Mt. Olivet, 7601 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO, celebrated by Fr. Sean McCaffery
- Resurrection Cemetery, 5001 NE Cunningham Rd., KCMO, celebrated by Fr. Michael Roach
- Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 26th and Lovers Ln, St. Joseph, MO, celebrated by Bishop James Johnston

For additional information or questions, please contact Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City at 816-353-1900.

happy birthday

Maria Anderson	Javier Grado	Jean Rieder
Anita Armstrong	Sheila Hamilton	Joselyn Rivera
Juan Ayala	Jeffery Hartnett	Rodolfo Rivero
Angel Barajas	Kala Hille	Isabella Rugerio
Zachary Brown	Raymond Huffman	Mark Scali
Alden Caldwell	Claire Humke	Emily Simms
Jose Cartagena	Patrick Jacobs	Scott Theobald
Luis Castillo	Jadyn Knoll	Eric Torres
Deborah Catron	Mikayla Laughlin	Nicolasa Trejo
Juan Chavez	Michael Madrigal	Rosalie Urrutia
Samantha Como	Diego Mancha	Maria Varela
Samantha Cretel	Austin McGuire	Ann Vargas
Teresa Davis	Wendy Miranda	Silvano Vargas
Gary Dean	Sadie Mitsdarffer	Diego Villegas
Michael Eastham	Maria Moreno	Josephine Walter
Katherine Fields	Keaton Niemeyer	Steven Wasleski
Juanita Franco	Esai Oquendo	Christine Watkins
Irene French	Ellen Pauley	Hudson Weeks
Jennifer Fuller	Juan Perez	Sarah Wheeler
Ismael Garcia	Maricela Pinon	Linda Whitsell
Leilany Garcia	Alberta Priewe	Kathleen Wilson
Stephanie Gonzalez	Arsenio Ramirez	Millie Wolfe
Santiago Gonzalez	Rene Ramos	Karen Wooldridge
Mary Goswell	Brandon Rayos	

Happy Anniversary

Frank and Helen Barberis	May 13, 1961	56 Years!
Ted and Sandy Fiocati	May 13, 1961	56 Years!
Richard and Anita Westbrock	May 8, 1960	37 Years!
Mike and Karen Tierney	May 9, 1987	30 Years!
Steve and Pauline Pritchett	May 13, 1989	28 Years!
Robert and Mary Cocetti	May 12, 1990	27 Years!
Nick and Renee Biondo	May 9, 1992	25 Years!
Doug and Pam Thurman	May 9, 1992	25 Years!
Bob and Jamie Shipley	May 13, 2005	12 Years!
Matt and Erhren Mitsdarffer	May 9, 2009	8 Years!
Luis Rojas and Patricia Gomez	May 8, 2010	7 Years!
Werner Ramirez and Martha Garzon	May 7, 2011	6 Years!

Guidebook Directory

We will be submitting our Guidebook directory information on Friday, May 12th. If your address or phone number have recently changed, please contact the parish office at 816-331-4713 so we may update our records.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

May 10	10:00am	Rehab. Ctr. of Raymore
May 17	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
May 24	11:00am	Carnegie Village

Do You or Someone You Know Need a Job?

Are you 55 or older, have limited financial resources and would like to learn a new skill such as working with computers, facility maintenance, etc.?

Catholic Charities Senior Community Service Employment Program can help you reach that goal. Requirements for eligibility are: must be 55 years or older, be employable and meet income guidelines. Applicants must be a resident of area counties such as Cass and Jackson. Yearly income cannot exceed \$14,713 (one person), \$18,213 (2 person family), or for each additional person add \$4,675. Participants are required to participate fully with goals and plans for an unsubsidized job. For further information contact Michael Spaw, Program Manager at 816-221-4377.

Project Rachel: Unfailing Mercy Retreat June 24

Help after the heartache of abortion. Project Rachel is ready to care for those who are hurting. To learn more and to register, please call Teresa at 816-591-3804 or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Sometimes one day really can change everything. Complete confidentiality is assured.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness

816-931-0030 - Support, Education, Advocacy

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Karen Grantham	Helen Rush
Marilyn Avalos	Devin Thomas Harley	Ann Ryan
Polleth Bautista	Laverne Harlow	Yvonne Salmon
Nikki Barrett	Amber Hartenbower	Shelline Smoot
Pauline Bellm	Cherie Hatfield	Jim Storm
John Bidondo	Bob Heffernan	Leo Storm
Fran Birkner	Bart Henke	Mary Jane Storm
Allie Biondo	Rhonda Henke	Jean Tate
Steve Circo	Rita Jordan	Ruth Tayler
Anna Clark	Kelsey Krum	Angel Thomas
Barbara Clark	Glen Lewis	Priscilla Tristani
Kristen Conner	Beverly Little	Nancy Torres
Joseph Coots	Debbie Locke	Eduardo Vasquez
Paul DeMar	Jo Locke	Rose Wall
Nolan Dickerson	Denise Mehlo	Mary Westfall
Frances DiGeorge	Leonard Meiron	Marie Wilburn
Terry Eppert	Joan Muench	Jeannette Woolworth
Butch Ford	Bella Nouryeh	Merle Woolworth
Larry Foster	Jane Nouryeh	Carmitia Yust
Luis Franco	Rick Orey	Pablo Zayas
Emily Frezza	Thelma Palmer	
Dick Garnier	Lorraine Peterson	
John Giacone	Justin Putnam	
June Glunt	Patricia Rellihan	

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list, contact Marta Roper in the parish office 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Wellness Center

Fight Fat with Fiber

A study in the journal, *Obesity*, found that every ten-gram increase in subjects' consumption of soluble fiber over the course of five years was associated with a nearly 4 percent reduction in the accumulation of visceral fat, a type of belly fat linked to a host of health problems, including type 2 diabetes. Soluble fiber (found in oats, beans, and some fruits and veggies) can reduce the absorption of sugar and cholesterol into the bloodstream.

FOOD	SOLUBLE FIBER
Black beans, 1 cup	4 grams
Brussels sprouts, 1/2 cup	3 grams
Pear (medium)	2 grams
Prunes, 1/4 cup	1.5 grams
Instant oatmeal, 1 packet	1 gram

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm ReFit® 5-6pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Circuit Training 5-6pm
Saturday:	Open Workout 8:30-11:30am Health Screenings 8:30-11:30am Refit® 10-11am



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. Our next cooking date is May 22nd.

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is May 18th, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is May 17th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Junior High Youth!

Your next meeting will be May 17th at 7pm.

High School and Confirmation Youth!

Your next meeting will be May 7th at 7pm.

Young Adults Cooking Classes!

If you are living on Ramen noodles and your mom's leftovers, this class is for you! In this 6 week class, you will learn basic cooking techniques, some great and easy recipes and how to prepare meals for just yourself or for a crowd. We will have one or two new recipes each week. We will meet weekly from June 15th through July 27th in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. (Please note there will not be class on July 20 due to VBS.) Contact Kirstie Roberts in the Parish office to join the fun! There is no fee for this class, however, you will be given a weekly grocery list and you will need to provide your own electric skillets. Sign up today and, please, return the Tupperware to your parents!

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Vacation Bible School!

July 17th through 21st in the evenings we will have "Maker Fun Factory! Created by God, Built for a Purpose!" Registration forms for children and adult volunteers are available on the website, in the back of the church and in the Youth Office.

Thanks to
Nicolas and
to all the
children who
helped at
our First
Communion
Masses!



Reflection on the Readings



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel for all three lectionary years consists of different selections from John 10, proclaiming the powerful image of Jesus, the good shepherd. Psalm 23 is the responsorial psalm with the refrain affirming that "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." This well-known psalm speaks of the care and concern that the Lord offers to all, providing for them even in the shadow of death and in the presence of enemies.

The first reading from Acts has Peter firmly declare that "God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Jesus is the anointed of God who is our model of how we are to live our lives. We are to align ourselves to God in Jesus by seeking repentance for sins and by being open to the Spirit that the Lord showers upon us. In so doing we place our focus on Jesus, the true shepherd who knows us and calls us to himself.

The second reading from 1 Peter stresses that serving the Lord will bring with it suffering and rejection. We are all encouraged to be patient in our suffering, imitating Jesus, who willingly suffered for us. Jesus gave of himself for all, even though we had chosen to go astray from God. However, through our baptismal commitment, we have chosen to return to "the shepherd and guardian" of us all. Jesus is our true shepherd and guardian who keeps us safe and protects us through all of life's difficulties.

John 10 expands on and outlines Jesus' role as our "good shepherd." In today's passage, Jesus compares himself to the true shepherd and to the sheep-gate. As true shepherd, Jesus is so intimately connected with his sheep that he knows them each by name. When he calls out to them, they recognize his voice and follow him. As sheep-gate, Jesus is the gateway to safety, comfort and abundant life. Thieves and robbers are only interested in their own gain, while the shepherd is interested in the good of the sheep.

As followers of Jesus, baptized into his dying and rising, we too are called to be

good shepherds. Biblically, shepherds were symbols of the community's leaders and teachers, such as priests, kings and prophets. The way they related to people in their care determined whether they were true shepherds or merely thieves and robbers. Jesus models for us those distinguishing characteristics of true shepherds.

Jesus cares for the wellbeing of others, putting their needs above his. He is patient, kind, non-violent, putting up with insults and abuse yet never backing down from upholding the dignity and worth of every human being, especially the outcast, the stranger. Breaking down boundaries that separate people and inviting them to bond in fellowship at table distinguishes Jesus as a true shepherd. Jesus' interactions with others leaves them more complete as human beings than they were before. The gateway to God that Jesus provides leads to a more rich and abundant relationship with God, self, others and all creation.

Through baptism, we take on the mind and heart of Jesus. We assume the qualities of true shepherds, striving to become people who enrich the lives of all we come across. We are part of a living community who commits itself to living out the Jesus life style. In all our actions, we uphold the dignity and worth of every human being, most especially those who are oppressed, marginalized and despised. While it brings opposition, rejection, and suffering, a true shepherd is willing to give all for the sake of those entrusted to his care, knowing that God will provide ultimate safety and security. As Pope Francis so clearly states, a true shepherd takes on the smell of the sheep and serves them wholeheartedly.

Reflect on how you model yourself on Jesus, the true shepherd. How does your life style reflect your baptismal commitment to be, like Jesus, a true shepherd to all you encounter?

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, May 7

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10



Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on May 7th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

Sunday, May 14

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Reflexión sobre el Cuarto Domingo de Pascua, Año A

El cuarto domingo de Pascua se conoce como Domingo del Buen Pastor. El evangelio para los tres años de lección consiste en diferentes selecciones de Juan 10, proclamando la poderosa imagen de Jesús, el buen pastor. El Salmo 23 es el salmo responsorial con el

estribillo afirmando que "El Señor es mi pastor; No hay nada que yo quiera. "Este conocido salmo habla del cuidado y preocupación que el Señor ofrece a todos, proporcionándolos incluso a la sombra de la muerte y en presencia de enemigos.

La primera lectura de los Hechos de Pedro declara firmemente que "Dios ha hecho Señor y Cristo, a este Jesús a quien ustedes crucificaron". Jesús es el ungido de Dios que es nuestro modelo de cómo debemos vivir nuestras vidas. Debemos alinearnos con Dios en Jesús buscando arrepentimiento por los pecados y siendo abiertos al Espíritu que el Señor derrama sobre nosotros. Al hacerlo, ponemos nuestro foco en Jesús, el verdadero pastor que nos conoce y nos llama a sí mismo.

La segunda lectura de 1 Pedro enfatiza que servir al Señor traerá consigo sufrimiento y rechazo. Todos estamos animados a ser pacientes en nuestro sufrimiento, imitando a Jesús, que voluntariamente sufrió por nosotros. Jesús dio de sí mismo por todos, a pesar de que habíamos escogido desviarnos de Dios. Sin embargo, a través de nuestro compromiso bautismal, hemos escogido volver a "el pastor y guardián" de todos nosotros. Jesús es nuestro verdadero pastor y guardián que nos protege y nos protege a través de todas las dificultades de la vida.

Juan 10 se expande y describe el papel de Jesús como nuestro "buen pastor". En el pasaje de hoy, Jesús se compara con el verdadero pastor y con la puerta de las ovejas. Como verdadero pastor, Jesús está tan íntimamente conectado con sus ovejas que los conoce por su nombre. Cuando les llama, ellos reconocen su voz y lo siguen. Como puerta de ovejas, Jesús es la puerta de entrada a la seguridad, confort y vida abundante. Los ladrones y los ladrones sólo están interesados en su propia ganancia, mientras que el pastor está interesado en el bien de las ovejas.

Como seguidores de Jesús, bautizados en su morir y levantarse, nosotros también somos llamados a ser buenos pastores. Bíblicamente, los pastores eran símbolos de los líderes y maestros de la comunidad, tales como sacerdotes, reyes y profetas. La forma en que se

relacionaban con las personas a su cuidado determinaba si eran verdaderos pastores o simplemente ladrones y ladrones. Jesús modela para nosotros las características distintivas de los verdaderos pastores

Jesús se preocupa por el bienestar de los demás, poniendo sus necesidades por encima de las suyas. Él es paciente, amable, no violento, soportando insultos y abusos, pero nunca retrocediendo en defender la dignidad y el valor de todo ser humano, especialmente el paria, el extraño. Romper los límites que separan a las personas e invitarlas a unirse en comunión en la mesa distingue a Jesús como un verdadero pastor. La interacción de Jesús con los demás los deja como seres humanos más completos de lo que eran antes. La puerta a Dios que Jesús provee nos lleva a una relación más rica y abundante con Dios, con nosotros mismos, con los demás y con toda la creación.

A través del bautismo, tomamos la mente y el corazón de Jesús. Asumimos las cualidades de los verdaderos pastores, esforzándonos por convertirnos en personas que enriquecen la vida de todos los que nos encontramos. Somos parte de una comunidad viva que se compromete a vivir el estilo de vida de Jesús. En todas nuestras acciones, defendemos la dignidad y el valor de cada ser humano, especialmente aquellos que son oprimidos, marginados y despreciados. Si bien trae oposición, rechazo y sufrimiento, un verdadero pastor está dispuesto a darlo todo por el bien de aquellos que están confiados a su cuidado, sabiendo que Dios proveerá la máxima seguridad. Como bien dice el Papa Francisco, un verdadero pastor asume el olor de las ovejas y las sirve de todo corazón.

Reflexiona sobre cómo te modelas a ti mismo en Jesús, el verdadero pastor. ¿Cómo su estilo de vida refleja su compromiso bautismal de ser, como Jesús, un verdadero pastor para todos los que encuentre?

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 07 de Mayo

Primera Lectura: Hechos 2:14a, 36-41

Salmo: Salmo 22: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 2: 20b-25

Evangelio: Juan 10: 1-10

Lecturas del Domingo, 14 de Mayo

Primera Lectura: Hechos 6:1-7

Salmo: Salmo 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 2:4-9

Evangelio: Juan 14:1-12

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Información

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