

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 03, 2020

Parish Center Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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I am the
GOOD
SHEPHERD.
The good shepherd
LAYS DOWN
his **LIFE**
FOR THE SHEEP
John 10:11



Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is a Christ-centered community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We try to share the Good News of salvation with others. As a diverse community, we value and respect individual differences. As God's people, we gather in the Spirit to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, to teach, to learn, to console, to rejoice, to minister and to renew our faith with one another.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter has long been called Good Shepherd Sunday and the Gospels chosen for this Sunday invariably refer to our Lord as the shepherd of his people. Every Christian of whatever denomination is familiar with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. When we consider that our Christian religion developed first among the Jewish communities of Palestine, an arid land where the tending of sheep was an essential part of the economy, it shouldn't surprise us that sheep and shepherds play a large role in the language and imagery of both the Old and the New Testament. Jesus himself speaks of his mission as being to the lost sheep of Israel, or of being the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine sheep alone in the desert to find the one stray sheep, and his joy at finding it. The Scriptures tell us that after Jesus' arrest and Passion, his disciples were scattered like sheep without a shepherd. Just as today, from the earliest epoch of the Church, its leaders or bishops were also known as Shepherds (which is the English translation of the Latin *Pastor*), and they carried a shepherd's staff as a sign of their office. But what does this signify for us today, that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and that we are his flock? Primarily it means that at every moment of our lives, Jesus maintains a special and loving concern for us and for our well-being, just as a shepherd does for his sheep. And this concern is not just for humanity in general, but rather that Jesus looks after each and every one of us individually. If we listen carefully to his voice, he will lead us to safe pastures and to springs of life-giving water, and if we get lost along the way, he will come to find us. More than that, Jesus is the Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep; he is at once our loving Shepherd *and* the Lamb of God – the innocent and spotless lamb who was sacrificed so that we might have life, and not just this passing mortal life, but a life that will continue for all eternity. When we speak of the shepherding or pastoral role of Jesus and his successors today, it is important for all of us who call ourselves Catholic Christians to ask, "In what way am I a follower of Christ?" Is my commitment only to show up at Mass on Sunday -- or perhaps less often than that? How have I made the Gospel a real part of my life? Do I live according to the teachings of Jesus and of his Church? Am I expressing my faith in my activities, at my job, within my family, and in all my relationships? Jesus Christ came to redeem us all, but for our part, we have to collaborate in our salvation. We have to participate in the saving work of Jesus the Good Shepherd through acts of charity and kindness, through loving others unselfishly, and by behaving always as members of God's one family, the sheep of his flock. **Fr. Ulysses**

Pastor's Note



Este cuarto domingo de Pascua ha sido llamado por muchos años el Domingo del Buen Pastor. El Evangelio escogido para este domingo refiere a nuestro Señor como el pastor de su pueblo. Todo cristiano de cualquier denominación está familiarizado con la imagen de Jesús como el Buen Pastor. Cuando consideramos que nuestra religión Christian desarrolló al principio entre

las comunidades judías de Palestina, una tierra árida donde casi todos cuidaban ovejas como parte de su vida económica, no nos sorprende que ovejas y pastores forman una gran parte del lenguaje y las imágenes del Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento. Jesús mismo dijo que su misión era la de reunir a las ovejas perdidas de Israel, o de ser el pastor que deja las noventa y nueve ovejas en el desierto para buscar la oveja perdida. Las Escrituras nos dicen que después de la Pasión de Jesucristo,

sus discípulos fueron dispersados como ovejas sin pastor. Al igual que hoy, desde los primeros días de la Iglesia, sus líderes y obispos fueron conocidos como pastores, y llevaron con ellos un cayado de pastor como señal de su oficina. Pero ¿qué significa esto para nosotros -- que Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor y que nosotros somos su rebaño? Principalmente significa que, en cada momento de nuestras vidas, Jesús mantiene una

preocupación especial para nosotros y para nuestro bienestar, así como el pastor tiene por sus ovejas. Esta preocupación no es sólo para la humanidad en general, sino más bien que Jesús se preocupa de cada uno de nosotros individualmente. Si escuchamos con atención a su voz, él nos llevará a seguros pastos y fuentes de agua que da la vida, y si nos perdemos en el camino, él vendrá a encontrarnos. Más que eso, Jesús es el Pastor que dio su vida por sus ovejas. Jesús es, a la misma vez, nuestro Buen Pastor y el Cordero de Dios - el cordero inocente y sin mancha que fue sacrificado para que tengamos vida, y no sólo esta vida mortal que pasa, sino una vida que continuará por toda la eternidad. Cuando hablamos del pastoreo o la función pastoral de Jesús y sus sucesores hoy, es importante que nos preguntemos: ¿De qué manera soy yo un seguidor de Cristo? ¿Es mi compromiso no más asistir a la misa cada domingo - o tal vez con menos frecuencia que eso? ¿Cómo es el Evangelio parte de mi vida? ¿Vivo de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de Jesús y de su Iglesia? ¿Estoy expresando mi fe en mis actividades, en mi trabajo, en mi familia, y en todas mis relaciones?" Jesucristo vino a redimirnos, pero por nuestra parte, tenemos que colaborar en nuestra salvación. Tenemos que participar en la obra salvadora de Jesús, el Buen Pastor, a través de nuestros actos de caridad y bondad, a través de amar a los demás, y al comportarnos siempre como miembros de la familia de Dios, y ovejas de su rebaño. **Padre Ulysses**

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

is for our Parish Facilities.

This collection helps us to maintain our church and other parish facilities in good condition, to do the repairs and upgrades that are needed, and to cover the gardening needs of the Parish.



Next Week's Second Collection will be for our Religious Education Program.

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Registration Form

The following confidential information will be entered in our parish data system. It is only for the purpose of knowing and serving you better.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **zip:** _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

Others in your household: _____

Number of adults over 18 years of age: _____

Number of children under 18 years of age: _____

THE 2020 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.



Our assessment for this year is **\$78,484**, or 20% of our last year's income.

To date, we have received **\$25,220**.

Please consider what you might do to help us meet our obligation by the end of the year. *Thank you very much!*

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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If someone in your family is homebound, lives nearby, and is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact **Julie O'Leary** at **(650) 361-8681**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 02, 2020

5:00 PM Rick Carlson †

Sunday, May 03, 2020

8:00 AM John Sullivan †

10:00 AM Vittore Dei Rossi †

12:00 PM Elvia y Otoniel Arias (Int.)

5:00 PM Leo T. Walsh †

Monday, May 04, 2020

8:15 AM Thelma and Jim Walsh †

Tuesday, May 05, 2020

8:15 AM Huan Phan †

Wednesday, May 06, 2020

8:15 AM Antonio Pitarresi †

Thursday, May 07, 2020

8:15 AM Souls in Purgatory †

Friday, May 08, 2020

8:15 AM Gabriel Willitts †

Saturday, May 09, 2020

8:15 AM Dennis Nakpil †



**The Lord is
my shepherd,
there is nothing
I shall want.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

Join us for our live-streamed Mass

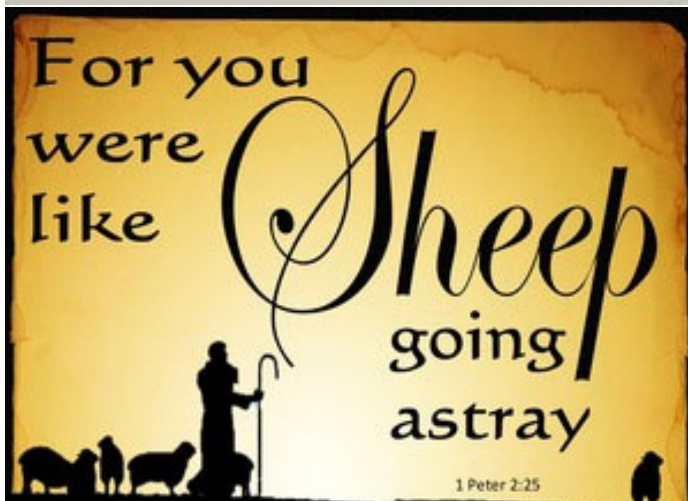
Monday thru Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 10:00 in English

Misa Dominical a las 12:00 p.m.

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