

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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WORLD DAY
of PRAYER
— for —
VOCATIONS

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4th Sunday
OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and
will come in and go out and find pasture.” - Jn 10:9

CELEBRATING GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate The Fourth Sunday of Easter which is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday based on the Gospel for today. It is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. How appropriate that we celebrate this day in the month of May, which is traditionally the month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Pope St. John Paul II, in his Apostolic Exhortation *I Will Give You Shepherds*, noted that



Every aspect of priestly formation can be referred to Mary, the human being who has responded better than any other to God's call. Mary became both the servant and the disciple of the Word to the point of conceiving, in her heart and in her flesh, the Word made man, so as to give him to mankind. Mary was called to educate the one Eternal Priest, who became docile and subject to her motherly authority. With her example and intercession the Blessed Virgin keeps vigilant watch over the growth of vocations and priestly life in the Church.

There are prayers and prayer resources included in this week's bulletin, and my hope is that we can foster a greater awareness of the dignity and value of each vocation within our parish. Let us continue to pray for holy vocations to the Sacred Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Married Life and Single Life. Let us especially turn toward our Blessed Mother and pray the rosary each day as we strive to unite ourselves in prayer. The Bishops have rededicated our country to Our Blessed Mother, and it is up to us to rededicate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart.

Bishop Gregory Parkes has issued a statement this past week on the possibility of opening public Masses in the near future. I have included his statement below. Let us pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit that, as we seek to re-open the Churches for public worship, we do so in the most prudent and safe way possible for all the faithful. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. Let us continue to pray for each other.



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Office of the Bishop



In light of the governor's recent announcement to begin the process of reopening Florida, I wanted to share with you an update on when we might gather together again for Mass.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!,
Father Krzysztof

Please know that I would like nothing more than to resume gathering publicly for the celebration of Mass. But this decision must be made with prudence to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which has sadly affected so many in our country and has taken so many lives.

As your bishop, I am very concerned about your health and well-being and I am also very concerned about your spiritual health - your relationship with Jesus and your ability to access life-giving sacraments. I have been praying about next steps and consulting with clergy, staff and public officials in our Diocese.

My hope is to resume public Masses within the month of May. One possibility that I am exploring is to first begin with public worship at daily Mass Monday through Saturday when fewer people typically attend Mass.

I am not sure if this will happen just yet, but there is one thing I do know with certainty. When we return to our churches, we should all expect changes at Mass, to ensure everyone's health and safety, which is a top priority.

We are researching the best way to bring back the public celebration of the Mass while continuing to observe the guidelines of public health officials and preserving the dignity and reverence of our liturgical practices.

I'm also aware that some of you may not feel safe in returning to church, particularly if you are at higher risk due to age or health issues. Accommodations will be made to address this reality.

While we patiently wait, I urge you to remain strong in the faith and stay close to Christ in prayer.

I hope to have more updates for you in the coming days. Please know that you have been and continue to be in my prayers during this difficult time.

Please pray for me, that I may be the leader you deserve, and that God has called me to be. May God bless you!

CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON IN PRAYER

As we continue our Faith Journey together in prayer, we invite you to pray for our parish family. Read and reflect on the Scriptures of the day and prayerfully watch on TV or online the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Remember in your prayers:

- ✘ For those suffering alone in hospital
- ✘ For those for whom our Masses are being offered
- ✘ For all who have birthdays / anniversaries this week
- ✘ For our Bishop, Priests and Holy Vocations

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for ...

Day	Date	Mass Intention	Requested by:
<i>Saturday</i>	May 2	† Adam Thomas Gendreau (one year anniversary)	
4th Sunday of Easter	May 3	† Living & Deceased members of the Lebrun Family	Caire & Emma Boe
<i>Monday</i>	May 4	† Thomas & Sarah Plummer	Joe Plummer
<i>Tuesday</i>	May 5	† Mary Plazewski	The Fenton Family
<i>Wednesday</i>	May 6	† Mary Plazewski	Mary Andrysiak
<i>Thursday</i>	May 7	† Mary Plazewski	Paul & Donna Blommel
<i>Friday</i>	May 8	Rita Molnar — 90th Birthday Blessings!	The Family
<i>Saturday</i>	May 9	Mother's Day Novena of Masses	
5th Sunday of Easter	May 10	Mother's Day Novena of Masses	

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- 05 02 Patricia Davis, Jim Stemo
- 05 03 Kinsley Romano
- 05 04 Karen Blommel, Sarah Randall, Vincent Stemo, Alonzo Stickle
- 05 05 Gretchen Baer, John Mercurio, Ryan Mish, Noah Schuler, Robert Sumner, Aundria Wainright
- 05 06 John Barthle, Sherri Cheline, Terence Ratican
- 05 07 Frank Bless, Sam Catalane, Robin Finora, Joshua Veloz
- 05 08 Heiskell Christmas, Francesca Corradini, Laurie Hitzel, Jennifer Sarne
- 05 09 Brooke Blommel, JoAnn Dunn, Brooks Hewell, Ainsley Nicholson, Jacob Phillips
- 05 10 Tammy Barthle, Emma Gaskin, Iris Stanley



May the Lord bless you with good health,
a grateful heart and eternal joy!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/2
- Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Stephanie Castro
Mr. & Mrs. Carl & Louise Gude
- 5/5
- Mr. & Mrs. Alan & Anne Hautamaki
- 5/6
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Connie Mirrop
- 5/7
- Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & Linda Gant
Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Donna Ullrich
- 5/9
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Janet Nathe
- 5/10
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patty Easton



Due to the COVID-19 crisis, and after consulting with Deacons Joshua Bertrand, Connor Penn and Drew Woodke, Bishop Parkes has decided to reschedule the date of their Ordination to the Priesthood, which was scheduled to take place on May 16, 2020. The new

date will be Saturday, August 15, 2020, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be held at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (5815 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg). Please continue to keep these men, as well as all of our seminarians, in your prayers.

Diocesan Prayer for Priests

- Sat. May 2 **Father Krzysztof Gazdowicz**
- Sun. May 3 Rev. Thomas Anastasia
- Mon. May. 4 Rev. Jonathan Emery
- Tue. May. 5 Rev. Victor Amorose
- Wed. May. 6 For Holy Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
- Thu. May. 7 Rev. Elixavier Castro
- Fri. May 8 Rev. C. Timothy Corcoran
- Sat. May 9 Rev. Justin Paskert
- Sun. May 10 Rev. Paul Kochu



Please pray for our Pastor and all priests who minister in our Diocese.

May the Lord bless your Holy & Sacrificial Love with His Own Love!

CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON IN STEWARDSHIP



At this time, we understand that many are enduring financial struggles. **We prayerfully affirm whatever actions are necessary to provide for you and your loved ones.** However, some people have been contacting the parish office to inquire about their contributions to the parish. If you are able to financially support your parish and would like to continually give offertory in light of the Mass suspension, you may mail a check to the parish or send a check via your bank's bill payment option or select Sacred Heart Parish Dade City for Online Giving through the Diocesan website. Please see those options below. Whatever your situation, we truly appreciate your support.

Thank you to all who were able to support the parish last week through your Mailed in and Dropped off contributions. God bless you!

Weekly Offertory Report

MAILED IN & DROPPED OFF

envelopes for Sunday, April 26, 2020

Sunday Total.....	\$ 5,095.00
Building Fund	\$ 65.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$ 810.00
Poor Box	\$ 600.00



Thank you so much and God bless you and your family!

2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA)

Updated 5/1/20

**We are Salt and Light:
Living the Gospel through the APA**



Diocesan Assessment..... \$ 56,443.00

Pledged..... \$ 42,636.00
Paid \$ 33,314.51

of Families: .. 421 26% parish participation
of Pledges: ... 109

Average Pledge: \$ 391.16
% of Goal Pledged: 75.54
% of Goal Paid: 59.02

Unpaid Balance \$ 23,128.49



*May God bless you and your family! **THANK YOU!***

BE COURAGEOUS
Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

We understand that this is a very difficult time for everyone, so please do what you need to do for yourself and for your family. For those who are still able to support the parish, there are three ways of giving below. Once again, **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your prayerful and financial support during this challenging time.

ONLINE GIVING

through the Diocese of St. Petersburg "Supporting Your Parish" webpage



For those who would like to make a one-time donation online or schedule recurring payments using a bank account or credit card, please visit the Diocesan webpage at <https://www.dosp.org/stewardship/supporting-your-parish/>

You will need to scroll down and select Sacred Heart Parish (Dade City). This opens up a registration page with Give Central. Please fill in your information, your gift information [select Sacred Heart Parish (St Joseph) - Dade City] and your payment information. With your free Give Central account, you will be able to return to your account page to access your donation history, receive tax letters or make changes to your payments at any time.

How to use Your Bank's Bill Pay



Your bank will allow you to set up an automatic check issued from the bank to a business or organization. You will need to enter our name and mailing address: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 32145 Saint Joe Road, Dade City, FL 33525. Although you do not have an 'Account' number, you may put your envelope number in its place. Also, for each individual payment there is an option to add a note to the "Memo" line to specify if the check is for Offertory or another special collection such as Debt Reduction, Building Fund or Catholic Education.

Monthly Stewardship Schedule for May 2020



If you prefer, you may simply mail your check to:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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By Mail

First Sunday	5/3	Offertory, Catholic Education
Second Sunday	5/10	Offertory, Building Fund
Third Sunday	5/17	Offertory,
Fourth Sunday	5/24	Offertory, Feast of the Ascension
Fifth Sunday	5/31	Offertory

Special envelopes - APA, Debt Reduction, Father's Day Remembrance

Urge a COVID-19 Vaccine Free from Abortion



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Among the dozens of COVID-19 vaccines currently in development, some are being produced using old cell lines from the cells of aborted children. Fortunately, there is no need to use ethically problematic cell lines to produce a COVID vaccine, or any vaccine, as other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available.

In a [letter to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#), the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) along with 20 healthcare, bioethics, and pro-life organizations, urged the Trump Administration to ensure that vaccines for COVID-19 are developed ethically and are free from any connection to abortion. No one should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this virus and violating his or her conscience, especially since there are other cell lines available that have no connection to abortion.



TAKE ACTION NOW: Urge the Trump Administration to ensure an ethically-derived COVID-19 vaccine free from abortion. Click on the following link or cut and paste it into your browser to help:

<https://www.flaccb.org/florida-catholic-advocacy-network?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f73728%2fRespond>

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Family Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Family of Nazareth, community of love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, model and ideal of every Christian family, to you we entrust our families.

Open the heart of every family to the faith, to welcoming the word of God, to Christian witness, so that it become a source of new and holy vocations.

Touch the hearts of parents, so that with prompt charity, wise care, and loving devotion they be for their sons and daughters sure guides towards spiritual and eternal values.

Stir up in the hearts of young people a right conscience and a free will, so that growing in "wisdom, age and grace", they might welcome generously the gift of a divine vocation.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that all of us, contemplating and imitating the assiduous prayer, generous obedience, dignified poverty and virginal purity lived out in your midst, might set about fulfilling the will of God and accompanying with far-sighted sensitivity those among us who are called to follow more closely the Lord Jesus, who "has given himself for us" (cf. Gal 2:20). Amen!

TOOLS FOR BUILDING A DOMESTIC CHURCH

According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The family, is so to speak, the domestic church." (Lumen Gentium #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. In the following bullet points you will find some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family. Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer, and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.
- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions).
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to Confession & Mass!
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshiping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling – go to: www.MassTimes.org. . . to find a church near you!
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
- Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.



For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: www.domestic-church.com. . . or visit The Family Fully Alive. . . , sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

THE ABC'S OF FOSTERING VOCATIONS

ABC

A: Answer your children's questions about priesthood or Religious life; never discourage them or ridicule them if they bring it up. **Ask your child to identify a**

talent which he or she has, and imagine together what work or ministry God might want someone to do with that type of talent. Also talk about what good things can be done with the talent right now. For instance, singing talent could be used to sing a baby brother or sister to sleep. Talent at soccer could be used to help someone on the team who needs extra practice.

B: Bring your family to the next ordination Mass or prayer vigil for Religious.

C: Challenge teens and young adults to consider a Church-related vocation. Tell them about the gifts in ministry you see in them. Encourage them to participate in at least one special vocation event (ordination, vocation retreat, Focus 11, etc.). **Cultivate an attitude of service** by responding as a family to the needs of others. Seek out those in need and find ways to care for them.

D: Discuss your own vocation to family life, explaining that God calls some people to priesthood or religious life, some to marriage, and some to life as single laypeople. You can talk about vocations firsthand!

E: Encourage your children to be involved in the liturgical life of the parish as servers, lectors, musicians, etc. (and see to it that they get there on time). **Explore the feelings you might experience** should one of your children choose to give his or her life to Church ministry and discuss with your spouse your feelings and reactions if one of your children decided to become a Priest or Religious.

F: Find opportunities to affirm the gifts and talents of your children, and help them relate their gifts to various career and life choices (including priesthood and religious life).

G: Guide your junior high child to pray that he or she might discover and use the gifts God has given.

H: Have a priest come and bless your home. Have your younger children make a cross to hang in each bedroom in your home.

I: Include the diocesan vocation prayer in your personal and family prayer, especially on Wednesdays. **Invite a priest, brother or sister** to dinner or to an outing with your family.

J: Join together in prayer as a family; include a short vocations prayer when you pray before meals (especially on Wednesday).

K: Keep an eye open for TV shows and movies that present Gospel-centered role models. Watch them with your children and engage in a discussion.

L: Let your children see their Baptism pictures. Have the children make and send a card or note to the priest who baptized them promising him they will pray for them. **Let your children notice an attitude of openness** to God's will in you.

M: Make time for teenagers in your life: your children and their friends, nieces and nephews, babysitters, etc.

N: Name the gifts of each family member on their

birthday. Express gratitude for these gifts.

O: On the date of your child's baptism, talk about the life of the saint for whom the child is named (or the saint's day it is). There is plenty of information about the background of saints on the Internet. The saints are people from all walks of life who tried to make a positive difference in the world--a goal as real today as it was for the saints.

P: Pray for the seminarians of the diocese by name if you can find out their names; you may want to "spiritually adopt" one of them.

Q: Quiz your children and discuss with them stories of calls in Scripture (e.g. Mary's response to God in Luke 1:26-39, Jesus' calling the Apostles in Mt 4:18-22, etc.).

R: Remember in prayer by name those who minister to your family and include in your family prayers petitions for those called to priesthood and consecrated life.

S: Set aside a "family time" each week for kids to talk about what is happening in lives. Let them share about their day. **Share the story of your own vocational choice** with your children. Celebrate the occasion of your wedding anniversary as you share the story of your vocation to married life. **Support and participate in any school or parish vocation activities.**

T: Talk about your family's ethnic or cultural heritage at supper, while driving in the car, or at some other time when family members are all together. Pass along memories of cultural aspects of holiday and other celebrations that you remember. **Talk positively and enthusiastically about the priests,** sisters, brothers, and deacons in your parish and share with your children the stories of the priests or sisters who have inspired you and how (e.g. priest at your wedding, or baptized your children, priests or religious from school, etc.). **Tell your children why you chose your particular profession.** Who helped you form your decision?

U: Use books and videos to familiarize your children with saints who are priests or vowed religious. Use these lives of the saints as a springboard for discussion on these lifestyles. **Utilize opportunities to share your vocation** as parents: what you value, how you came to that decision, and the importance of faith in your life.

V: Visit Churches and Shrines while on vacation and offer prayers together as a family.

W: Witness to your own vocation by telling stories about how you fell in love. Let the children see the love and care that parents have for each other.

XYZ: The end of the alphabet, but certainly not the end of ways or ideas to foster vocations at home!



PRAY THE ROSARY AS A FAMILY FOR HOLY VOCATIONS

Families and Vocations

"Christian revelation presents the two vocations to love: marriage and virginity."

In some societies today, not only marriage and the family, but also vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, are often in a state of crisis. The two situations are inseparable:

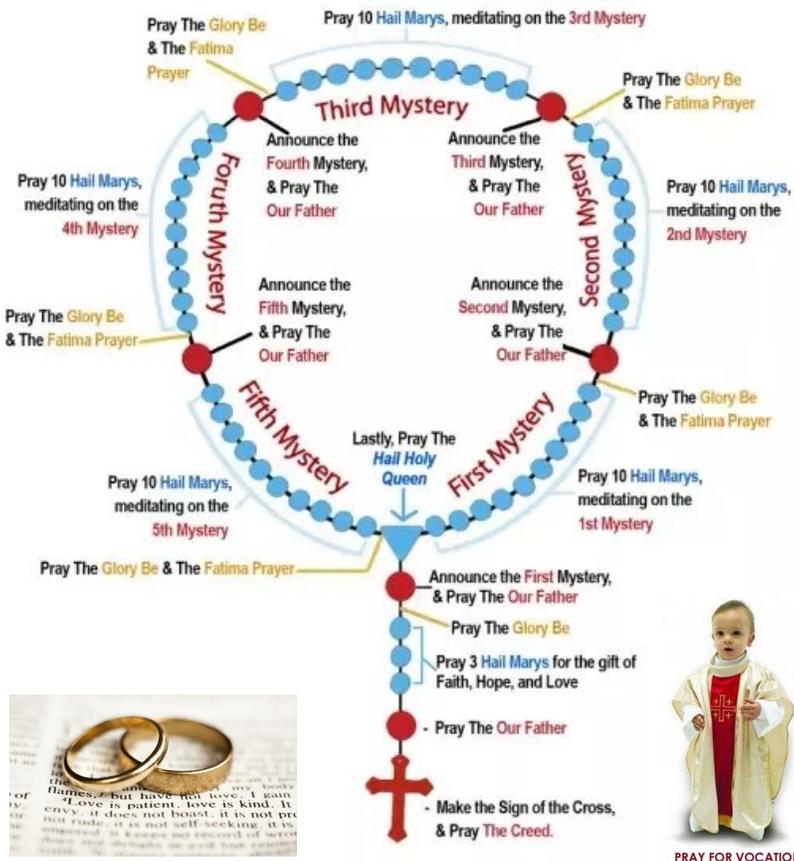
"When marriage is not esteemed, neither can consecrated virginity or celibacy exist; when human sexuality is not regarded as a great value given by the Creator, the renunciation of it for the sake of the kingdom of heaven loses its meaning".

A lack of vocations follows from the breakdown of the family, yet where parents are generous in welcoming life, children will be more likely to be generous when it comes to the question of offering themselves to God:

"Families must once again express a generous love for life and place themselves at its service above all by accepting the children which the Lord wants to give them with a sense of responsibility not detached from peaceful trust", and they may bring this acceptance to fulfilment not only "through a continuing educational effort but also through an obligatory commitment, at times perhaps neglected, to help teenagers especially and young people to accept the vocational dimension of every living being, within God's plan..."

Human life acquires fullness when it becomes a self-gift: a gift which can express itself in matrimony, in consecrated virginity, in self-dedication to one's neighbour towards an ideal, or in the choice of priestly ministry. Parents will truly serve the life of their children if they help them make their own lives a gift, respecting their mature choices and fostering joyfully each vocation, including the religious and priestly one."

Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality: Guidelines for Education within the Family, Pontifical Council for the Family, 1995



HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE?

8 REASONS TO PRAY FOR HIM OR HER

 FOR THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD	 FOR THEIR EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH	 FOR THEM TO RESIST TEMPTATION	 FOR THEIR PURITY OF HEART, MIND AND BODY
 FOR THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS	 FOR THEM TO PROSPER AT THEIR PROJECTS	 FOR THEIR FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE TO YOU	 FOR YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE CHILDREN