

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **Vocation Sunday:** Is also called 'Good Shepherd Sunday' as the readings will often focus on Jesus being a shepherd for us.
Q: *Have you ever thought that Jesus does call some sheep to become 'shepherds'? We pray for all young people to hear God's call, wherever this may lead.*
- ❖ **Priesthood — Re-presentation:** Priests are a sacramental representation of Jesus. Living like Jesus in a spirit of total self-gift, they act in the person of Jesus Christ, the Head and Shepherd of the Church (Pastores Dabo Vobis, no 15). A priest lives and acts in such a way that the experience of Jesus truly present among his people is real and filled with sacred moments of encounter, in the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Holy Communion and Anointing – Healing.
Q: *Have you ever been thankful for the gift and ministry of a priest? What was most memorable about the experience? How could you encourage a young person to consider the call to service and leadership in the Church in your parish family on Vocation Sunday?*
- ❖ **A Gate:** Jesus identifies himself not only as a Shepherd but also a gate. In the Middle East, shepherds would gather their sheep together at night, sometimes creating a shelter or collection of wooden sticks to build a fence. Sometimes they may have built, with blocks, a square with a narrow gap, for the sheep to enter and exit. One shepherd would take the role of 'gatekeeper', lying down in the gap as an expression of caring for the sheep, not letting them out, and protecting the sheep from any danger coming in.
Q: *What does this image reveal to you about Jesus and the priest? Have you noticed how all vocations, at their core, involve one 'laying down their life'? Which vocation lifestyle is most attractive to you: Mother, Father, Priest, Brother, Sister, or Single Life?*
- ❖ **Call — Desire:** "God writes his hopes and plans for you into your desires" (says St Ignatius). Persistent thoughts, attractions, ideas, desires that don't go away are signs of the nudges of the Holy Spirit and God's desire at work in us.
Q: *What is your deepest desire? Enjoy a conversation with God about your response to this vocation question this week.*
- ❖ **They Know My Voice:** the sheep recognise the difference between the voice of the shepherd and strangers; the Spirit of God and the spirit of the world. The sheep know they will be safe and led to life and pasture as long as they listen.
Q: *How could you listen more to the voice of Jesus in prayer, and with the Gospel stories this week?*

Reflection of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV at the Prayer Vigil for Peace — 11th April, 2026

War divides; hope unites. Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, nor an anesthetic to numb the pain. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us toward encounter and inspires us to appeal to God. Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom in which there is only dignity, understanding and forgiveness.

The balance within the human family has been severely destabilised. Even the holy Name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death. A world of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father vanishes, giving way to a reality populated by enemies. We are met by threats, rather than the invitation to listen and to come together. Brothers and sisters, those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death.

Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown in serving life. With evangelical simplicity, Saint John XXIII once wrote: "*The benefits of peace will be felt everywhere, by individuals, by families, by nations, by the whole human race.*" And echoing the incisive words of Pius XII, he added: "*Nothing is lost by peace; everything may be lost by war*" (Encyclical Letter [Pacem in Terris](#), 116).

We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day — in our homes, schools, neighbourhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter. Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!

We must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the pace of a world that does not know what it is chasing. Rather, we must return to serving the rhythm of life, the harmony of creation and healing its wounds. The Church is a great people at the service of reconciliation and peace. She advances without hesitation. She proclaims the Gospel of peace and instills obedience to God rather than any human authority. "Throughout the world, it is to be hoped that every community become a 'house of peace,' where one learns how to defuse hostility through dialogue, where justice is practised and forgiveness is cherished." ([Message for World Day of Peace](#), 1 January 2026).

** Pray, Reflect, Grow with the Sunday Readings at www.livingtheword.org.nz



CALENDAR

MONDAY

April 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY

April 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

April 29
St. Catherine
of Siena, Virgin
and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY

April 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

May 2
St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY

May 3
Fifth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20b-25 /
John 10:1-10

MIGUEL DULICK

It is “**Good Shepherd Sunday**,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). •

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OFFERTORY: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (No. 712)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART (No. 940)

FINAL: ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN (No. 518) PLEASE STAND

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Sunday, 26 April 2026

ENTRANCE: ALLELUIA NO. 1 (No. 524) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

**Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.**

GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized,

every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. (R)
2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff that give me courage. (R)
3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (R)
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 2:20b-25

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter:

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL: Jn 10:1-10

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

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."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Good Shepherd, hear our prayer."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

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