

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people."*

April 25-26, 2026 | Fourth Sunday of Easter



MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Mother's Day Brunch

You are invited to the annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10. Mothers eat for free! Adults and kids over 16 are \$15.00, families with children under 16 are \$30.00, and couples are \$15.00. Tickets will be available after Masses on April 25 - 26, and May 2 - 3.



Please join us for the dedication of the Mary Garden on Sunday, May 10th at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Join us!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-6

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 25

Religious Ed class 11:15 AM

OCIA Class 11:15 AM

Faith in Action Meeting 11:15 AM

Tuesday, April 28

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM

The Kingdom Yet to Come 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 29

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Confirmation with Bishop/potluck 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 30

KOC Officer's & Director's Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, May 1

Share the Word (Sunday readings) 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 3

Food Sunday

Fr. Tom's Birthday Party 11:00 AM

OCIA Class 11:15 AM

Sacristans/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee and Donut Hosts

Saturday, May 2

Sacristans - Patrick and Rebecca

Lector - Rosalie

Eucharistic Ministers - Peggy E., Melinda

Sunday, May 3

Sacristans - Dave and Cathy

Lector - Laurie S.

Eucharistic Ministers - Cindy G., Linda H.,

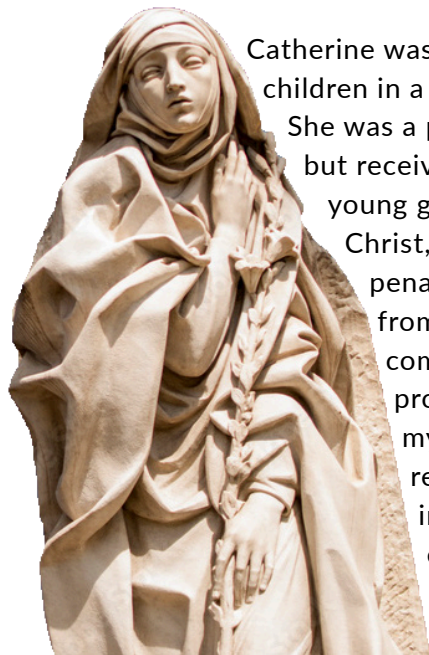
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May 3 - No coffee & donuts

Be the
LIGHT
Matthew 5:14

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

A LIFE OF COURAGE, DEVOTION, AND COMMITMENT TO CHRIST



Catherine was born in 1347, the youngest of 25 children in a middle-class family in Siena, Italy.

She was a pious child even from a young age but received no formal education. While a young girl, she decided to give herself to

Christ, choosing to fast, pray, and do penance, despite constant persecution from family, friends, and the

community. God blessed her for her profound charity with visions and mystical phenomena, such as

receiving the stigmata (though invisibly) and being spiritually espoused to Christ himself. She

underwent heroic fasts and penances to save sinners from Hell, and she served the poor, the

sick and the imprisoned. She converted so many sinners through both gentle and confrontational words that confessors were assigned specifically to take care of those who sought the Sacrament of Confession after speaking with her. In her simplicity, she obeyed God when He called her to speak and write to both the rich and the poor. She rebuked two popes and told them to move their court from Avignon, France, back to Rome, and against all odds, Pope Urban VI did return to Rome.

She served as a peacemaker, healing feuds between families and entire cities. Her profound love for Christ in the Eucharist and willingness to mortify herself in penance for herself and others led to another gift; in the final years of her life, she consumed only the Eucharist and couldn't retain ordinary food. She died in 1380 at the age of thirty-three. Though her writings were limited, they were deeply mystical, and her influence on the Church - from the pope down to the poor-- is still felt today. She was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

[Jesus said to Catherine,] "Each of you has your own vineyard, your soul, in which your free will is the appointed worker during this life. Once the time of your life has passed, your will can work neither for good nor for evil; but while you live it can till the vineyard of your soul where I have placed it."

--Saints, becoming an image of Christ every day of the year



Vacation Bible School

June 22-26, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, April 26 - Sue Kerschen+

Tuesday, April 28 - Padernal Family+

Wednesday, April 29 - Dutch VanBlaricom+

Saturday, May 2 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Parish Offerings

Income	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,385.00	2,090.00
Plate	\$ 750.00	748.00
Online gifts	\$ 1750.00	2,532.25
Building fund		25.00
Kid's Fund		22.50
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Mass at 4:00 p.m. (optional)

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