



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
MAY 11, 2025, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

8:00 a.m. Marie Pulaski (Holudnik Family)

4:30 p.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers  
*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

8:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers

10:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers

11:30 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

7:45 a.m. Blaine Burgert (Barb, Lance & Marcy)

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

7:45 a.m. Eugene Manik (Wife)

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Confessions

6:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

7:45 a.m. Angie Serwonski (Patty & Paul)

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**

7:45 a.m. Tom Kinsey Sr. (Tom Kinsey Jr.)

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

**Friday, May 16, 2025**

7:45 a.m. Anna & Mike Bielick (Family)

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

8:00 a.m. Bob & Alice Waltz (Joe)

2:00 p.m. Madigan/Yezovich Wedding

4:30 p.m. Rob Dallara (Boccabella Family)  
*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

8:00 a.m. John & Evelyn Manning (Toots)  
*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

10:00 a.m. Dan Martin (Denise)  
*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

**Queen of Angels Catholic School**

**Jennifer Filak, Principal**

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[www.svdpgreensburg.org](http://www.svdpgreensburg.org) - 724-691-3711

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Parish Office: 724-863-9550

**Parish Office Hours:**  
8 am to 3 pm

# PASTOR'S NOTES

## Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter has always been referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The image of the Shepherd is one of intimacy; of listening and being attentive to those that are being watched over: “My sheep hear my voice...and they follow me.” When one considers the prevalence of sheep and shepherd images in Scripture we can understand why this is such a powerful image. Sheep are the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible with about 400 references. The figure of a shepherd gets the honor of about 100 references. In this nomadic and agricultural culture, sheep gained a reputation as symbols of spiritual realities. Shepherds were tenders of flocks and therefore seen as leaders and providers. It was the task of a shepherd to lead his sheep at night away from predators into a safe sheepfold where they could graze, water and sleep. The shepherds never left their flocks for without them, the sheep would die. Shepherds often symbolized moral innocence and their piety was often idealized. It was no accident that the shepherds were the ones to first announce the birth of Jesus.

Although this was a vital and important image for the early Christians, it certainly doesn't have the same impact on people living in this modern world. In fact, people are often insulted when they are referred to as sheep. People often see sheep as being dirty and stupid. When we get right down to it, how many people living in our mostly urban society have ever seen sheep? One can spend a whole lifetime and never even see live sheep.

If we are to believe polls, Christian people do not see their religious leaders as “shepherds” today. We often see those pictures and statues of the Good Shepherd with a cute little lamb draped over his shoulder which may mislead us into thinking that following Jesus is a sweet, pious and easy venture. But Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and the Lamb who was slain. Encountering Jesus as the shepherd opens us to his care and love for us; encountering Jesus as the Lamb who was slain open us to the cost of following Jesus. While following the Good Shepherd leads us to “eternal life,” the way of discipleship is not easy. As the first reading reminds us, discipleship always takes us through suffering, rejection and persecution. However, no matter what the cost of following Jesus we are not alone nor are we abandoned to our own resources. The risen Jesus is always present within us. No matter what we might encounter in following Jesus, nothing or no one can take us out of his care. This is, indeed Easter Good News.

Longing for wholeness and goodness is at the very center of who we are. However, how we go about finding this is up to us. Some people choose to focus on themselves, amassing as much money or wealth as they can since these seem to promise security and pleasure. Some people control other people, thinking power can make them whole. Others try to be “goody, goody two shoes,” attracting others to a false image of themselves that cannot last. Still others withdraw within themselves trying to shut out the evil and sadness and loss of hope which is around us.

And then there are those who get it right: the only true way to wholeness and goodness is to follow Jesus along the path of self-sacrifice, willing to be a lamb for the sake of others. This is what Good Shepherd Sunday is all about; it's about a God who so deeply cares for us that the only Son became the lamb and was slain. We will ultimately be saved not by power, but by pastoral caring and gentleness.

## Happy Mother's Day!

Today we pause to remember our Mom's. If you are lucky enough to have your mom with you, make this a special day for her by showing how much she is loved and appreciated. If your mom is no longer with you, she is in your heart so remember her in your thoughts and prayers. To all of our Mothers we wish you a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!

~Father Mike



## CANDLES

### **Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory Pope Francis

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory Bernard & Marion Arendas (Barb)

### **St. Peregrine Candle:**

Special Intention for Cancer Patients

### **Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Richard Gonzales Jr. (Mother)

### **St. Joseph's Candle:**

In Memory of Ed & Doloris Starzenski  
(Fisher Family)

### **Altar Candles for the Month of May:**

In Memory of the Behr & Montrose Families  
(Kulik Family)

### **Paschal Candle:**

In Memory of James & Anna Tempero  
(Daughters)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550

**Please pray for the families of Jack Roe, Joan Moineau, Paul Merlino Jr., Clara Mielcarek and all of our faithful departed.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## ***PRAYER FOR MOTHERS***

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

## ***GRATITUDE FOR MOTHER PRAYER***

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of earthly life, in particular for the life of my mother. Thank you for all the years I enjoyed with her. I praise you that she stood with me through the good times and the bad times. I cherish the memories of times of joy and times of sorrow. As she is now at rest with you, I thank you for the hope of a future in your presence that we will share together. Now may you, the Lord of Peace, give me peace at all times and in every way. I ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## SACRAMENTS

### **Anointing of the Sick**

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass.

### **Matrimony**

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact the parish office one year in advance of the Wedding.

### **Baptism**

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized please email Susan Cheplic at [skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register for Baptism Preparation.

### **Confession**

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m.  
(except for the first Saturday of the month)

### **Divine Mercy**

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.



**Eucharistic Adoration is on Tuesdays after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm.**

*"Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence." ~Pope Francis*

## **Sunday Offertory**

**April 27 - \$12,910.00**

## **Online Giving**

**April 28 - May 4- \$4,155.40**

***Thank you for supporting our parish!***

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the process.



If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## CONFIRMATION

**Please pray for those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation Thursday May 15th.**

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUPS

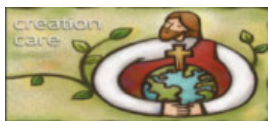
Two Grief Share groups are available:

Monday evenings Grief Share support group will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Children's Liturgy Room on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Gerri Dornin at [gdornin@comcast.net](mailto:gdornin@comcast.net) to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

Thursday afternoons Grief Share support group will be held at St. Agnes in the Bertolina Room in the Faith Formation Center (Old Convent), Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. Contact Audrey Quinlan at [audreyquinlan@comcast.net](mailto:audreyquinlan@comcast.net) to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

### Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers

**Please sign up for Ascension Masses ON THE MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO APP OR WEBSITE. If you have problems signing up please contact Bridget Deveney at [bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org)**



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team follows the Church's teachings to Care for Our Common Home with various programs such as recycling, ecological education, and service. The team meets the third Tuesday of each month (the location varies). Please contact Dave Wasil at [dwasil@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dwasil@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more information.



**We would like to congratulate those who have received their First Holy Communion. We will continue to pray for those who will receive in the coming weeks.**



### Attention Graduating Seniors

**Mark your calendars the Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday June 1, 2025 at 10:00 am Mass. An invitation was mailed with more details. If you did not receive an invitation please contact the parish office at 724-863-9550.**



For the month of May our local St. Vincent De Paul Conference will be sponsoring a "Hygiene Help Donation Program" to benefit Brother's Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh. Boxes will be set up in the vestibules of both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception churches. We are asking parishioners to purchase & donate one or more of the following items for BBF's Disaster Relief efforts locally, in the U.S. and around the world. Please note that each item should be trial or travel size only except for bar soap. Items needed include: hand sanitizer; deodorant; body wash; tissues; toothpaste; toothbrushes; shampoo; conditioner (or both in one); bar soap; lotion; Chapstick; flushable wipes, feminine hygiene tampons and feminine hygiene pads. Brother's Brother Foundation will use your donated items to put together "Personal Hygiene Kits" for people suffering from war and natural disasters. Their most recent humanitarian aid efforts have included the California wildfires; Hurricane Helene in North Carolina and the war in Ukraine. For more information about Brother's Brother Foundation, please visit their website: [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org). For info about our "Hygiene Help Donation Program," please contact Carl Becker @ 412-751-5029. Thank you for helping those in need.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY STUDENT SUMMER PART TIME POSITION

Candidates must be at least 17 years old. The position is Monday-Friday, approximately 20-25 hours per week and requires physical labor (mainly grass cutting & weed trimming). Candidates must have the ability to obtain all necessary clearances. For more info please contact Courtney Ruby, Business Manager, at (724) 863-9550 or [cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Thank you to everyone who supported  
the May Burger Bash!  
Save the Date the next Burger Bash is  
June 14!**

Thank You Sponsors  
Kinsey Charitable Fund  
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Shaffer Memorials  
New Crescent Brewing Co.  
Welty's Auto Parts  
Jordan Banana  
Pantalone Funeral Home  
**Upcoming Dates**  
July 12 & August 9



Our Diocesan goal is **\$162,067.00**. On the diocesan level, these monies support the international priests, seminarian's education, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries. Secondly, any monies over the diocesan goal will stay here at Immaculate Conception parish to support our missions, ministries, and to assist with upkeep of our parish buildings and grounds.

**As of April 30th, total pledged is \$118,611.58.  
That is only 73.2% of our Diocesan goal.**

Please remember if Immaculate Conception Parish does not reach our diocesan goal, the parish will receive a bill for the difference that must be paid out of our parish savings. If we have to use our parish savings then we will not have money in the savings for other parish needs. Also it is important to understand the money in our savings is your offertory from previous years.

It is important to note that every penny we raise above our Diocesan goal is **ASSESMENT FREE**. That means all those dollars stay here at Immaculate Conception parish.

*Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2025  
Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift.  
Thank you for your support!*

*To donate online visit - <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/diocesan-lenten-appeal/dla-donate/>*





## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

*Of the Lord*

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception

8:30 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:00 pm (Noon) at Immaculate Conception

6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

On this Ascension Day, let us give thanks to Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven but left us the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us always.



# MEMORIAL DAY MASS

REMEMBER AND HONOR

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AT  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY

ON MAY 26, 2025 AT 8:00 AM

*\*Please bring a chair. If it rains Mass will be  
at Immaculate Conception Church\**





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### JUNE 23RD-26TH

9AM TO 12:30PM

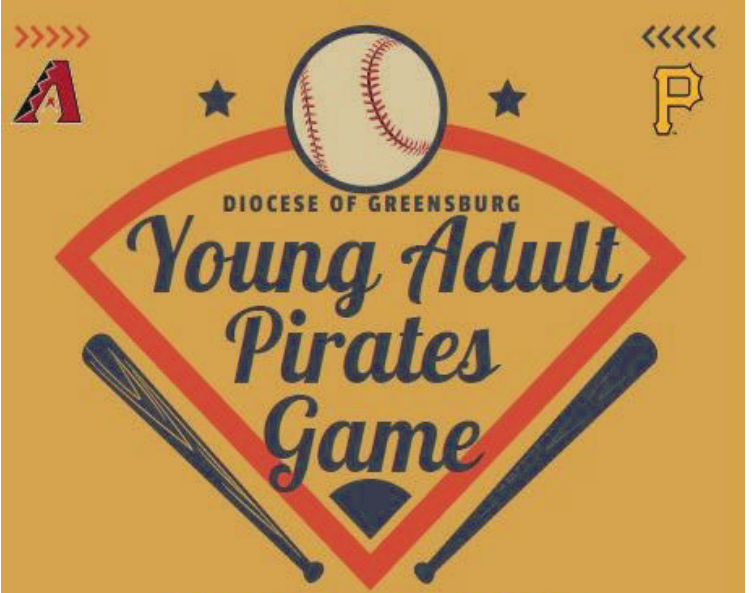
FAITH

MUSIC

ARTS & CRAFTS

For More Information contact Susan Cheplic  
[skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org)  
 Scan the QR code to register- \$25 per child!





DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG


## Young Adult Pirates Game

SATURDAY, JULY 26 2025


### PNC PARK

GAME BEGINS AT 6:40PM

**TICKETS: \$39**



TICKETS INCLUDE A \$5 FOOD/DRINK VOUCHER AT THE GAME  
THERE WILL BE A DRONE SHOW AT THE END OF THE GAME  
PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION  
YOUNG FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WELCOME





# ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Queen of Angels Catholic School Taco Kit Fundraiser

\$10 from each Taco Kit sold from this event will go toward supporting their cause!  
Pick-up will be on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 at Queen of Angels Gymnasium -  
One Main St, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 at 5 PM.

**Order Deadline:** Orders must be placed by Monday, May 12th at 12 pm but may sell out prior to the deadline, so don't wait! No orders can be accepted on-site. Questions? Contact our Ruth Ann Noblick at [rnoblick@queenofangels.org](mailto:rnoblick@queenofangels.org) **\*\*Taco Kits are \$43/each plus tax and serve 4-6 people. They are hot and ready to eat upon pickup. To minimize room for error and maximize efficiency, there are no substitutions within the kits\*\***

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## Father + Daughter Dance

Sponsored by  
Greensburg Catholic Schoolhouse  
and Jeanette Catholic parishes

Friday, June 6, 2025

6:30 to 8:30 pm

St. Anthony's Hall

Ascension Parish, Jeannette

Join us for a very special evening  
of music, food, drinks, and fun!

\$20 per couple

\$5 per additional daughter

Register here



More info? 412-607-8050 or  
[greensburgpa@catholicschoolhouse.com](mailto:greensburgpa@catholicschoolhouse.com)

## NCYC 2025

## I AM | YO SOY

November 20 - 22

Indianapolis

**Teens currently in 8th - 11th Grade are invited to join us on a 3 day Journey of Faith**

All will experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. Join us for an unforgettable encounter with Christ that will shape your spiritual journey.

**Registration: \$100**  
**limited number of tickets available**

Total Cost: \$550 includes: hotel, bus, tickets, swag and a Diocesan group dinner

Check with your Youth Minister for fundraising opportunities and parish specific costs / additional information or email [ffd@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ffd@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



SCAN TO REGISTER

or visit

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ncyc/](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ncyc/)



## CAR WASH

## FUNDRAISER

Sunday

May 18

10:00 - 2:00

Advance Auto Parts

12209 US 30

Across from Norwin Town Square

All Donations  
Benefit  
Troop 293

We'll also be selling  
Anchor Hoagies  
**Italian**  
**\$8**



## KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

**Come Encounter the Truth of the Gospel**

**What is the Kerygma Discipleship Retreat?**

A three-day opportunity for men and women to:

- Hear the Gospel with new ears
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus
- Discover a faith that leads to joyful living

**What are people saying?**

"Kerygma was like getting a key that unlocked a door inside of me. Since the Holy Spirit opened that door, I am so happy to have access to this part of my life."

"I truly believe that this was the most transformative retreat that I have attended and I am so blessed and grateful that I was there. It is such a great opportunity for every age group."

"After the retreat, my prayer life changed. My husband and I are praying together as a couple, which was not a priority before. As a family, the way we pray with our daughters has also changed. I came to a new understanding of what it means to give my troubles to God."

**What is included?**

- A three day retreat experience
- Accommodations at Christ Our Shepherd Center (commuters are also welcome)
- 8 delicious meals
- Opportunity for Confession, Prayer, Adoration, and Sunday Mass
- Pricing as low as \$50 for those from the Diocese of Greensburg depending on accommodation. (No one will be turned away for inability to pay.)



**May 16-18, 2025**

Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

[DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma)



PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALTAR SERVERS

# Jubilee Mass

for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life  
Saturday, June 14, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg  
Confessions 11 a.m. | Mass 12 Noon | Pizza Party to follow  
Special Recognition of Altar Servers

RSVP: [ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



MEN OF HIGH SCHOOL AGE: SAVE THE DATE

## QUO VADIS DAYS JULY 21-23

CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER, GREENSBURG  
RSVP: [GreensburgPriest.org](http://GreensburgPriest.org)


GREAT TALKS  
PRAYER  
RECREATION

PRESENTED BY  
PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG  
OFFICE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
INVITES HIGH SCHOOL MEN  
AND YOUNG ADULT MEN FOR

**FREE BASEBALL NIGHT  
WITH THE  
ALTOONA CURVE**



**JUNE 12 | 6:30PM**

**FIREWORKS NIGHT! DINNER ON US!**  
DEPART FROM DELMONT AT 4 PM



**REGISTER BY MAY 16  
@ WEBSITE BELOW**

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG  
[WWW.GREENSBURGPRIEST.ORG](http://WWW.GREENSBURGPRIEST.ORG)

Diocese of Pittsburgh & The Diocese of Greensburg present

# CATHOLIC KENNYWOOD DAY


July 16, 2025




FROM THE ARK TO THE THUNDERBOLT  
TRUSTING IN GOD'S ADVENTURE

**Join The Diocese of Greensburg For a Day of Fun**

11:00am Pick-up Tickets at Main Gate	Dinner Includes:
1:00pm Youth Activities	Chicken Tenders
3:00pm Confession	Hamburgers
4:00pm Praise and Worship	Hot Sausage
4:30pm Mass with Bishop Zubick	Macaroni & Cheese
5:15pm Community Dinner	& More!

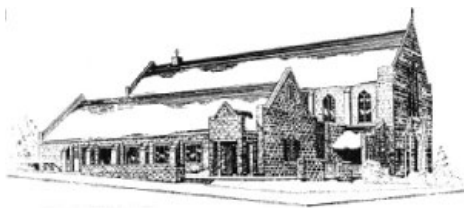


**General Admission with Dinner: \$45.50**  
Kids 6 & Under Eat Free  
General Admission without Meal: \$32.99  
(For Season Ticket Holders) Cost of meal only: \$12.50  
Add on a Catholic Kennywood 2025 T-shirt: \$12-\$14 depending on size



Diocese of Greensburg





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025 - Order of the Mass

## VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:  
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,  
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.  
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and  
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Shephard, You Know Us



1. Good Shep-herd, you know us, you call us by name.  
2. Good Shep-herd, you warn us of rob - bers and thieves,  
3. Good Shep-herd, you lay down your life for the sheep.  
4. At one with the Fa - ther, you made your - self known:



You lead us; we glad - ly ac - knowl - edge your claim.  
The hire - ling, the wolf who de - stroys and de - ceives.  
Your love is not fick - le, your gift is not cheap.  
"I am the Good Shep - herd," at one with your own.



Your voice has com - pelled us; we come at your call.  
All praise for your prom - ise on which we shall stand,  
You spend your life free - ly, you take it a - gain.  
You loved us be - fore we had heed - ed or heard;



And none you have cho - sen will fi - nal - ly fall.  
That no one can snatch us from out of your hand.  
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.  
By grace we re - spond to your life - giv - ing word.

*All:*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we  
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

*Choir (Congr. ad lib):*

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you  
take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our  
prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

*All:*

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were Worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 100  
*Michel Guimont*

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

### SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:  
"My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life,  
and they shall never perish.  
No one can take them out of my hand.  
My Father, who has given them to me,  
is greater than all,  
and no one can take them  
out of the Father's hand.  
The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.





Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

Refrain

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his  
arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,  
lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:9ff; Ezekiel 34:11ff; Matthew 11:28ff. Text and music © 1976, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP.  
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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Sing With All the Saints in Glory

## HYMN TO JOY

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -  
2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has  
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who  
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what  
1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,  
3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es;  
4. joy un - known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,  
1. To the form - er days be - long. All a - round the  
2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from  
4. Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! Oh, to en - ter  
1. clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's  
2. Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry  
3. dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,  
4. that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment, Know, with  
1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.  
2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.  
3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.  
4. you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 87 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812–1893; fr. *Psalms and Hymns*, 1873, alt.  
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