

Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church Iglesia Católica Santa Rita de Casia



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine
and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down
my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

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CUARTO DOMINGO DE

Pascua

22 DE ABRIL DE 2018

Yo soy el buen pastor,
porque conozco a mis
ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí,
así como el Padre
me conoce a mí y yo
conozco al Padre.
Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas.

Juan 10:14-15



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Upcoming events! - ¡Próximos eventos!

ProLife - Tuesday, April 24th - 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. - Planned Parenthood

ProVida - martes 24 de abril - 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. - Planned Parenthood

Presence - Wednesday, April 30th - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

Presence - Monday, May 1st - 9:30 a.m. - Parish Center

Come and See - Friday, April 27th - 6:00 p.m. - Parish Center

Ven y Mira - Viernes 27 de abril - 6:00 p.m. - Centro Parroquial

Find more information inside

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Aurora, Illinois 60506

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🕒 Mon - Fri, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Pastoral Message

A few weeks have passed since we celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Christ and we are still happy because our Lord is risen. We are also glad that one of the fundamental sacraments of our faith was established: the Eucharist.



However, many of us don't understand or give the importance that it's due to the miracle of the Eucharist that we witness every week. To get a better perspective on this topic, the Adult Formation committee in the Evangelization Department at St. Rita of Cascia will be hosting a five-week study titled "The Mystery of the Eucharist" (sessions will be conducted in English, but a Spanish study will be coming soon.)

The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus Christ: body, blood, soul and divinity. This program explores the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist and shows how we can establish a deeper relationship with God. The study takes us from the origins of the Eucharist found in the scriptures to the profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

The study will be available in two different schedules: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting April 25, or Mondays at 9:30 a.m. starting April 30 and is held during five consecutive weeks. Participants will meet in the parish center.

The sessions feature a video and participants will have the opportunity to share their points of view about the topic. The materials for the 5-week study are \$10. The first five people who register will receive their study materials for free.

For more information contact me at 630-892-6089.

Julieta Jacobo

Mensaje Pastoral

Han pasado unas cuantas semanas de la celebración de la Pascua de Resurrección y todavía sentimos esa alegría por la resurrección de nuestro Señor y la institución de la Eucaristía como sacramento fundamental de nuestra fe.

Sin embargo, muchos de nosotros no entendemos o le damos la debida importancia al milagro de la eucaristía que presenciamos cada semana. Para profundizar un poco más en este gran legado el comité de Formación para Adultos del Departamento de Evangelización de Santa Rita va a realizar un estudio de cinco semanas de duración titulado "Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía" (este estudio se realizará en inglés, pero próximamente estará disponible en español).

La eucaristía es la verdadera presencia de Jesús: cuerpo, sangre, espíritu y divinidad. Este programa explora el misterio radical del amor de Dios expresado en la eucaristía y nos invita a establecer una relación más profunda con Dios. El estudio nos lleva desde los orígenes de la eucaristía que se encuentran en las escrituras hasta el papel primordial que tiene en la vida de la iglesia y sus miembros.

El estudio está disponible en dos horarios: los miércoles a las 7 p.m. a partir del 25 de abril, o los lunes a las 9:30 a.m. a partir del 30 de abril y consta de cinco semanas. Los participantes se reunirán en el centro parroquial para las sesiones.

Los participantes verán un video y tendrán oportunidad de hablar y compartir puntos de vista sobre el tema de la sesión. Los materiales para las cinco semanas tienen un costo de \$10. Las primeras cinco personas que se inscriban para este estudio recibirán su material de estudio gratis.

Para mayor información comunicarse conmigo al 630-892-6089.

Julieta Jacobo

Movie Night at St. Rita

Join us for a movie night at Saint Rita on Tuesday, **May 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

Our movie this month is **The Shack**: After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.



Tarde de películas en Santa Rita

Los esperamos para una tarde de películas en Santa Rita el martes **1 de mayo a las 7:00 p.m.** en el Centro Parroquial.

Nuestra película de este mes es **La Cabaña**: Después de sufrir una tragedia familiar, Mack Phillips cae en una profunda depresión que le lleva a cuestionar todas sus creencias. Sumido en una crisis de fe, recibe una enigmática carta donde un misterioso personaje le cita en una cabaña abandonada en lo más profundo de los bosques de Oregon. A pesar de sus dudas, Mack viaja a la cabaña, donde se encontrará con alguien inesperado. Este encuentro conducirá a Mack a enfrentarse a importantes verdades, que no solo transformarán su comprensión de la tragedia, sino que harán que su vida cambie para siempre. **En inglés con subtítulos en español.**

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Saturday, April 21

8:00AM Mass – ✕ Beatrice Walter
11:30AM Misa – XV Lilimelda Barrera
1:00PM Misa – Wedding Samantha Zidek and Alex de la Cruz
4:30PM Mass – ✕ Donna Dureanceau
6:00PM Misa – ✕ Anselmo Ocón, ✕ Justino Contreras

Sunday, April 22

8:30AM Mass – ✕ Bishop Daminh Mai Luong
10:15AM Mass – ✕ Alvin Gerbermann
12:00PM Misa – ✕ Isidoro Hernández
7:00PM Misa – Cumpleaños de Antonio Arciga Garcia

Monday, April 23

7:30AM Mass – Health of Linda Martin

Tuesday, April 24

7:30AM Mass – ✕ Courtney Voda
9:00AM Mass –

Wednesday, April 25

7:30AM Mass – ✕ Salvador Velázquez, ✕ Aurora León
✕ Rosaelia Barajas
7:00PM Misa –

Thursday, April 26

7:30AM Mass – Living & deceased members of the Gaul family

Friday, April 27

7:30AM Mass –

Saturday, April 28

8:00AM Mass – ✕ Vincent Walter
1:00PM Misa – XV Marlene Castro
4:30PM Mass – ✕ Violet Huberty
6:00PM Misa –

Sunday, April 29

8:30AM Mass – ✕ Fr. Loi Mai, ✕ Quinn Mai
10:15AM Mass – Living and deceased members of the Bachmeier and Pfeiffer families
12:00PM Misa –
7:00PM Misa –

EVENTS/EVENTOS

All events must be scheduled through the Parish Office.
No exceptions.

Monday, April 23

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Franciscan Room)
7:00pm Legión de María (Dominican Room)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Augustinian Room)
7:00pm Cub Scouts (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 24

9:00pm ESL Classes (Parish Center)
7:00pm Adult Sacramental Preparation (School)
7:00pm Mariachi Meeting (Augustinian Room)

Wednesday, April 25

7:00pm Misa (Capilla)
7:00pm Presence Bible Study (Augustinian Room)

Thursday, April 26

10:00am Legión de María (Franciscan Room)
6:00pm Church Cleaning Team #3 (Church)
7:00pm Legión de María (Augustinian Room)
7:00pm Práctica del coro (Dominican Rm)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)

Friday, April 27

6:30pm Grupo de oración (Chapel)
6:30pm Come and See (Augustinian Room)

Saturday, April 28

8:30am Men's Group

Pray for the Sick/Oremos por los Enfermos



* Fr. Lou Busemeyer SJ * Kate Novak * Manuel Jacobo * Mary Cassidy * Deacon Bruce Waterman * Merrilee Lubshina * Josefina García * Leopoldo González * Dorothy Gallenbach * Michael Kelly * Margarita Alegría * Benjamin Silva * Deacon Norb Szudarski * Velia Lizalde * Andrés Martínez * Alejandro Nieves * Daniela Sánchez * Margarita Briones * Matthew Harrington * Maria J. Soto * Jane Fermazin * Alicia Herrera * Francisco Hernández * Maria Leathers

Youth Group News

St. Rita Youth Group get together on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm at the Parish Center. Bring a friend or two. Can't wait to see you.

Due to an early bulletin deadline the weekly Stewardship of the Treasure report is not available. Look for the report next week.

Debido a que la fecha para enviar el boletín se adelantó unos días, el reporte de la colecta no está disponible. Se tendrán los dos reportes la próxima semana.

**April is the month dedicated to the Holy Eucharist & Holy Spirit
Abril es el mes dedicado a la Eucaristía y el Espíritu Santo**

**ST. RITA, AURORA
TOTUS TUUS**

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer camp held at our parish. Our youth are invited to come and experience that they can be a faithful Catholic and still have lots of fun. Through morning "pump up," silly skits and songs, snacks, recess, water fights, the Eucharist and so much more Totus Tuus infuses the element of fun into this program while the youth learn about God's love for them and the beauty of our Catholic faith!



College students including seminarians from our Diocese will share their energy, enthusiasm and love for Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Totus Tuus includes sacraments, skits, songs, games, Marian devotion, crafts, inspiring & interactive teaching & LOTS OF FUN!



We are looking forward to seeing your children at this exciting summer camp. Though the Totus Tuus team handles the teaching aspect there will still be need for a number of our wonderful volunteers to help make this a success. Thank you in advance for supporting this program.

Please contact Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089 or jjacobos@saintritaofcascia.org with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help this summer. Registration form is attached.

**1ST-6TH GRADES
MONDAY-FRIDAY
JUNE 11-15, 2018
9:00 AM-2:15 PM COST: \$25**



Please bring sack lunch labeled with your name. During recess team sports are encouraged, so bring Frisbees and sports balls. (Family max is \$50)

**7TH-12TH GRADES
SUNDAY-THURSDAY
JUNE 10-14, 2018
7:00-9:15 PM COST: \$10**



**ST. RITA, AURORA
TOTUS TUUS**

Totus Tuus es un campamento de verano de una semana de duración que se llevará a cabo en nuestra parroquia. Nuestros jóvenes están invitados a venir y saber que pueden ser católicos fieles y también divertirse muchísimo. A través de parodias divertidas, canciones, bocadillos, recreo, peleas con globos llenos de agua, la Eucaristía y mucho más, Totus Tuus infunde el elemento de diversión en este programa, a la vez que los jóvenes aprenden sobre el amor de Dios por ellos y la belleza de nuestra fe católica.



Estudiantes universitarios, incluyendo a seminaristas de nuestra Diócesis, compartirán su energía, entusiasmo y amor por Jesucristo y nuestra fe católica. Totus Tuus incluye sacramentos, parodias, canciones, juegos, devoción mariana, manualidades, enseñanza interactiva e inspiradora, y por supuesto MUCHA DIVERSIÓN.



Esperamos ver a sus hijos en este emocionante campamento de verano. Aunque el equipo de Totus Tuus se encarga del aspecto educativo del campamento, existe la necesidad de tener varios voluntarios para ayudar a hacer de este campamento un éxito. Gracias de antemano por apoyar este programa.

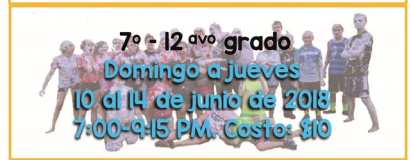
Si tiene preguntas o quiere ser voluntario este verano, por favor póngase en contacto con Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089 o jjacobos@saintritaofcascia.org.

**1º - 6º grado
Lunes a viernes
11 al 15 de junio de 2018
9:00 AM-2:15 PM. Costo: \$25**



Por favor traiga el almuerzo etiquetado con su nombre. Durante los recreos se fomentan los deportes en equipo, así que traigan balones deportivos. (Costo máximo por familia \$50)

**7º - 12º grado
Domingo a jueves
10 al 14 de junio de 2018
7:00-9:15 PM. Costo: \$10**



Pro Life

St. Ritas prays outside of Planned Parenthood on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next time will be on **Tuesday, April 24th.**

We are outside praying from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We are always in need of prayerful witnesses for life. If you have any questions, contact Linda Wish 630-901-5020. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

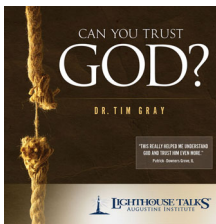


Por la vida

Santa Rita está afuera de Planned Parenthood el 4to martes de cada mes. Acompañenos el **martes 24 de abril.** Estaremos afuera de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm. Siempre necesitamos testigos de oración por la vida. Si tienen preguntas llamar a Linda Wish 630-901-5020. Favor de inscribirse en la Sala de Acogimiento.

**Featured CD
Can You Trust God?**

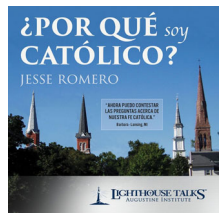
Since the fall of our first parents, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the love that God the Father has for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions that God is quick to anger, that the God of the Old and New Testaments are different, and that God doesn't have a merciful heart for us. You will see that you can trust our heavenly Father, who is truly one with his Son.



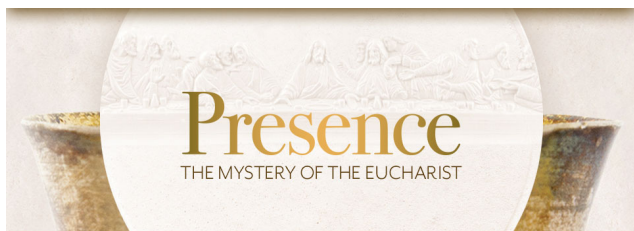
Stop by the kiosk in the Gathering Space to pick up your copy and spread the faith by sharing it with others. Suggested donation is \$4.00.

**CD de la semana
¿Por qué soy católico?**

Con elocuencia y claridad, Jesse Romero describe los errores de las sectas Protestantes, y también motiva al público Católico a practicar su fe abiertamente. También nos motiva a hacer obras de caridad y a frecuentar los Sacramentos. En esta charla, Jesse nos hace valorar el regalo que Dios nos quiso dar en la Iglesia Católica, y nos sitúa en la realidad de Su Presencia.



Vengan al quiosco de los CD en la Sala de Acogimiento para obtener su copia y difundir su fe al compartirla con los demás. Donación sugerida \$4.00



5 week study, 2 different options

starting Wednesday, April 25th
7:00 p.m.
or
Monday, April 30th
9:30 a.m.
in the Parish Center

Come and explore the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

**For more information call
Julieta Jacobo 630-892-6089
or Sheryl Colwell 630-892-5918**

**Sábado 28 de Abril de 8am-7pm
Domingo 29 de Abril de 8am-3pm**

Lugar del Retiro
Reservaciones y mas información
Misioneros del Sagrado Corazón



305 S. Lake St. Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 892-2371 Ext.39
lhjretreats@misacor-usa.org

St. Rita of Cascia, pray for us
Santa Rita de Casia, ruega por nosotros

Adoration for Vocations

Join us the **first Saturday of the month (May 5)** for Adoration at the Parish Center Chapel from 8:30 to 12:00 noon Come spend some time with the Lord and pray for vocations.



"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Matthew 37-38

Adoración Eucarística por las vocaciones

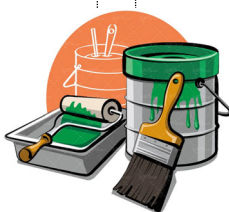
Acompáñenos el **primer sábado del mes (5 de mayo)** en la Adoración al Santísimo en la capilla del Centro Parroquial de 8:30 a 12:00 del mediodía Vengan a pastar un rato en compañía de nuestro señor y a orar por vocaciones.

"La cosecha es abundante, pero los trabajadores son pocos. Rueguen, pues, al dueño de la cosecha que envíe trabajadores a recoger su cosecha." San Mateo 9:37-38

Thank you to those who have donated supplies for the St. Rita Youth Nashville Mission Team. If you didn't get a chance to donate, you still can. We are looking for the following items:

New Paintbrushes
New Paint Roller Covers
Drop Cloths

Paint Trays
Painter's Tape
Paint Scrapers



Please bring items to the office or give to Father after mass. We appreciate your help.

Gracias a todas las personas que han donado artículos para el Equipo Juvenil de la Misión a Nashville. Si no tuvieron la oportunidad de donar todavía están a tiempo de hacerlo. Los artículos que necesitamos son:

Brochas nuevas
Bandejas para pintura
Cubiertas nuevas para los rodillos de pintura
Trapos para cubrir el piso

Cinta de pintor
Raspador de pintura

Por favor traiga estos materiales a la oficina o entréguelos al padre después de misa. Gracias por su ayuda.

"Come and See"

Do you wonder about the Catholic Faith?
Do you need to prepare to celebrate a Sacrament?

**Friday, April 27th
6:30 p.m.
Parish Center**



"¡Ven y Mira!"

¿Te has preguntado acerca de la fe católica?
¿Necesitas prepararte para celebrar un sacramento?

**viernes 27 de abril
a las 6:30 p.m.
Centro Parroquial**

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday (English).....7:30 AM
Wednesday (Spanish).....7:05 PM
Saturday (English).....8:00 AM & 4:30 PM
Saturday (*Spanish*)6:00 PM
Sunday (English).....8:30 & 10:15 AM
Sunday (*Spanish*).....12:00 & 7:00 PM

Eden Mass (English) every 4th Monday of each month
(September–May) at 2:00pm, at Eden supportive living
311 S Lincolnway St, North Aurora, IL 60542

Reconciliation.....3:00-4:15 PM
Saturday (English & español)

Baptisms - Infants /children

Please contact the parish office 3-4 months in advance to arrange for Baptism 630-892-5918.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): a process for adults to come and ask questions about the Catholic Church to prepare for Baptism or entrance into the church. For more information contact the parish office, 630-892-5918 or attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Confirmation - 7th grade through junior in HS

Contact Sheryl Colwell at 630-892-5918 x251.

Adult Confirmation/1st Communion (Sacramental Prep)

Attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Weddings

Minimum of 6 months required for preparation.
Contact the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Sick Calls

Please inform the parish office of any sick parishioners as soon as possible so a Priest can visit the hospital or residence immediately.

Religious Education

Contact: Rae Eigenhauser at 630-892-9507.

St. Rita Catholic School

Contact Mrs. Elizabeth Faxon, School Principal at 630-892-0200

Ministry of Evangelization

Adult formation, retreats, small communities.
Contact: Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089

St. Vincent de Paul

For emergency assistance, please call 630-892-6186 and leave a message with your contact information.

Parish Registration

Catholics who live within the parish boundaries of St. Rita Catholic Church are encouraged to register.

INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Horario de las misas

Lunes-viernes (inglés en la capilla) 7:30AM
Miércoles (español en la capilla).....7:00PM
Sábado (inglés en la capilla)8:00AM
Sábado (inglés en la iglesia) 4:30PM
Sábado (español en la iglesia) 6:00PM
Domingo (inglés en la iglesia)8:30, 10:15AM
Domingo (español en la iglesia) 12:00, 7:00PM

Confesiones

Sábado (inglés y español en la iglesia)3:00-4:15 PM

Bautismos

Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de 3 a 4 meses antes.
Llame a la oficina parroquial 630-892-5918

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos (RICA): Este es el proceso para adultos que están interesados en la iglesia católica para que vengan y hagan preguntas. Para más información llame a la oficina parroquial, 630-892-5918 o asista a la próxima sesión de Ven y Mira. Esta información está en el boletín.

Confirmación - Muchachos del 7mo al 11vo grado

Contacte a Sheryl Colwell 630-892-5918 x251.

Confirmación/Primera comunión para adultos

Asista a la próxima sesión Ven y Mira. Información en el boletín.

Matrimonios

Necesita 6 meses de preparación matrimonial.
Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el padre.

Unción de los enfermos

Por favor informe a la oficina parroquial si sabe de algún feligrés enfermo tan pronto como pueda, para que un sacerdote lo visite en su casa / hospital inmediatamente.

Quinceañeras

Llame a la oficina parroquial para más información entre 10 y 12 meses antes de la fecha que desea la misa.

Educación religiosa

Contacte a Rae Eigenhauser al 630-892-9507

Escuela parroquial de Santa Rita

Contacte a la directora Elizabeth Faxon al 630-892-0200.

Ministerio de evangelización

Contacte a Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089

San Vicente de Paul

Para recibir ayuda parroquial llame al 630-892-6186 y deje su mensaje con su información.

Registro parroquial

Si usted es católico y vive dentro de los límites parroquiales de Santa Rita, lo invitamos a registrarse.



950AM / 930AM

CHECK OUT CATHOLIC TALK RADIO!

Programming to help us bridge the gap between our faith
and every day life.

Ministries –Weekend of April 28 & 29, 2018
Ministerios– fin de semana del 28 y 29 de abril de 2018

	Sat, April 28 4:30 pm English	Sun, April 29 8:30 am English	Sun, April 29 10:15 am English	Dom 29 de abril 12:00 pm español	Dom. 29 de abril 7:00 pm español
EM'S Ministros de Eucaristía	TBD - 1 TBD - 2 TBD - 3 Deacon - 4 TBD - 6 TBD - 7 TBD - 8	TBD - 1 TBD - 2 TBD - 3 * TBD - 4 TBD - 6 TBD - 7 TBD - 8 *only if deacon is not present	TBD - 1 TBD - 2 TBD - 3 * TBD - 4 TBD - 6 TBD - 7 TBD - 8 *only if deacon is not present	María V. - 1 Soledad - 2 Piedad - 3 Ofelia - 4 Verónica - 5 Pilar - 6 Juanita - 7 Jesús - 8	Verónica Álvarez - 1 Carlos Valdes - 2 Alejandra Sánchez - 3 Luis Patiño - 4 Irma - 6 Guille Cerda - 7 Enrique Cerda - 8
Lectors Lectores	TBD - 1 TBD - 2	TBD - 1 TBD - 2	TBD - 1 TBD - 2	Geny Ponce - 1 Martín Venegas - 2	Betty Hernández - 1 Francisco Hernández - 2
Altar Servers Monagillos	Maggie Kallas Jillian Geronimo Isabella Ponce	Maya Rabadan Izabel Hommowun Ailidzie Perez	Faith Aala Roselynn Orrala Halena Corral	Isaac Ortiz Brandon Juárez Ceci García Bárbara Nuñez	Mitchell Carlos Jesse Carlos Mactziel López

Vocation Corner: Cry out to the Shepherd

During my time in the seminary, my class had the opportunity to take a trip to Ireland to learn about the Church there and to experience the way that Catholics live their faith in that country. One of the places we visited on the trip was an ancient monastery that was tucked away in a very rural location. While we were touring the ancient site, we could hear the sound of a sheep that had gotten itself caught in the woods and separated itself from the rest of the flock. Even though we were all familiar with the sound a sheep makes, this sound was different. It was a sadder, more pitiful sound. So much so that we would have tried to help it if we could have gotten to it. As we were walking and wishing that we could help the sheep, one of my classmates said, "That's how we sound." He meant that when we pray to God, our prayers probably sound similar to Him as the cries of the lost sheep sounded to us on that day. It was a very striking moment for me, and his insight has stayed with me ever since then. Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Good



Shepherd. He is a shepherd that is not only willing to come looking for us when we cry out to Him, but also to lay down His life for us. All He asks is that we simply follow Him and do our best not to go astray. However, even when we do stray, He is always willing to answer our cries and save us. When it comes to discerning a vocation, a big part of the process is crying out to Jesus over and over again. In His shepherd's heart, He cannot bear to let us stay lost when we call out to Him. We must continually go to Him and ask Him for help in knowing the plan that He has for us. He always answers those prayers and brings us back into the fold when we are open to the help He has for us. Keep going to Jesus every day as the Good Shepherd and let Him be the one to pull you out of the weeds in your life and set you on the path that He has planned for you.

- Fr. Bobby Gonnella

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday, April 23 Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 24 Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 25 - Mark, Evangelist Acts 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday, April 26 Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday, April 27 Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, April 28 Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn:7-14
Sunday, April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes 23 de abril Hch 11:1-18; Sal 41:2-3, 42:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Martes 24 de abril Hch 11:19-26; Sal 86:1-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Miércoles 25 de abril - San Marcos, evangelista 1 P 5:5-14; Sal 88:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20
Jueves 26 de abril Hch 13:13-25; Sal 88:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Viernes 27 de abril Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11; Jn 14:1-6
Sábado 28 de abril Hch 13:44-52; Sal 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn:7-14
Domingo 29 de abril - Quinto Domingo de Pascua Hch 9:26-31; Sal 21:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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