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Fourth Sunday of Easter ~April 25, 2021



The Good Shepherd



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SAINT ANNE MASSES

Daily Masses (In Church): 8:45am Mon.—Sat.
Sunday Masses (In Church): Sat. Vigil at 5pm,
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)

Confessions: Sat. @ 4pm

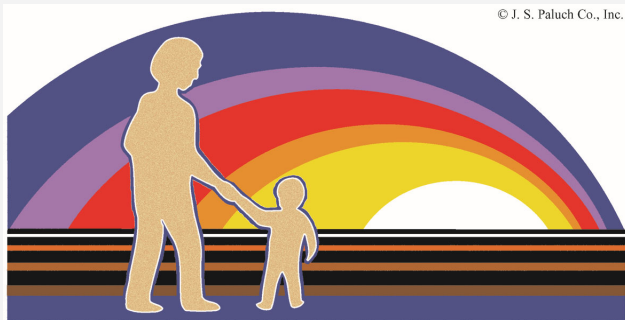
All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

**Office Hours: Mon. & Tues. 1-4p,
Thurs. & Fri. 9a—12p**

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am**

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*See what love the Father
has bestowed on us
that we may be called
the children of God.*

— I John 3:1

Pastor's Column

To Vaccinate or Not to Vaccinate – This is a question that some people ask themselves, and each option has its own good reasons. Among the reasons not to get vaccinated are that the vaccine was only granted for emergency use, the full effects may not be known for some time, and currently some people using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, although the cases are rare, have experienced side effects that have led to blood clots, which can cause heart attacks and stroke. But among the reasons to be vaccinated include its ability to offer a high degree of protection and to limit the spread of the coronavirus and its more contagious mutations. So what's a Christian to do?

Among the different lessons Jesus taught His disciples the most important one was to love one another and to help with each other's burdens. Certainly the Good Samaritan, in stopping to help the injured man who fell victim to robbers and lay on the side of the road, took a risk. In stopping to help the man, he put himself in danger from robbers as well. For showing love to a stranger, Jesus commended the man for loving his neighbor. Similarly, there may be uncertainties in taking the coronavirus vaccine. There are side effects, as with any other medication we take. But we take the risk because we see the potential for good outweighs the risk.

The same can be said of the coronavirus vaccine. Its potential to protect us, our loved ones, our co-workers, and those who serve us as cashiers, waiters, and the people we interact with, far outweighs its risk. The coronavirus has affected not only the elderly, but all of society—from businesses, to our children's education, to the ability of people to practice their faith and visit with loved

ones. It has also caused a mental health crisis not only for those shut in, but also for our healthcare professionals and their families. This has affected the people of the whole world, and of course poorer nations and people on the margins of society fare the worse. Seen in that light, this vaccine will test our faith. If our doctors deem us a good candidate for this vaccine, should we not consider taking the vaccine for the welfare of others? Do we have a moral obligation to take the vaccine to help end this pandemic and the suffering it has already brought upon so many people, financially, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually?

If our doctors deem us a good candidate for the vaccine, to be vaccinated would seem to be a wonderful expression of love for our neighbor. What would the Good Samaritan do? And what would Jesus ask us to do?

—Fr. Dan

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

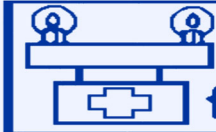
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GRIEF SUPPORT *St. Dominic Parish, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco*

*(8 weeks) starting May 5, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
(in person for those vaccinated against Covid-19)*

Grief is painful and disorienting. It is a natural response to loss. People express grief in many different ways and being around caring and supportive people can help. Come find that community in an eight-week support group beginning Wednesday, May 5 at St. Dominic parish in San Francisco, facilitated by Deacon Chuck McNeil and Sr. Maggie Glynn, RN FSP. This will be an in-person gathering for anyone who has already been vaccinated against Covid-19.

To set up a pre-group meeting with the facilitator or for more information or to set up a pre-group meeting with the facilitator, contact Deacon Chuck McNeil, 415-351-4055 deaconchuck@stdominics.org



Masses for the week

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April 25 to May 1, 2021

Sunday, April 25	Presider
8:00 am Elizabeth Doyle (D)	Fr. Nascimento
10:00 am All Priests and Religious	Fr. Nascimento
Noon Parishioners of Saint Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Monday, April 26	
8:45 am Susan Steinbach (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Tuesday, April 27	
8:45 am Eusebia Sabado (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Wednesday, April 28	
8:45 am Ben Bergado (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
William Vaquilar (D)	
Thursday, April 29	
8:45 am Jean Lau (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Friday, April 30	
8:45 am Linda and Mark Ryan (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Saturday, May 1	
8:45 am Confraternity of Saint Anne	Fr. Zhai, SVD
5:00 pm Parishioners of Saint Anne	Fr. Nascimento
Stacey & Bea Ver (D)	

Celebrating Mothers e-Luncheon Benefits Epiphany Center May 5, 12:30 pm online

Hosted by the Epiphany League and Luncheon Chair Brenda MacLean, this treasured event raises much-needed funds for San Francisco's most vulnerable women, children and families. All are invited to share a heartwarming afternoon in honor of all the women who have shaped our lives. Hear firsthand how our generous donors are transforming lives every day. Join mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, and friends both new and old to celebrate all the women whose support has helped to empower each of us.

Featured at the event will be an online silent auction, an orchid garden marketplace, and much more. Ticket includes catered lunch delivered to a specified Bay Area location by McCall's Catering & Events.

Founded in 1952 as Mount St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul to care for San Francisco's orphans, the agency continues today to support at-risk women and children, providing them with the support and confidence they need to heal and thrive. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact the phone number or visit the website, Celebrating2021.givesmart.com

Tickets: 415-351-4055

FEAST OF FAITH — The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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MAY 9th is CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY. This second collection is an annual opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to personally invest in the lives of thousands of marginalized and vulnerable residents in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties. Over the past 14 months Catholic Charities' dedicated staff has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic serving nearly 60,000 individuals – more than double the number normally assisted annually, including an increase in families experiencing homelessness and hunger, many for the first time. With diverse programs designed to help homeless families and individuals, children and youth, HIV/AIDS patients, low-income families, isolated seniors, adults with disabilities, and immigrants, Catholic Charities needs your support now more than ever before. You can text CCSunday at 76278 or visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CC_Sunday to donate or give online. For more info, contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.972.1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Last Week's Collections

April 18, 2021 — \$2,486.22

Property and Insurance Fund — \$619.00

This Week's 2nd Collection

Catholic Home Missions

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021 — Goal: \$53,983

Donations Received as of 4/13: \$5,005.00

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