



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Reading I— Acts 2: 36-41;

Reading II—1 Peter 2: 20-25.

Gospel—John 10: 1-10.

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Gospel Summary

Using the image of shepherd and sheep, Jesus made an analogy for us to listen to the voice of God. Sometimes we are distracted by other voices that Jesus called "thieves." These thieves rob us of our desire to follow Jesus. True sheep, however, know the voice of the shepherd. The shepherd provides safety and life for the sheep age.

Reflection for Families

Imagine your child wandering off in a crowd of strangers - perhaps at an amusement park or a shopping mall. After an anxious period of separation, your child hears your voice above all the others calling out his or her name. The relief and joy your child would feel is the same emotion Jesus promises us when we follow his voice. The thieves that separate us from our children are not necessarily people. Sometimes we allow thieves of busyness, work priorities or even social engagements to steal control of our lives. This Gospel reminds us it is better to listen to the trusted voice of the Good Shepherd.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think of a person or group of people your family knows who needs to be "shepherded" (or cared for). Decide on an action you can all do together to help this person. When you have completed the service, talk over with one another how your family's "shepherding" was similar to the shepherding Jesus talked about in today's Gospel. Consider whether or not your service shepherded your own family as well.

Discussion Starters

1. I know Jesus cares for me because . . .
2. As a family we shepherd one another by . . .
3. Some thieves in my life are . . .

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the seminarian fund. Thank you for your generosity and support.

- **PERSONAL RETREAT—REST. RESET. RISE**

Lent prepared us and Easter renewed us—now let us rest, reset, and rise. Join us for a gentle personal retreat with God to reflect, renew, and discover our mission for His presence. Open to all—parents, singles, youth, and kids. It will be held today, Sunday, 26th April at SJC Parish Hall. It will begin 12:45pm.

- **CHANGE IN MASS TIME**

Please take note that the daily Mass on Friday, 1st May will be at 5:30pm (not 12:15pm).

- **DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be on Friday, 1st May and the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on Saturday, 2nd May. Both will be recited after the 5.30pm Mass. There will be NO Holy Hour on Wednesday, 29th April.

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)**

Couples intending to get married must attend the Marriage Preparation Course, which is a pre-requisite for a Catholic marriage. The next MPC will be on 18th—20th June. Please register at the Parish Office, if you are planning to get married in the later part of the year.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855.

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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DATE	TIME	READINGS
<p>27 APRIL—Monday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 11-18</p>
<p>28 APRIL—Tuesday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-30</p>
<p>29 APRIL—Wednesday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) <i>NO Holy Hour</i></p>	<p>Acts 12: 24—13: 5 Jn 12: 44-50</p>
<p>30 APRIL—Thursday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20</p>
<p>1 MAY—Friday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</p>	<p>Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-16</p>
<p>2 MAY—Saturday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</p>	<p>Acts 13: 44-52 Jn 14: 7-14</p>
<p>3 MAY—Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 6: 1-7 1 Pt 2: 4-9 Jn 14: 1-12</p>