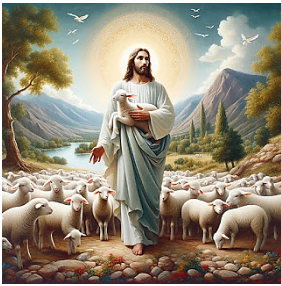


Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026



Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,

because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. -John 10:1-10

The Good Shepherd

Next to a local church there is a pasture which every year is filled with ewes and their lambs. After holy Mass the children come to feed them on occasion; oats for the mother's milk, providing that much sought out energy for maternal needs. At first the sheep run away taking the young with them. But it is so endearing to see the trust that quickly develops. After a short time the sheep will hear a beloved child's voice from afar and run to the fence bleating. Some of the children comment that now they understand today's gospel passage regarding sheep recognizing the trusted Master's voice and what their response should be.

Of all God's creatures only human beings have the capability of engaging higher level cognitive functions which can choose or refuse God. To choose God however means to sacrifice some of one's self, as a parent or child sacrifices in service to a loved one. This sacrifice is uncomfortable to some degree or it would not be a true sacrifice. The motive and belief that precedes and sustains the action is love. For quite simply put: love is sacrifice. Love may say the hard things or comfort the afflicted, it may drive someone to church, feed the homeless or fix a toilet for the disabled when one is so tired he or she may long to dig a hole and curl up for a nap.

Children are also quick to point out that people are not sheep, meaning they have reasoning capabilities. Then they ask the big question Why? The reason is a mystery and wonder to us...the love of God that has singled us out to have the capacity to return His love in this sacrificial manner...to choose to follow Him like sheep even though he has given us the terrible and awesome gift of freedom which allows us to make decisions for good or evil.

Christ refers to himself as the gate, the only way to God. It is our responsibility to understand the history of Christ's Church as it is obvious that there are many that claim Christ but there can be only one Church started by our Savior, as in perfection God thinks on universal terms. Its hallmarks are evident to those who diligently seek him and professed in the Creed: one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic. Christ warned us of wolves in sheep's clothing who would claim to be of him but who in reality would lead others away from his Church, stealing their inheritance *the thieves and robbers* mentioned in this gospel.

Unfortunately, as today, it included many influential and important individuals of the time like the obstinate Pharisees. The Pharisees did not wish to sacrifice, they wished to be served. They were filled with pride and comfortable in their status and position, jealous of his authority. Christ had particularly hard words for them... *hypocrites, vipers and blind guides*. They would not humble themselves to the Truth they experienced, preferring their own glory and the preferential treatment of human beings and worst of all led others into error or rejection of the faith.

Fortunately, Christ promises that if we stay close to Him we may attain and persevere in a virtuous life which leads others to God. The Catholic Church alone provides all the support God intended from the beginning. We have the sacraments of healing: Confession and Anointing of the sick, Marriage: a loving unity of man and woman bringing the love of the Holy Family to the world, Holy orders: a priesthood of men in Christ's image to whom He gives the power to call him into the Eucharist at communion so that we may have the privilege of receiving Him body, blood, soul and divinity for our strengthening, Baptism as a gateway and mark of God's family and Confirmation, to provide strengthening and fortitude into adulthood. We have a Church that throughout the history of the world has consistently and bravely expressed God's truth regarding right living and salvation, providing a hierarchy for our protection, guidance and edification in times of trial and monasteries and convents, the prayer engines of the world and keepers of civilization. In the Catholic Church blooms a tremendous history of the entity instituted by Christ that is responsible for creating the concept of hospitals and universities to serve all people, not just the rich and powerful, and orphanages, all the while promoting sublime beauty in sacred music and the arts. He gives us his Mother to guide and protect and the examples of the saints...our brothers and sisters.

God's love has provided us with a church that supports us in this life and prepares and leads us to our eternal home in heaven. Christ is the good shepherd who loves and cares for each of us and the lovely sound of his voice comforts and reassures us. The Eternal Shepherd longs to embrace us and lead us home. -A. Halliday

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 6:1-7

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

FINANCE

Regular = \$2,998

Catholic Home Missions = \$567 to date

This Sunday's 2nd for Catholic Home Missions

AMA 2026 Goal = \$34,900 Pledges = \$19,204 **Rec'd = \$15,979**

St. Bernard Rosary Totals

You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets.

Report: 12,337! Rosaries prayed last week = 56 Cumulative = 12,337

not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love.” ~ St. Teresa of Avila

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 25

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Juvenal Regalo St. Joseph Church

Sunday, April 26

7:30 am +Cynthia Silva St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, April 27

12:15 pm Int. Landon Whittington St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, April 28

7:30 am +Beth Johnson St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, April 29

12:15 pm +Ricardo & Ricarda Roman St. Bernard Ch
6:00 pm Adoration Sacred Heart Church
7:00pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, April 30

7:30 am Int. Lynette Cahill St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

First Friday, May 1

12:15 pm Int. Landon Whittington St. Bernard Church
1-2 pm Confessions St. Bernard Church
1-5pm Adoration St. Bernard Church
4:45pm Benediction St. Bernard Church

First Saturday, May 2

8:30 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Gloria Allen St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Martin & Catarina Paredes St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Marian Griffin Sharon Ferreira, Johnny, Lucy Sokolow, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion, Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., John Johnston, Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Martin Fosnaugh, Sylvia Clark, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Massimo Matteoli, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Dennis and Gina Costa, Sandra Cofer, Lena Petty, Fred Emerson, John Gierak, Gloria Allen, Rebecca Bertain, Roseann Cooney, Lorraine Holland, Sandra Lingle, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Rosealee Schuler, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, Fred Avelar, Delores McBroome, and Gus Cricchio

St. Bernard's Phone Prayer Line

For those who are interested in joining the prayer chain or anyone with a prayer request, please call Alan / Illeen at (707) 442-6844. "Prayer is an act of love, words are

Invitation - Please Come Pray the Holy Rosary

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:25AM. before the 12:15pm Holy Mass. Holy Mary Mother of God pray for

Adoration Invitation – First Friday Devotion 5/1

On First Friday May 1st we again have the privilege of spending time with our Lord in the Eucharist. from 1-5pm. Please come to adore Him who made you and the beauty of the world. We also need at least 2 people per hour to sign up on the Adoration sheet. Thank you

May 1st Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Friday May 1st at 10am there will be a May crowning of our Blessed Mother by St. Bernard Academy at St. Bernard Church. Come participate in the honoring of the Mother of God and our precious mother.

St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast- May 3rd

The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, May 3rd in St. Bernard Parish Hall. Breakfast is served 8:30 am till 12. The menu includes pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs and all the usual wonderful trimmings! Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and \$25 for a family of 5 or more. The proceeds will go to the St. Bernard Parish Building Fund

What is God's Dream for YOU? Join the Daughters of Charity SEARCH & SERVE RETREAT- a religious vocation discernment retreat in the Bay Area, May 20-25, 2026! SEARCH your heart for answers. EXPLORE your future. SERVE those living in Poverty side-by-side with Sisters. Stay with the Sisters. Housing, Meals and Daily Transportation to our Ministry Services is provided. For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40. Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

St. Eugene Santa Rosa Women's Retreat-July 18

Women today carry many roles, responsibilities, expectations and the quiet weight of everything they've lived through. It's easy to begin measuring worth by what we do, what we manage, or what we've survived. But beneath all of it, there is a deeper truth that never changes: **you are a beloved daughter of God.** The Women's Retreat is an opportunity to step away from the noise and return to that truth through prayer, reflection, and the grace of time set apart. Open to women 18 and older, this retreat offers a **gentle space to rest, to listen and to rediscover** the dignity that is yours not because of what you've done, but simply because of who you are. Location: Cathedral of St. Eugene Time :8 AM – 4:00 PM Cost:\$50.00 (Early Bird) \$75 after June 1 Snacks & lunch included. Register: <https://srcatholicwomen.org/>

Napa Catholic Summer Conference-Invitation

We'd love to have you at the Meritage Resort in Napa from July 22-26. The Summer Conference is a living witness to our faith, bringing together bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders to collaborate toward a more perfect union. Renewing our Faith to Renew the Nation in 'America 250' "A more perfect union" is the theme of the 2026 Summer Conference and the first and founding

purpose of the United States Constitution. But the goal of unity also speaks to the nature of the Christian faith.