



# Saint Joseph's Parish

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## WE ARE HIS PEOPLE: THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.

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**Tues 1-4:30pm**

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**Sacraments:**

**Holy Mass**

**Sat 5:00 pm**

**Sun. 9:30 am**

**Saik'uz 12 noon**

**Daily Mass**

**Tues-6:30 pm**

**Wed--Fri 9:00 am**

**Reconciliation**

by appointment

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**Matrimony**

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My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." Jesus is whispering his yearning for us through the Gospel today. Do we hear him, follow him and desire to be with him?

The call to be all for God is meant to grow day by day. The more we are faithful to his promptings to mature in grace, the more we become one with God. The more we thirst for God's love, the more we are filled with the Holy Spirit. In the first reading, we see God empowers us and acts in us so that we may be an instrument of salvation for others. The joy of being filled with God's presence is too much not to share. We not only want others to have abundant life now but the blessed life in the next, as described in the second reading.

Walking with the good Shepherd is walking in his grace, which will carry us through trial to triumph. Jesus has done that— he rose again, conquering sin and death, so that we could be with the Father. "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." Our Shepherd is saying again today: Be with me, now and forever. Let us respond with joy: Yes, Lord. Here is my heart.

Sr. Michael Penelope Nguyen, SC St. Joseph's Missal pg. 387

*"The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia."*

*Psalm 32.5-6*



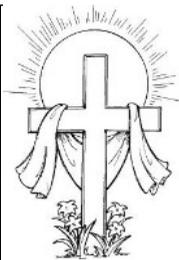
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**We are sheep – how?** Today we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd (images of Jesus include: life-giving water (4:14), the bread of life (6:35), life (8:12), the sheep gate (10:7), the good shepherd (10:11), the resurrection and the life (11:25), the light (12:46), the way, the truth and the life (14:6), and the vine (15:1)). This would make us sheep, not a completely flattering designation since sheep are known to be stubborn, easily frightened, and prone to get lost. But sheep also completely trust the shepherd for all their care. We are sheep precisely when we entrust our lives completely to Jesus who says in the Gospel, “I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly”.

Acts reminds us that this life is the promise received at our baptism, and Peter reminds us that our life on earth follows the pattern of ‘dying to rise again’. **Homework:** Recall the church and the priest of your baptism.

**Vocation Sunday:** The fourth Sunday of Easter under the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd has the tradition of praying for vocations, praying for men and women to generously answer the call of the Shepherd to follow in the vocations of priesthood, religious life, single life and married life. The Good Shepherd image gives us a few guidelines for vocations. First, the Good Shepherd wants ‘to give life abundantly’ – this addresses our image of God, asking us to move away from an image of a God who revels in our downfalls and towards an image of a God who gives abundant life (joy, happiness, etc). And second, the sheep need to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd – this addresses prayer, and reflection, and hearing, and an emptying of our own obstructive voices. In celebrating my 30<sup>th</sup> year of ordination, I am aware that I have less years in front of me than behind me – who have I helped to take my place? I have to believe that God is calling, so the obstacle is our listening, or lack there of.

**Happy Mother’s Day:** enjoy the Erma Bombeck insert

**May 13, Our Lady of Fatima.** The story is well known of the three young children Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia and their 6 visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary (between May 13 and October 13 of 1917) who told the children to pray the rosary for peace. This story is connected to the miracle of the sun (October 13, 1917), the revelation of 3 secrets, and the call to pray for the conversion of Russia. On November 11, 1954, the Catholic Church officially declared the events ‘worthy of belief’ thereby promoting the devotion. FORMED has many videos to watch.

**Morning Glory: mini retreat** to get to know Mary better during May, the month of Mary; log onto the free parish platform FORMED.

**WORKBEE CAMP MORICE: Saturday, May 14;** accommodations are free but you need to book; see insert

**Transformed lives, transforming community:** (mission statement for evangelization); I had suggested that people keep a journal during Lent of God’s actions in your life; keep the journal going through Easter, and when appropriate, we would like to include stories of transformation on our website.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES : May 08, Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast:**

PARISH ACTIVITIES : Grounds Clean-up; Saturdays from 10 to noon, cleaning up the branches.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION : has begun; keep the candidates for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation in your prayers

QUIET PARISH HEROS : the Franciscan Brothers help Fr.Pier every Thursday visiting the shut-ins and sharing in ministry at Saik’uz.

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# Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my own know me.

John 10.14

I STILL WISH THAT I UNDERSTOOD JESUS **BETTER.**

WELL, SURE.

BUT JESUS IS COMMITTED TO YOU REGARDLESS.

THAT'S WHAT I DON'T **UNDERSTAND!**



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JOHN 10:22-30

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Jennifer Lock,  
Rose Marie MacDonald,  
Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Michael Nelson,  
Ruby Irene Patrick,  
Virginia Power,

Dorothy Ranck, Lillian Sam, Ian Scott, Madeline Scott, Madison Scott,  
Clark Todd,  
Bill Urquhart,  
Mike Van Dusen,  
and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.