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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 9:26-31, Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15p:1-6, Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY May 4, 2015
 7:00AM Ruth Makarius
 9:00AM Elizabeth Huhn
TUESDAY May 5, 2015
 7:00AM Rita Hanifan
 9:00AM Basilisa N. Atienza
WEDNESDAY May 6, 2015
 7:00AM Victims of Earthquake in Nepal
 9:00AM Frances Wojtyniak
THURSDAY May 7, 2015
 7:00AM Peace throughout the country
 9:00AM Arthur Zagorski
FRIDAY May 8, 2015
 7:00AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola
 9:00AM Kenneth McCaffrey
SATURDAY May 9, 2015
 9:00AM Camilo Rodriguez
 5:00PM Kristy Lyn Haley
SUNDAY May 10, 2015
Mother's Day
 7:30AM Mother's Day Novena
 9:30AM Mother's Day Novena
 11:00AM Mother's Day Novena
 12:30PM Mother's Day Novena
 5:15PM Mother's Day Novena
 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish

*We Pray For Our Dead
 And We Mourn With You*

*William A. Cheslock
 Fred Vevante
 Irene Sokolauf
 Silvio Del Sordo*



Mother's Day—May 10th
 There are offering envelopes for Mother's Day located at the entrances to the Church.

"Belong More Deeply"



Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015

Theme: Love one another.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Second Reading, from St. John Jn 15:9-17

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins

Step One: Listen to the Word

Which line in this reading caught your ear? What sense do you get about God as you listen to this Word proclaimed today?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

Question for Youth: Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Adults: Concretely, how do you show love to others?

*The Bread and Wine this week
Are in Loving Memory
Of
Annamae and Phil Donohue
From
Eileen Donohue*



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.



Martha's Guild Rosary Making

The next session of Martha's Guild Rosary Making will be **Wednesday, May 6th from 3 to 5pm** in the **Old School Cafeteria**.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



Sunday, April 26, 2015	\$11,490
Maintenance	\$ 3,806
Easter, 2015	\$33,868
Sunday, April 27, 2014	\$11,270
Easter, 2014	\$33,383

Pastor's Corner

Thank you to all who worked diligently to make our 1st Annual Antique Car Show a success! Thanks most especially to Barbara Cheslock & Karen Warner. Our prayers continue for Barbara & her family on the death of her husband Bill. May he rest in peace with God!

Please join Fr. Ben & me for Catholicism on 5 Mondays beginning on May 11th at 7:30 pm. This is a great way to deepen our knowledge of our faith and our friendship with Jesus!

I'm glad that we had such a beautiful day! *Fr. Jim, Pastor*



Thank you!



Barbara and Karen wish to thank all the people who pitched in to help make Sunday, April 19th's Car and Bike Show the huge success it was. Our first try had over 150 cars and a few bikes...and, Fr. Jim and Fr. Emmanuel blessed them all...thank you!

Everyone seemed to have a good time on a beautiful day!

Our thanks go to our fabulous entertainers: Leiny and her Dance Group, Joseph our wonderful singer, and Katie Crayne and her dance group, Swing Dance Long Island with dancers Katie, James, Natasha, and Ronnie. Thanks to Tony and Brian for transporting tables and chairs and Lou Ellen and the Still Cruisin' Car Club for their invaluable help. Of course, we couldn't have done it without our faithful helpers: Kathy Dolan, Cynthia Dias, Paul Mazurek, Pat and Vinnie Lofaro, Carol Hogan, Carol and Don Cleary, Bob De Lorenzo, Anne Murphy, and Mary Ann Lang.

Because of everyone's efforts, St. Ignatius Church benefitted by \$3,325.

May is the Month We Honor Mary!

*The Saint Anne
Mother's Prayer Group
invites all parishioners to join
in paying homage to Mary,
the Mother of our Lord
and Savior, Christ Jesus,
as she is crowned with flowers
to the accompaniment of
Marian hymns.*

*Children who have received
or will be receiving their
First Holy Communion this year are
invited to attend dressed
in their Communion attire.*

*We will pray for your intentions
throughout the month.
Place them in the prayer intention
basket located near the
Blessed Mother statue in the church.*

Sunday, May 17, 2015

*after the 12:30 pm Family Mass
near the Saint Ignatius Loyola Prayer Garden*





Lighthouse Catholic Media is seeking people to join them in the New Evangelization by making available inspiring CD talks and other media to people every where. They need both volunteers as well as paid, part-time account managers. All that is needed is a desire to help others come closer to Christ and His Church. *Free training is provided*

Hearts Afire– also seeking anyone interested in “33 Days to Morning Glory” Marian Consecration and Hearts Afire Parish Program. If interested, please call Theresa Piekut at (631) 848-7612 or e-mail tpiekut@me.com

Catholic Grand Parenting

Ain't What It Used to Be

What do grandparents do to pass on faith in the family?

How has being a grandparent today changed from the way you remember your grandparents?

Find out the answers to these questions by attending the following meeting:

When: **Thursday, May 21, 2015**

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes
455 Hunter Avenue, W. Islip

Time: 7pm to 8:30pm

Cost: \$10. per person

Presenters: John and Arlene Vosilla

For further information, please contact Kathy Logan at (516) 678-5800, Ext 236. You can register on line at drvc.fath.org



Helping Protect Our Children

Assemblyman Michael Montesano is hosting Free Kidpix Programs to help protect the children of Nassau County. Assemblyman Montesano invites you to join him on:

May 8th from 2 to 4:30pm at the Hicksville Library, 169 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville

May 15th from 2 to 4:30pm at the Oyster Bay/East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay

Participants will receive a free, wallet-sized Kidpix card with a picture, fingerprint and contact information. Photos and fingerprints will be prepared on-site for parents to take home.

In the event that a child goes missing, parents can provide the Kidpix card to law enforcement officers as a tool to help return the child home more quickly.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at bulletin1859@aol.com or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office. *We pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. I ask You to go with each of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.*

- Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide
- SSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly
- Lt. Jonathan W. Lang
- Lt. Jeanine A. Lang
- SPC Justin T. Sikorski
- Sgt. Mathew Burrafato
- DCC James Pennington
- Col. Paul J. Laughlin
- Captain. Patrick O. Kelly, USMC
- Staff Sgt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, USMC
- Atan Lisa Olynk, USN
- M Sgt. Michael Marascia
- Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw
- P.O. Third Class E-4 Kyle A. Kamermayer, Navy
- Major Edward A. McGoldrick, US Army
- Steven Orbon, 1st Lt., U.S. Army
- Lt. David Jacobs
- Pvt. Thomas Wright
- Airman Peter F. Clark, USAF
- Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC
- LCPL Michael J. Mc Ilwrath, USMC
- 1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army
- Louis Bombardiere, USMC
- Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC
- Second Lt. Bridget Flatley, USAF
- Cpt. Richard Macchio
- Pvt. Joseph Gergely, U.S.M.C.
- LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N.
- LTJG John Patrick Orr, USN, C.E.C.
- PVC Andrew Hughes
- Airman Denis C. Clark, USAF
- Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye
- 1st Lt. Brian W. Way, USMC
- PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine
- Sgt. Dustin Lusby
- LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy
- Lt. Lindsay Conte, USN
- Sgt. Matthew Mercurio
- Sgt. Phillip Michael Yopp, U.S. Army

This week at St. Ignatius Loyola
e-mail parishfacilities@stignatius.us

Sunday, May 3rd

- Youth Fund Raiser Plant Sale –Garage
- 9:30 Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Mass
- 2pm Mass for hearing impaired
- 5pm Choir-Spanish-Old School Room D
- 5pm Hospitality Welcome-Old School Room B

Monday, May 4th

- 8am VEEP Testing-Old School-Gym
- 7pm Boy Scout Troop 382-Old School Room 5
- 7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room
- 7pm Dance-Hispanic– Room D
- 7pm Charismatic Group-Old School Room A
- 7:30pm St. Ann’s Mother’s Prayer Group, Rm B

Tuesday, May 5th

- 9:30am Scripture Disc Mtg. Room B. Old School
- 7pm Rel. Ed. Communion Practice-Church
- 7pm Choir-Spanish-Old School, Room D
- 7pm Boy Scout Troop 382 PLC, Old School Rm 5

Wednesday, May 6th

- 3pm Martha’s Guild Rosary Making-Old School Room B
- 5pm Childrens Choir-Church
- 7:30 Adult Choir-Church

Thursday, May 7th

- 9:30am Bible Study-Deacon Mais’ Office
- 6pm CYO/Gym
- 7pm Rel Ed. Communion Practice –Church
- 7pm Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts-Old School Café
- 7pm Hispanic Dance-Room D
- 7:30pm Bible Study-Deacon Mais’ Office

Friday, May 8th

- 6pm Charismatic Group-Old School Café
- 6:30pm GS Robotics Practice Mtg. Science Lab
- 7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room
- 7pm Middle School Youth Old School Café/Kit.B
- 7:30pm Pastoral Formation-Old School Rms 6,7,8

Saturday, May 9th

- 7:30 am Men’s Prayer Group-Old School B&C
- 8:30am ESL Human Service Basement
- 11:30am Rel Ed 1st Holy Communion-Church
- 12pm CYO-Gym
- 3pm SCJ Youth Mothers Day Party-Old School Cafe

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mary, Model for Prayer

There will be 4 Tuesday Afternoons in May as follow:

- May 5th Devotion to Mary
- May 12th Prayer, Meditation
- May 19th Virtues of Mary: Faith and Trust
- May 26th Mary-Our Intercessor with Jesus

Where: Montifort Spiritual Center
26 South Saxon Avenue,
Bay Shore

Time: 1pm to 3:30pm

There will be a Free Will Offering. Registration Requested. To register, call (631) 666-7500.



World Meeting of Families

Registration for the one day bus trip on Wednesday, September 23rd to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia is now open. Go to www.drvc-faith.org for detailed information on registration and itinerary.

For further information about this trip, please call Kathleen Logan, Office of Faith Formation, 516 678-5800 Ext 236



Legion of Mary Invites you to the 6th Annual Women's Silent Retreat

When: Friday, May 8, 2015 to
Saturday, May 9th

Where: Seminary of the Immaculate
Conception,
440 West Neck Road, Huntington

Cost \$110 per person

Includes dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday plus a private room with a shower.

For reservations or for further information, please call (631)804-7222 or visit their website keepntuch@aol.com

Please let them know if you have any special dietary needs.

HELP WANTED!



(2) Part-Time Bookkeepers

The Diocese of Rockville Centre seeks two professional, full-charge bookkeepers to work with select parishes within Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Position requires an experienced bookkeeper who has the knowledge of computerized accounting analyses systems, bank reconciliations and account analyses. Proficiency in Excel and Word required

Please send resume and salary requirements to:
Office of Human Resources
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023
Fax No. (516) 678-9566

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
COURT QUEEN OF ANGELS NO. 869
IS HOSTING

Monday Movie Nights—Catholicism -at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Catholicism is a breathtaking film series narrated by Fr. Robert Barron. In each stand-alone episode, Fr. Barron leads us through the inspiring story of our Catholic faith through art, history and travel.

When: May 11, May 18, June 1, June 8, and June 15

Where: Science Room—SE corner of the school building

The St. Ignatius Loyola School is on East Nicholai Street,
Hicksville (behind the church).

The School is handicapped accessible.

Time: 7:30 pm Each film runs for approximately 1 hour.

Cost: Free!

Critically acclaimed as "The most important media project in the history of the Catholic Church in America", this film series is 10 episodes long and will continue in the fall.

For more information please contact Noreen at 516-932-0391 or crayne5@aol.com.

You will not be disappointed...you will be inspired
Fr. Jim and Fr. Ben will join us too.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought for the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good STEWARD of that abundance.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all STEWARDS in our parish who share their gift of hospitality with others, especially through ministries such as greeters, ushers and/or welcoming committees.

Family, Marriage, and Individual Therapy

Family, marriage, and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 38 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or Diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to their website: thecatholiccounselingcenter.com. All their therapists have always been licensed psychologists or licensed clinical social workers.

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V DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Editado por Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz

REFLEXIÓN



El Evangelio de hoy nos anima a crecer en la fe con una imagen agrícola. Por ello compara nuestra fe con el sarmiento porque si ésta no está unida a Jesús Resucitado, no dará frutos, pues el sarmiento da fruto cuando está unido a la vid.

Para dar frutos debemos conocer a fondo la vida de Jesús, vivir lo más parecido a como Él vivió, dejarnos iluminar por el Espíritu que será quién nos de fuerzas, energía para vivir en el camino que nos ha marcado.

Las palabras que nos dirige son palabras consoladoras. Jesús nos dice que nunca estaremos solos porque el Padre nos quiere, nos cuida y protege. En el evangelio, la Iglesia encuentra la fuerza necesaria para seguir sus pasos que no son otros que la cercanía con los más débiles, los más desasistidos de la sociedad. Nuestro testimonio hará que no se olvide su mensaje y que la Iglesia se vaya renovando y sea cercana a los problemas que la sociedad tiene en cada época..

La mejor opción para que nuestra fe tenga un crecimiento continuo es alimentarnos con la Palabra de Dios y la EUCARISTIA.

VEN a la MISA

7:00 pm los DOMINGOS y Primeros Viernes. JESUS RESUCITADO TE INVITA! TRAE OTRAS PERSONAS. SI?

BAUTIZOS

CLASES: A Las 5:30 PM. Segundo y Tercer Domingo de cada mes, en el sótano de la escuela. Padrinos, madrinas, papás y mamás deben asistir a las clases, y quedarse en la misa de las 7 PM. No es necesario hacer una cita para registrarse, pues en la clase lo hacen. No olvides traer el registro de nacimiento del niño o niña.

BAUTIZOS: ÚLTIMOS SABADOS del MES, a la

1:00 PM. Mayo 30, Junio 27, Julio 25, Septiembre 26, Octubre 31, Noviembre 28, Diciembre 26, Enero 30 2016. Habla con **ROSA o ROBERTO ROMERO:** 516-749-4693 / 516-749-5135.



El grupo de jóvenes S.C.J. Quiere invitar a toda nuestra comunidad a participar en la Fiesta-Baile del Día de las Madres!! **Día: Sábado Mayo 9.**



Hora: 6 PM – 11 PM
Lugar: Escuela de la Parroquia
Entrada: \$15.00 incluye Cena
 Esperamos tu colaboración y apoyo. Invita muchas madres.

“EN BENEFICIO DE POLONIA 2016”

Entregaremos el día de la fiesta un premio sorpresa a la primera persona que adivine correctamente los 23 refranes a continuación.. Pistas: 1. A caballo regalado, no se le mira el DIENTE!!

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Entregar pronto tus respuestas a Gabriel/Ytala Ruiz o al Padre Saúl.

SIRVIENDO A DIOS

PASTOR: Rev. James T. Stachacz
PASTOR ASOCIADO: Rev. Saúl Londoño García
DIACONADO: Mario & Dora Gómez y José & Judith Contreras.
COMISION-COM. HISPANA: Erika & Jaime Aldana, Lorena Medrano y Leiny Escobar.
CATEQUESIS: Colleen Tuzzolo: Educación Religiosa niños 516 935 6873 / Karina del Mar, Delfina Hernández, Rosa-José Romero, Julieta McLaughlin (Comisión CATECUMENADO).
CLASES BAUTIZOS: Roberto y Rosa Romero
CLASES INGLÉS: Lissette Muñoz, Gloria Viruet, Kerry Engrert, Josué Flores.
COMITÉ FESTEJOS: Lorena Medrano, Erika y Jaime Aldana, Maribel Adames, Luis Reyes, Tesla Calderón, Ana Berrios, Gistina Díaz, Álvaro Meléndez.
COMUNICACIONES: Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz
COMENTARIOS Y ANUNCIOS MISA: Migdalia Vásquez (Le ayuda Karina del Mar)
CORO DE LOS NIÑOS: Leiny & Tony Escobar
DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Delfina Hernández, Asunción Rivera .
ENSAYOS BODAS , CELEBRACIONES DE 15 & 16 AÑOS: Lorena Medrano, Leiny Escobar.
GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: Rosío Rivera, Rosa Gutiérrez y Servidores.
HOSPITALIDAD Y COLECTAS: Marta Romero, Luis Reyes.
JARDÍN HISPANO: Fidel Zabala & Guadalupe
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MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA Y DANZAS: Leiny y Antonio Escobar
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MONAGUILLOS: Lester & Carmen Zelaya
MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATÓLICO: Roberto y Rosa Romero.
PASTORAL JUVENIL: Carlos Campos, Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz, Lissette Muñoz, Samuel Sánchez, Carla Duran, Eliséo Meléndez, Katie Grayne, Isabel Agosti & Diego.
PRE-CANA: Mario y Dora Gómez
OFERTORIO MISA: María Carmen Adames.
SEGURIDAD: Orlando Cruz, Diego Echeverry
BIENVENIDA y DESPEDIDA: Mn. Hospitalidad

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:

Te esperamos los Viernes a las 6:30 pm para que compartas la alegría de alabar al Señor. Por favor invita otras personas. Dios va a recompensar tus sacrificios.



Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

April 2015

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Bernadette Soubirous

Bernadette was a good but simple teen from a poor family in the south of France. The Blessed Virgin Mary chose to visit Bernadette eighteen times in a cave beside the Gave River (1858-59). A miraculous spring with healing waters poured from the spot and Lourdes remains one of the most visited religious sites in the world. Bernadette suffered terribly, but bravely, from learning difficulty, poor health, world scrutiny. After becoming a nun, she died at the age of 35.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. *"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting"* (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:54

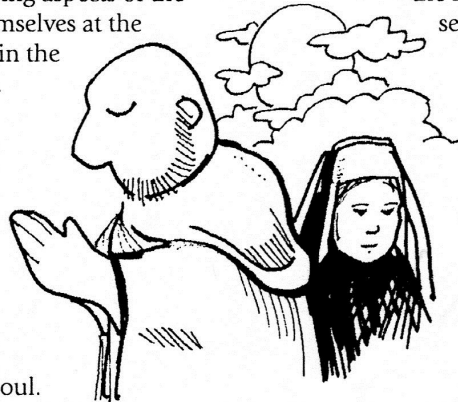


The Year of Consecrated Life

Most of us are called to a vocation of marriage and family, but some are called to live with Christ in a different relationship. For some of these chosen, this involves leaving aspects of the world to put themselves at the service of others in the Consecrated Life.

Caretakers of Christ's Church:

The role of a someone consecrated to God by vows of chastity, poverty and obedience is often as a caretaker of the soul. Whether it is teaching in schools, providing aid to the sick and dying, caring for those in need, or living a life dedicated to manual labor and prayer, they bring Christ's charity to the world.



Someone to pray for us: For the consecrated religious, praying can be a full time job. To better understand the needs of God's children and to learn the Father's will, they often

separate themselves in some manner from worldly cares. This way, they can freely represent us on the front lines of the battle for salvation.

Real role models:

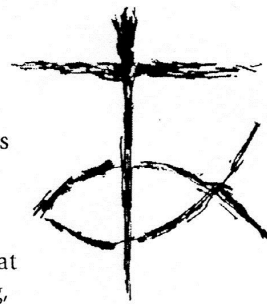
"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Those living

the consecrated life try to live their baptismal promises more intensely and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. When looking for role models, we can look to these men and women striving to live a holy life for God.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his suffering,



death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, *"For with God, nothing will be impossible"* (Luke 1:37).

The path that Easter built

Easter is more than a happy ending to Jesus' travels on Earth. In fact, it leads to a new life for anyone who follows Jesus. Here are some ways to find the right path.

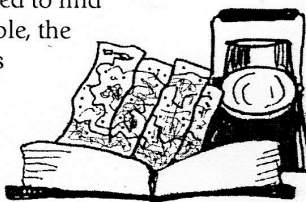
Use a map. Our faith holds all the tools needed to find peace, personal well-being, and security. The Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Mass point the way.

Travel light. Avoiding materialism is the challenge of our time. Keeping only what we need reminds us of our dependence on

God, gives us an appreciation for what we have, and helps us be more sensitive to others in need.

Follow a guide. The journey can be easier when someone lights the way. Perhaps a priest, deacon, or religious in your parish can become a spiritual mentor. Or choose one of the saints to be a role model who can light the path.

Bring a friend. Spiritual companions can help us maintain perspective, challenge us to grow, and make the trip more enjoyable.

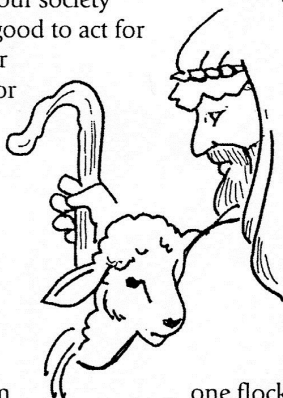


from Scripture

From Scripture: John 10:11-18, The Good Shepherd

This Gospel describes the ideal for our relationship with Jesus. In our society today, we are told that it's good to act for ourselves first, stand on our own, and do what is best for us as individuals. Our allegiance to others is secondary. The problem becomes, on whom can we rely for help when we encounter trouble?

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with his sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He kept them in a flock for safety to protect them from predators. Their shepherd was trusted and familiar, and



the sheep recognized his voice and wouldn't follow another, unknown voice. He was their Good Shepherd.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all of humankind. Jesus placed himself in the role of a shepherd and predicted that he would give his life for his sheep. Although his sheepfold began in Israel, he hopes to have one flock made up of the whole world. His flock is the Church he founded and all who follow his voice are his sheep.

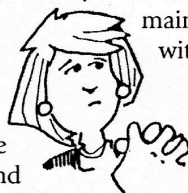
Q & A Is it better to say formula or spontaneous prayer

Prayer is raising our hearts and mind to God and any form of prayer is key to maintaining a strong relationship with God.

Formula prayers are memorized prayers someone has written, while spontaneous prayers are vocalizations that come from the heart. Both types of prayer have the same goals – to praise God, ask for his help, to thank him, and reflect on his goodness.

When young Catholics are often taught formula prayers, such as the "Our Father", "Apostles Creed", and "Hail Mary", to help us learn about God and to develop the habit of speaking with him. Then, as we grow in our faith, praying spontaneously from the heart becomes another, more personal option. It is possible, and even fruitful, to combine both forms in our communication with God.

For example, spontaneous prayer during Eucharistic Adoration is made richer by enjoying the silence and presence of God. In turn, beginning Adoration with the Rosary – a formula prayer - can lay the groundwork for a higher level of spontaneous prayer.



Feasts & Celebrations

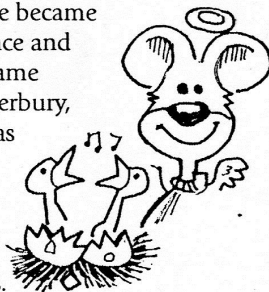
April 5 – Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter

become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a carefree life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.



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