

# Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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### 4th Easter Sunday / Mother's Day

#### **FAITH SHARING**

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them, and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day, offering our mothers on the altar of God.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to all Church leaders, parents, civil leaders, and all who are in charge of others.

Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas opted to listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and follow him, and how, like their Master, they were rebuffed and rejected when they tried to share the good news of salvation.

The second reading, taken from the book of Revelation, depicts Jesus as both the glorified Lamb and the Shepherd.

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and a great challenge. The comforting message is that no one can snatch the sheep out of his Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors should be *good shepherds* to those entrusted to their care, while their flock of lay people should respond by being good sheep.

Responsorial Psalm R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **ENTRANCE HYMN** (Ezekiel 34:31, Psalm 79:13)

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Gospel JN 10:27-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.



### Today's Hymns

**Processional Hymn** 001 Hymn of Faith

**Hymn to the Holy Spirit** 144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn 229 Just As I Am

**Communion Hymn** 159 Jesus My Lord and Savior

**Recessional Hymn** 225 Abide With Me

#### **SECOND COLLECTION:**

**5/1** – For the Mission Fund

**6/5** – For the Mission Fund

**6/19** – Father's Day – For the Clergy Pension Fund

7/3 – For the Mission Fund

**8/7** – For the Mission Fund

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, May 22 6 Easter Sunday 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

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#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Michal Mularczyk, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis

#### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.



#### MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY FUNDRAISING FOR THE VESTMENTS

Our Saviour Parish is in need of replacing the white and purple color vestments. We have very nice red vestment, and also good quality green color chasuble, but white and purple are already old. We don't need any fancy and expensive chasubles but rather those popular which can be find even on Amazon or other online stores. We are looking for some \$150-\$300 vestments.

Instead of buying them from our parish budget, we can buy them in memory of our mothers and fathers. What do you think of idea to collect extra money on those days for this purpose only? There is of course a regular Sunday collection and Mother's Day Flowers fund collection and Father's Day flowers fund collection on those days. But if you think that we can collect some extra donations for those vestments and dedicate them in memory of our Mothers and Fathers, that can be an awesome gift for God and our church.

If this idea finds you not willing to do it, so the other option is to buy the vestment by some family or individual parishioner who would like to make this kind of donation for Our Saviour Parish in memory of their deceased ancestors. Please let me know.

