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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Fourth Sunday of Easter! This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday for according to John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow Me." May you have confidence in the Good Shepherd's claim of care for you. With all the noise in our clamoring world, we must distinguish the voice of Jesus, the Shepherd and follow Him. Pray that you become familiar with His voice and pray for a willingness to respond to that voice generously.

I write to you on Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter and today our pilgrimage group offered the Mass for the Election of a Pope. Everyone is on the lookout for white smoke from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. By the time you read this, we may very well have a new Shepherd to guide our church! Come Holy Spirit!

I return home on Friday night and I look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with everyone this weekend as we honor and celebrate Mother's Day. God bless all our Mothers and Grandmothers, including those living among us, and those who have gone to their eternal home in the kingdom of heaven.

Easter Peace,
Msgr. Kevin



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rv 7:17)

Gospel:

Jesus said:
"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning transformed. There are many kinds of retreats, but all share a common purpose: communion with God.

Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,
You guide in a way often
beyond my understanding.
You lead to paths yet
undiscovered.
Keep me in Your care, as
together we seek green
pastures and still waters.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn
10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8/ Jn 15:9-17

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn
14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see
1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **“My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27).** Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Meet POPE LEO XIV!

Born: **September 14, 1955**

Ordained Priest: **June 19, 1982**

Appointed Cardinal by Pope Francis:
September 30, 2023

Elected Pope: **May 8, 2025**



A Brief Introduction

On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., was elected the 267th pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

Pope Leo was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. Before his election as pope, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost served for over two decades in Peru. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as Apostolic Administrator of Callao. As a member of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.), he brings to the papacy decades of experience in missionary service, especially among the poor, marginalized, and migrants. He has been an advocate for ecclesial reform and deeper dialogue within the global Church.

He served as Prior General of the Augustinians from 2001 to 2013. Before becoming a bishop, he worked in Peru as a seminary professor, judicial vicar, parish pastor, and diocesan official. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis on September 30, 2023. His prior roles include serving as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops from 2023 to 2025, where he played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership worldwide.

Pope Leo's First Steps as Pontiff: What to Expect from the Early Days of His Papacy

His First Words: *The Urbi et Orbi Blessing*

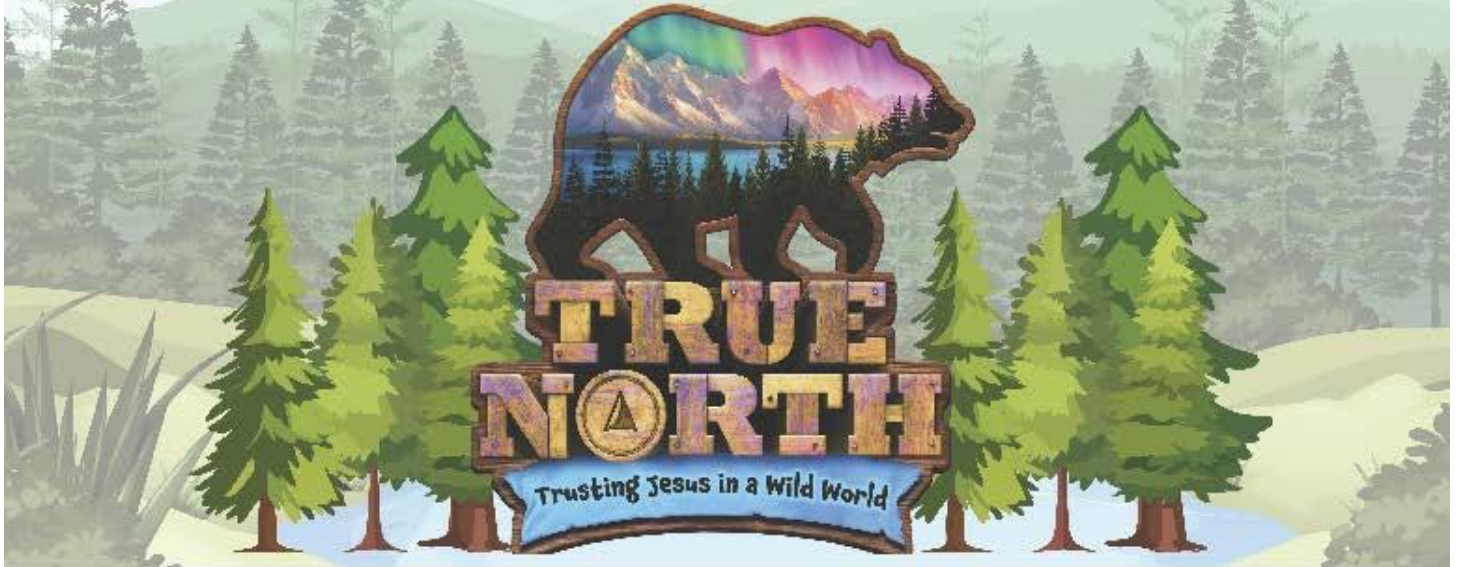
Pope Leo XIV delivered his first address from St. Peter's Basilica, known as the *Urbi et Orbi* ("to the city and to the world") blessing. The first words of this short, prayerful message, which he gave from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica following the "*Habemus Papam!*" announcement, were "Peace be with all of you!" He continued by saying, "The world needs Christ's light. Humanity needs him to be the bridge so that God and his love can reach us."

These remarks set a tone of hope, reconciliation, and a focus on Christ as the source of unity and peace for humanity. Pope Leo XIV's initial address was resonant, highlighting both a blessing for all and the essential role of faith in bridging divisions and bringing God's love to the world.

His First Public Mass: *The Inauguration*

Within a week, and likely on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Mass of Inauguration in St. Peter's Square, marking the formal start of his ministry. This Liturgy, attended by thousands, includes the bestowal of the Fisherman's Ring and pallium (symbols of papal authority). A private Mass with the cardinals in the Sistine Chapel often precedes it.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



EXPLORING MOUNTAINS OF FUN WITH GOD!

This camp is open to kids ages 4 to 11

When: June 16th - June 20th 2025

**Where: St. Joseph Church
6180 E Willow St. Long Beach Ca 90815**

**Time: 9:00am to 12 noon.
Cost: \$75**



To register, scan the QR code for an easy process! For any questions please contact: Marc Leon - (562)598-0519 Ext 1

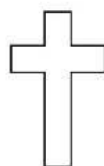
"True North" Vacation Bible Camp offers children an immersive Alaskan adventure. Throughout this week, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their steadfast friend - their True North. Each day features activities such as Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Glacier Games, Tundra Treats, and music - all designed to reinforce the message of trusting Jesus in every aspect of life.

This is a community event hosted by:

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- St. Cornelius
- Our Lady of Refuge



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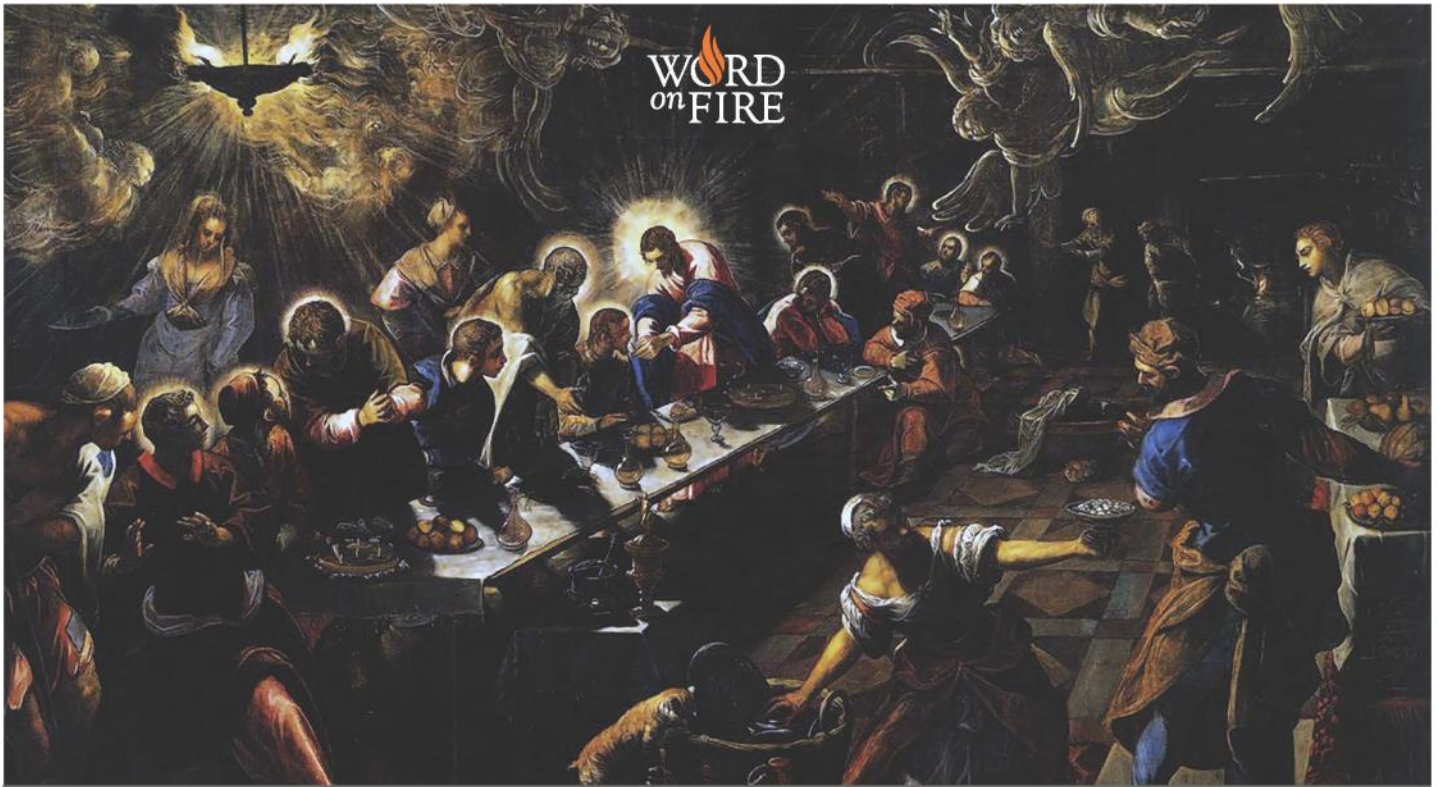


MEMORIAL DAY MASS
Monday, May 26, 2025
10:00 a.m

Principal Celebrant

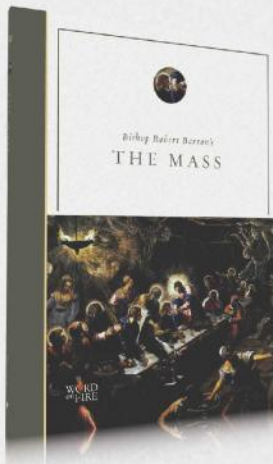
His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony

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THE MASS



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Starting Wednesday, May 14th at 9:00am in the PLC with Sr. Eva and Thursday, May 15th at 7:00pm on Zoom with Mike and Chris.

COST / REGISTRATION

This study is free because the physical Study Guides are sold out.

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Mike - mike@stjosephlb.org

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Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: *Thank you* for the parish’s support of last weekend’s baby product drive! And to the School for their support later in the month. Donated food and baby products will be provided to Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings. *\$1,423 in cash donations* were used to purchase additional baby products requested by these organizations.

June 10 6:30 PM: Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center. We will decide what activities to promote and organizations to support in our program year beginning July 1.

June 21-22 Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to the marginalized experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists will be available June 14. Can you help? For MANY fulfilling ways to serve, call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.



Did You Know?



What to do if a child discloses abuse

If a child tells you about sexual abuse, the first and most important step to take is to listen to him or her. Let the child fully express the situation and how he or she is feeling. It’s important to be aware that children may not always disclose abuse in clear terms. Let the child know that you are listening, and that you believe him or her. Remind him or her of how brave it is to disclose this, and that you will help. Report any suspicion of abuse to authorities. For more tips, visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/ and read the VIRTUS® article “When a Child Discloses” at virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=1673.

Senior Group



Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, May 12th at 9:30 am.

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!

St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief support



The next Grief support 13 week session will begin **June 3rd** and will meet until **August 26th**
Meetings are held on

Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 a.m. each week

For more information Contact May Pace,
Bereavement Minister, maypace@gmail.com
Or 562/833-6370

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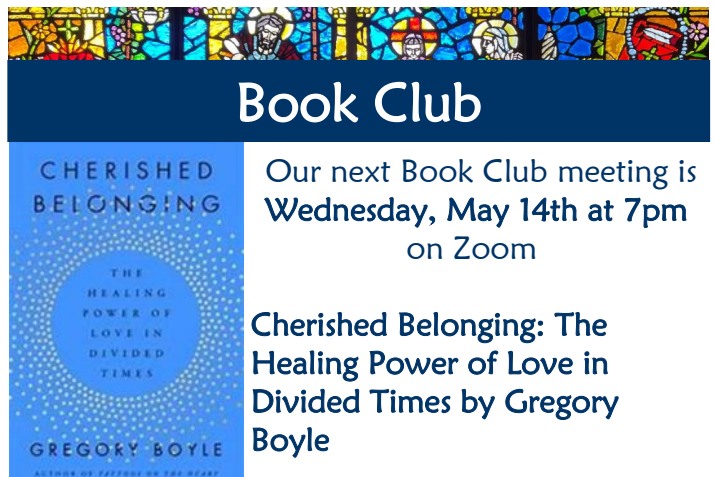
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Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, May 13th at 11:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~

Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is
Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm
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Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

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Adoration

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8:00-9:00 a.m.





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