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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)

9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)

11:30am English (organ & cantor)

1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

APRIL 26, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 27

8:30 a.m. Olinda Salcedo, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez (D), Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión, Yendy Infante (D), Luis Carlos Flores Ortega (D)

12:00 p.m. Edgar Spence (D)

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Ricardo Reyes (D), Andres Manuel Castillo, Johnny Rafael Castillo Ortiz

12:00 p.m. Souls of Ancestors

Wednesday, April 29

8:30 a.m. Jose Peguero Montero & Luz Montero Uribe (D), Mercedes Alvarez (D)

12:00 p.m. Dagnon Kafui Thomas & Kossi Bertin (D)

Thursday, April 30

8:30 a.m. Maria Soledad Soto Martinez (D), Jose Galo Icaza (D), Johnny Rafael Castillo Ortiz (D)

12:00 p.m. Adote Vincent & all deceased family Adote (D)

Friday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Johnny Rafael Castillo Ortiz (D), Inez Zuniga Crisostomo- 9 años difunta, Juan Rodriguez Santiago - 6 años difunto

12:00 p.m. St Raphael, Almighty God, Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit, St Michael, Blessed Trinity, Antigua Nuñez (D)

Saturday, May 2

7:45 a.m. Lorenzo & Madalena Gia (D)

7:00 p.m. Manuel Herrera Soto Ofelia Soto (D), Mercedes Pelaez & Pepe Arichabela (D), Juan Pimentel (D), Jorge Paltan, Victor Nugra, Milton Torres, America Gonzabay (D), Johnny Rafael Castillo Ortiz (D), Petra Solis, Manuel Montiel (D)

Sunday, May 3

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Sencion Suriel, Marcelina Fuente, Padre Beinvenido Antonio Suriel, Maria Mercedes Suriel (D)

9:30 a.m. Roberto Cruz (D), Johnny Rafael Castillo Ortiz (D), Carmen Vasquez & Felicita Merced (D), Santiago Tovar, Andrea Valencia, Nelly Inestroza (D)

11:30 am Ramon Fernandez (D), Jose Ramon Tavares, Maria Espinal Hernandez (D)

1:30 pm Phero & Maria (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Peter said to them,
"Repent and be baptized,
every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there
is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been
healed.
For you had gone astray like
sheep,
but you have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of
your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

Gospel:

"I came so that they might have
life and have it more
abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

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Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
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 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4th Sunday of Easter John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me. Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— *Father John Muir*

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Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy: Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Florence & Milan Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA

- 21-Sep NY -Rome
- 22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
- 24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
- 25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
- 26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
- 27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
- 28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
- 29-Sep Cassago Brianza
- 30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
- 01-Oct Departure to NY

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

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