

JESUS SAID: "MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;
I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.

I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE,
AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH."

- JN 10:27-28A



APRIL 17, 2016
4TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers, if you can find a way to work it out, I would like to encourage you to consider attending the annual Dialogue and Friendship dinner to be held at the Kansas Union Ballroom on Wednesday evening, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. The Dialogue Institute is an initiative of the Islamic Community here in the U.S. and is committed to establish dialogue and relationships with different religions in order to dispel any misconceptions that any religious group or denomination may have of one another. From their website:

The Dialogue Institute engages religious, civic, and academic leaders in practicing the skills of respectful dialogue and critical thinking, building and sustaining transformative relationships across lines of religion and culture. It provides resources and creates networks for intra- and interreligious scholarship and action that value difference and foster human dignity.

This year's topic is especially timely as it addresses extremism. You can contact the Kansas City DI website for more information. — Fr. Jeff

Wake up to a deeper understanding of your faith: **ST. JOHN CAFÉ**

Please join us for St. John Café every Sunday between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. St. John Café is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests. You can ask all those burning questions!

St. John Café is every Sunday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room, located in the lower level of the school (unless noted in the bulletin or weekly email). You can drop in any time and all are welcome (bring your kids)! Invite your friends!

Do I have to come every session? Although we would love for you to do so...
No, you can come and go as it is convenient for your life.
Each session is something new!

Who should go? All are welcome (including small children)!

What is the format? **First 15 minutes:** Fellowship, coffee, and pastries
After That: Q&A about the topic of your choice or designated topic

If you have any questions please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109.



SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION

Your St. John social concerns committee and earth care committee will have a table at Earth Day in South Park on Saturday, April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are especially thrilled to be a part of this year's Earth Day festivities. We want to share the *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical that Pope Francis published last summer, with you and with the rest of our local community.

Pope Francis writes eloquently and with a sense of urgency about what climate and earth care challenges we face and also shares hopeful ideas about how we might meet these challenges. His encyclical is a gift for not only the Catholic community, but also for the rest of the world. We're all on this earth together and the future of our earth and future generations is at stake.

"I wish to address every person living on this planet about our common home. My appeal is to bring the human family together."

—Introduction

"Christian spirituality proposes a contemplative lifestyle free of the obsession with consumption."

—Chapter 6 Ecological Education and Spirituality

We'll have some handouts, including a well-written summary of the encyclical prepared by parishioner Tony Schmidt; if you haven't had time to read the encyclical, reading this summary will give you a great overview of the encyclical. We'll also have an activity for the children, so come visit us! We look forward to seeing you in South Park on Earth Day!

Here's some more sampling of what you'll find in *Laudato Si'*:

"We human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures."

—Chapter 2: The Gospel of Creation

"When life gradually becomes surrender to technology, technology then becomes the meaning of existence."

—Chapter 3: The Root of the Ecological Crisis

"Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting. Ecosystems purify water, control illnesses, epidemics, form soil, and break down waste. "

—Chapter 4: Integral Ecology

"Politics and the economy need to own up to their mistakes and find ways to join together to promote the public good."

—Chapter 5: Lines of Approach and Action

"Growth marked by moderation; to be happy with little and to appreciate each person and the simplest things and how to enjoy them."

—Chapter 6: Ecological Education and Spirituality

"Human beings are capable of rising above themselves and having the ability to change."

—Chapter 6: Ecological Education and Spirituality

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, April 21,**
for a day of staff development.

DINING FOR WOMEN

The Lawrence Dining for Women chapter will meet for dinner on **Tuesday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Villas clubhouse. The Villas clubhouse address is 5630 Villa Drive.

Dining for Women is a dinner giving circle. We “dine in” together once a month or so, each bringing a dish to share and our “dining out” dollars are sent to international programs empowering women and girls. It is a wonderful way to meet other women in the community while supporting a critical cause.

Bring a friend and join us for incredible food and fellowship as we change the world one dinner at a time!

This month’s program is described at the website:

www.handsinoutreach.org.

To learn more about our organization go to diningforwomen.org or contact Ann Chapman at (785) 865-6876 or achap@ku.edu.

BABY SHOWER

Thank You from the Knights of Columbus!

Thank you to all who made donations to the Knights of Columbus baby shower. We received \$1,318 worth of donations for the Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence. These donations will help many families in need.

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT

“We felt like we did when we were first married!”

See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the “Living in Love” retreat. Sign up now for the next “Living in Love” retreat held at Mater Dei Parish, Topeka, KS, June 11-12, 2016. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the archdiocese at (913) 647-0345 for information.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Have you ever noticed it’s often easier to be kind to strangers when you’re angry than it is to be kind to your family? In today’s psalm we hear that the Lord is “slow to anger and abounding in compassion”, and in the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that they will be known by how well they love. How well we love our families, especially in anger, is proof of our Christianity!

If that’s a challenge, consider this. We don’t have to feel warm and fuzzy to be kind. In fact, often when we act kind or compassionate despite our feelings to the contrary, the feelings follow. Next time we feel tempted to snap at our loved ones, let’s try to think of what it would look like to respond with “abounding compassion”. This self-control will be a powerful witness to our children.

RCIA ENRICHMENT DAY

A Tour Through the Rites

The Liturgy Office and the Office of Evangelization will be offering a RCIA Enrichment Day - A Tour through the Rites, presented by Father Andrew Strobl and Michael Podrebarac for RCIA directors and teams, Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Savior Pastoral Center from 9am – 12pm. Please save the date! Registration details forthcoming.

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THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART



Wednesday Mornings—Now Meeting!

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership.

This program meets in the church basement on Wednesday mornings from 6:00-7:30 a.m. All men are welcome to attend!

ATTENTION WOMEN SINGERS

Threshold Choir is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying.

We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. To join our simple practice sessions, contact Jean Drumm at (785) 841-6067

ST. MONICA’S PRAYER GROUP

This group meets at Noon-12:45pm St. John Church on Mondays. The group prays the rosary for the intention of children and for special intentions. A special prayer for cancer victims included.

All parishioners are invited to participate. Come as you are. Come when you can.

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in St. John’s Church. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group is committed to responding to the Blessed Mother’s call at Medjugorje to pray from the heart to bring about her plan for peace in the world.

The hour includes the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome.

REDISCOVER JESUS: WEEKLY REFLECTION

Each week we will be posting the reflection items from a chapter of the book Rediscover Jesus here, on our website, and on our Facebook page. Bear these items in mind as you go through your week! (If you do not have a copy of the book, you can pick one up for free at the parish office.)

Point to Ponder: Avert your eyes from anything that can pollute your soul.

Verse to Live: “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound your whole body will be full of light.”
{Matthew 6:22}

Question to Consider: If you learn to control what you look at, how deep will the peace within you be?

Prayer: Jesus, purify my heart, purify my mind, purify my body, and purify my soul.

IMBIBE CHARITY WINE DINNER

Cork and Barrel presents the 3rd Annual Imbibe Events with all proceeds going to support [Family Promise of Lawrence!](#)

April 21st – Imbibe Wine Dinner at The Eldridge

701 Mass St. featuring guest Jerry Owen, Proprietor of Lady Hill Winery.

RSVP at Cork and Barrel: (785) 331-4242

6:00 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner

April 23rd – Imbibe Wine Tasting at Abe and Jake's Landing

A showcase of fine wines and food.

2:00-5:00 p.m.

For further information, please visit the website:

www.imbibelawrence.com

ADULT CONFIRMATION

For those adults baptized as Catholics but who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Archbishop Naumann will be conferring the sacrament at a special evening Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, in Kansas City.

To prepare those interested, four sessions will be offered in the St. John church basement on Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. The dates for the sessions are April 18 and 25 and May 2 and 9. Attendance is required for any adults wishing to receive the sacrament this year from Archbishop Naumann.

Contact Michael Podrebarac at liturgy@archkck.org with any questions or concerns, and to enroll for the sessions.

ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed.

Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The store is open Wednesdays 11-3, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays 8:30-12:30. We could use volunteers to fill any of these positions, but are especially in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons, one or two Thursdays per month.

If you are interested in helping the parish community with this ministry, please email Lee Ann Hartwick (Hartwick@saint-johns.net) for more information.



CELEBRATE MARIA MOTA!

**Sunday, April 24, 2:00 p.m. Mass
Reception to Follow**

Please join us in congratulating Maria Mota for 35 years of consecrated life! The celebration on April 24 will begin with Mass at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the church basement. Everybody is invited! If you plan on attending the reception, please also consider bringing a food item to share.

DAILY ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 6AM—10PM

The Padre Pio Chapel is located inside the north entrance of St. John Church. It is open for anybody to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. If you can schedule a weekly hour, please email Brandon Volz at: mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com

SCHEDULE A WEEKLY ADORATION HOUR

Though it is not necessary to schedule a time to visit the Padre Pio chapel for adoration, this ministry does depend on volunteers to be present with the Holy Eucharist at all available hours. Please consider adding an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to your weekly schedule. We currently need adorers for the following times:

Monday: 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

If you can schedule a weekly hour, please email Brandon Volz at: mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during the following times:

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment - Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule one, or email: frjeff@saint-johns.net or frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

Jerry Albertson
Matthew Arellano
Samantha Bell
Katie Benton
Mariele Berthold
Craig Bogley, husband of Judy Carpenter
Remi Brown
Dale Brueggeman, husband of Debbie Filkins
Chris Crandon
Don Erker
Terry Hadl
Jenny Hernandez
Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
Bob Holek
Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
Susan Jones, sister of Patti Fisher
Diana Mathhews
Phillip McCarthy
Marianne Fabac Means
Dee Myers
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Max Polson
Fred Posch
Dorothy Purdy
Marlene Richard
Tony Romero
Eli Rohrbaugh
Mark Salamans
Michael Schurer, son of Mick Schurer
Mary Kay Seidl
Sydney Tann
Ruth Theising
Shannon Tuckwin-Rolland
John Woods

MINISTERS: APRIL 23-24

Lectors

Saturday
 4:30pmL1: M Mauler; L2: A Sellet

Sunday
 7:00am L1: B Kish; L2: M Delaney
 8:30am L1: F St. Ines; L2: K Kohnke
 11:00am L1: C Ehrlich; L2: J Gripka
 5:00pm L1: M D'Souza; L2: A Hill

Cantors

Saturday
 4:30pm K Beisner

Sunday
 7:00am K Colson & B Ennis
 8:30am K Gibb

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday
 4:30pmB Johnson, J Koster, J McGraw
 L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl

Sunday
 7:00amS&J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon
 8:30am J Huss, M Ice, S Jahn
C Johnson, T Kempf
B Kessler, K Kohnke
 11:00amT Towle, N Allensworth
 B Baska, B Bermudez
 C Bial, D Bradley, A Brill
 5:00pm S Murray, T Reznicek, D Schmidt
J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

Altar Servers

Saturday
 4:30pmJ Krones, Volunteer

Sunday
 7:00am Volunteer
 8:30am C Stone, D Turner
 11:00amM Green, J Green, C Finkeldei
 5:00pm L Schmidt, O Schmidt

MASSES: APRIL 18-24

Monday
 7:30am... Dale Hofmann Sr & Teresa Hofmann†

Tuesday
 7:30am.....June Newell†

Wednesday
 7:30am..... Fr. Michael Scully

Thursday
 7:30am..... Don Diekert†

Friday
 7:30am..... Christa Stinson†

Saturday
 8:00am..... Albert Schrader†
 4:30pm John & Anna Sommer†

Sunday
 7:00am..... St. John Parish
 8:30am..... Duane Desmartau†
 11:00am.....Naomi Kilgore†
 2:00pm (Spanish)..... 35yrs Consecrated Life
for Maria Mota
 5:00pm Don Erker

WEEKLY GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2015
 through June 30, 2016

Information below
 reflects donations received
 July 1, 2015 through April 10, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount \$30,692.31
 Average weekly amount..... **\$27,916.82**
 Budgeted YTD..... \$1,227,692.40
 Actual YTD **\$1,116,673.04**
 Net Shortage \$110,019.36

RESERVING SPACE

Parishioners, if you would like to reserve a location on the St. John Church for an event or meeting, you must contact Ellen Sickinger:

(785) 843-0109 esickinger@saint-johns.net

To inquire about space in St. John School, contact Linda Alexander:

(785) 843-9511 alexander@saint-johns.net

MAY CROWNING

We will have a May Crowning on May 1 at the 11am Mass. If you would like your children to be part of the processional please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or (785) 843-0109. Please indicate how many children and their ages.

Following the 11am Mass there will be cake and punch served in celebration of the month of Mary! All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, May 12. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!



PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE CONVALIDACIÓN

Marzo 5-6, 2016 en el Ministerio Hispano. Por favor registrar las parejas con la forma apropiada en español y pagar los \$60 una semana antes del retiro.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **(785) 218-1511**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE. Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota.

Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de abril de 2016

Domingo: Hch 13, 14. 43-52/Sal 100, 1-3. 5/Ap 7, 9. 14-17/
Jn 10, 27-30

Lunes: Hch 11, 1-18/Sal 42, 2-3; 43, 3-4/Jn 10, 1-10

Martes: Hch 11, 19-26/Sal 87, 1-7/Jn 10, 22-30

Miércoles: Hch 12, 24--13, 5/Sal 67, 2-3. 5-6. 8/Jn 12, 44-50

Jueves: Hch 13, 13-25/Sal 89, 2-3. 21-22. 25. 27/Jn 13, 16-20

Viernes: Hch 13, 26-33/Sal 2, 6-11/Jn 14, 1-6

Sábado: Hch 13, 44-52/Sal 98, 1-4/Jn 14, 7-14

Domingo siguiente: Hch 14, 21-27/Sal 145, 8-13/Ap 21, 1-5/
Jn 13, 31-33. 34-35

17 de abril de 2016

4º Domingo de Pascua

Este domingo debe ayudarnos a reflexionar sobre las miles de voces que escuchamos a diario. Voces comerciales que nos ofrecen productos para comprar aunque no necesitemos nada de lo que ofrecen. Voces de pastores falsos que nos enredan prometiéndonos salud, bienestar y riqueza. Voces de amistades que nos conducen por el mal camino. ¿Qué voces escuchas tú? ¿A cuales les haces caso? La liturgia de hoy es hermosa pues nos ayuda a escuchar la verdadera voz a la que debemos seguir sin titubear. El conocimiento que nos lleva a Jesús el Buen Pastor debe ser el del amor. Sus ovejas escuchan su voz y lo siguen. Los relatos de los Evangelios nos lo demuestran con cada milagro que el hacía y la respuesta que daba el que lo recibía.

"Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen. Yo les doy la vida eterna" (Jn 10, 27-28). Éste es el regalo del Resucitado para cada oveja que lo siga al oír su voz. ¡La vida eterna! Buen recordatorio por si ya olvido que seguimos celebrando la Pascua. Aún es tiempo para que se tenga la experiencia de un encuentro vivo con el Señor. Todo lo que hacemos para hacer el bien debe de partir de haber escuchado, de haber tenido un encuentro personal e íntimo con Jesús resucitado. Y de creer en él en todo tiempo y en cada circunstancia de la vida. El reto es no ser ovejas a medias sino completas --toda la persona-- sin fragmentos. Se trata de escuchar, de hacer caso, de no poner en saco roto sus enseñanzas. ¿Por qué no le pedimos hoy su ayuda para dar el cambio?

4º Domingo de Pascua

A este domingo podríamos llamarlo sin ninguna duda "el día de la seguridad en las manos de Dios". Todos nosotros quizás hemos tenido la experiencia de alguna vez estar perdidos ya sea en algún camino o en algún vicio que nos atormenta. Casi siempre buscamos algo o a alguien que nos dé pautas para alcanzar nuestro destino. En esas circunstancias, al escuchar la voz de alguien que nos orienta, nos alegramos. Hoy es el Domingo del Buen Pastor. La imagen de Jesús abrazando a una oveja nos motiva a pensar que soy yo al que abraza y habla palabras de amor y de consuelo. ¿Qué actitudes cambian en nuestra persona al escuchar la voz de nuestro Buen Pastor?

La responsabilidad de escuchar la voz de Jesús se basa en reconocer que es Dios mismo el que nos llama. La seguridad y el conocimiento no se pueden quitar de la mano del Pastor, que es Jesús, y que nos conduce a Dios. Todos estamos llamados a escuchar su voz como fieles creyentes, y estar dispuestos a ir hacia donde Dios nos llama. Actualmente existen muchas voces que nos distraen y alejan de Dios fácilmente. Sin embargo, una vez más se nos recuerda el día de hoy cuanto se nos ama y de cómo las palabras del Salmo 100:3 deben de permanecer en nuestro corazón: "Reconozcamos que el Señor es Dios, que él fue quien nos hizo y somos suyos, que somos su pueblo y su rebaño". En esta Eucaristía, alcemos nuestras voces al Señor y démosle gracias por todas las veces que nos ha rescatado de nuestras culpas y por todas las veces que hemos escuchado su voz.

Escuchar
la voz del Buen Pastor

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Everyday Stewardship

4th Sunday of Easter

Kids: Sharing the Gospel

When I was little I would always cling to the same routine each night before going to bed. I would say to my parents, "Good night." They would respond, "Good night." I then would say, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I would await their response of "see you tomorrow," and if they did not respond, I would say it again louder, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I somehow felt that if they did not assure me that I would see them tomorrow, it would possibly not happen. What would happen to me if I awoke and no one was there? It seems silly now, but to a small boy it was very serious.

In our lives, many of us have somehow bought into the notion that there is so much in the world that can take us away from God. We believe that worldly values, immorality, or evil itself can take us away from God's love and protection. But there are few greater lies than this. The reality is that if we find ourselves far away from God, the only force that carried us away was our own choices.

In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me... No one can take them out of my hand." Yes, we are tempted at every side, but no temptation can take us away from him. Unfortunately, sometimes after initial choices we find ourselves in addiction or dependency, making our reconciliation with God impossible without the help of friends and loved ones. But make no mistake, no one or nothing can take those who are his sheep away from God.

When you think about this, you realize the importance of your actions. The power of your stewardship is great, for by utilizing your gifts you determine if you will draw closer to or wander away from God. The world can't do that. The devil can't do that. Not even the wishful words of a little boy in the night can do that.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.' How blessed we are to be the "sheep" of such a Good Shepherd! Jesus promises that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." When we follow the voice of our Shepherd, he leads us exactly where we want to go. But, of course, it's up to us to make sure that we recognize this voice.

In today's culture, many voices are competing for our attention. The voice of the media is a loud one, entering our homes and families through television, the Internet, print materials, and so on. We are also more and more a culture whose ears are literally filled with the voices of our favorite singers and the sounds of our personal playlists—the sight of people marching through their day with earphones blocking out other sounds is now a common sight. All of this has its appropriate place. We simply need to be sure that we don't allow these voices to become the primary ones in our lives.

To hear the voice of Jesus, we need to encounter his word in the Bible where he speaks to us loud and clear. We need to fill our ears with the message of the Gospel, to listen attentively to the prayers and preaching at Mass, and to "tune in" to the teaching of the Church and of the Holy Father, which is easily available to anyone these days through those same media outlets mentioned above.

All of these things will help us to stay close to our Shepherd, and to avoid going astray into regions where we might get lost in spite of ourselves. Jesus promises of those who hear his voice and follow him that, "No one can take them out of my hand." When we stay near the Lord, we can rest assured that he will fulfill his promises.

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you.

Mission for the Week

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/
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 87:1-7/
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25,
27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

