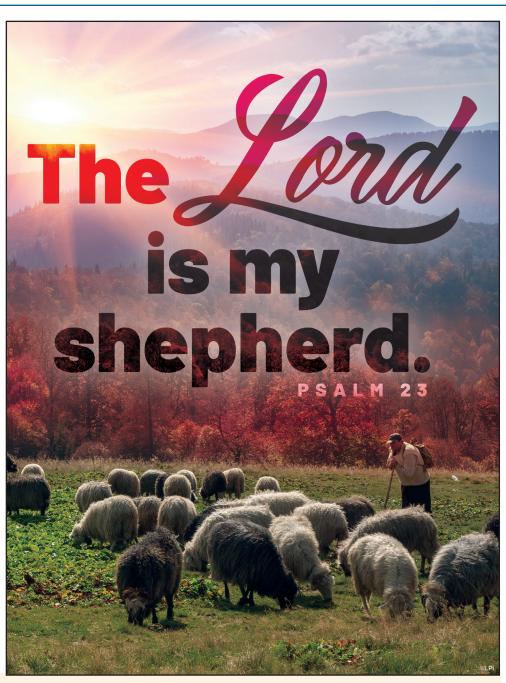


# Church of the Assumption



**SUNDAY - APRIL 30, 2023** 



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### Welcome!

# Fr. John Carillo Parochial Administrator MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday | 8:30am Tuesday | 8:30am Wednesday | 8:30am Thursday | 8:30am Friday | 8:30am

#### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday | 8:30am, 4:30pm Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm Other | By Appointment

#### **Adoration**

Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm Saturday | 3:00 pm- 4:00pm

#### SUPPORT OUR CHURCH





#### **Donate Online**

Scan the QR code above to support our parish.

Questions about donation envelopes, call our Parish Office.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 Jesus is the gate for his sheep

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture.

As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds sheep and have а close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospe. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.



#### May Crowning Liturgy Monday, May 1st 8:30am

The Class of 2023 begins their last full month as Assumption School student leaders honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in our annual May Crowning liturgy. This liturgy will highlight our 8th graders and also have representatives from every class adorn our statue of Mary with flowers. Maya D and Noah R were voted by their classmates to crown Mary.

#### **STEWARDSHIP FOR 4/17/23 - 4/23/23**

Thank you for your generosity to your parish!

Collection for 4-23-23

**Budgeted Weekly Offertory Collection** 

**Ministry Center** 

\$4,825.00 **\$7000.00** 

\$1,007.00

Please consider naming Assumption as a beneficiary in your trust

#### **WEEKLY INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 29

8:30am Wilfredo Belen+

John Leibee (Birthday)

4:30pm Wayne Diaz+

Jose Zepeda+

Sunday, April 30

8:00am Francis & Paul McDonnell+

JoAnn Marie Horton+

10:00am Milagros p. Pacheco+

12:00pm Felix Mendoza

Monday, May 1

8:30am Assumption Children

Filiberto Parra+

Tuesday, May 2

8:30am Lucio Jorge+

Wednesday, May 3

8:30am Audrey O'Brien

Thursday, May 4

8:30am Patty Gilmore+

Friday, May 5

8:30am People of Assumption Parish

12:00pm People of Assumption Parish

Saturday, May 6

8:30am Lita Flinders+

4:30pm People of Assumption Parish

Please pray for who are ill in our community especially:

Norm Hendricks, Mike Tedeschi, Jean Banks, Sharon Casey, Joe Riccio

and for all those who care for them

In Loving Memory Audrey O'Brien

#### **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased love one, please submit a Mass Request to us.

You may pick up Mass cards in the office

# Preparing for First Holy Communion



Our Faith Formation and School elementary students will receive the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 7 at 10:00am**. The Eucharist is the most profound way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ.

In preparation they have been learning the importance of going to Sunday Mass, that the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is our belief that the bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Jesus, showing reverence and to focus on the sacrament when receiving Communion, How to pray by just talking to God about anything from our hearts and also how to pray the prayers in our little prayer books.

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. You have provided for us richly through the gift of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharist.



**VIDES Internship Program** 

Parishioner Leeshia Rocha, just completed her three-month internship (from January thru March this year) at the United Nations in Geneva with the Salesian Sisters and the NGO of IIMA which focused on human rights.

She was fortunate enough to be a live speaker in February, where she provided recommendations on the issues of youth human rights in accordance with the mission of the Salesian Sisters - all of which were accepted on behalf of the UN delegation.

Leeisha is part of Volunteers International for Development, Education, and Solidarity. VIDES is a lay volunteer program in which young adults serve missions domestically and internationally with the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco in San Antonio, TX. We are so proud of her amazing work to serve in the mission to which God has called her.

Link to her Oral Statement: https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1m/k1mcw9lu5a



Leeisha with her team: (left) Luna Ponelies, Sister Sarah Garcia, and Maria D'Onofrio



### Assumption Parish Hoedown- May 6

Saddle up for fun and gather with the Assumption community over music, games, food, dancing, and more!!

Dinner at Assumption Corral
Wild West Hors d'oeuvres - BBQ Chicken
Country Style Pulled Pork
Cowboy Baked Beans - Western Salad Tossed
with Ranch Dressing
Chuck Wagon Biscuits - Texas Style Dessert

Saloon doors open at 5:30 No host bar featuring western themed cocktails to lasso your taste buds.



Adults - \$30.

School Teachers and Staff - \$20.

School Alumni - \$20.

Children Five to ten -\$10.

Kids under five are free

Come eat, drink, holler and dance!

#### SCHOOL FAMILIES.

Ice Cream Party for the highest attending class, also get a head start for the 2023-2024 school year and receive parent service hours

**ALUMNI CLASS** with the highest attendance will get a round of drinks! Dust off your cowboy hat, lasso some friends and head over to the Assumption Corral