

I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine  
and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down my life  
for the sheep.

JOHN 10:14-15

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**EASTER**

APRIL 25, 2021



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday - Friday: 9AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5PM  
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon Spanish

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

First Friday: *after 9AM Mass, Benediction at Noon*

**SACRAMENTS**

**Confession:** *Saturday: 4.00 - 4.30PM and after each daily Mass by request*

**Baptism:** *By appointment after completion of the Preparation Class on 2nd Saturday of the Month. (415) 648-5751*

**Marriage:** *Contact the Parish Office at least six months before the expected wedding date. (415) 648-5751*

**Please Note:** *For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

CCD Classes for First Communion and Confirmation (English & Spanish), please call Parish Office at (415) 648-5751

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) call Parish Office at (415) 648-5751

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** IV Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
- Thursday:** St. Catherine of Siena
- Friday:** St. Pius V; National Arbor Day
- Saturday:** St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading** - There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).  
**Psalm** - The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).  
**Second Reading** - See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).  
**Gospel** - The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU - JESÚS, CONFÍO EN TI**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25, 2021

# Mass Intentions

**APRIL 24 - MAY 2, 2021**

	<u>SATURDAY, April 24, 2021</u>
5:00 PM	+ Lourdes Ortiz (40 days)
	<u>SUNDAY, April 25, 2021</u>
8:00 AM	+ Thelma Castillo (40 days)
	David B. Pasol (BDay)
10:00 AM	Fr. Henry Noga, SVD
	25th Anniversary of Ordination
12:00 Noon +	Jose P. Marquez (death anniv)
	+ Reynaldo Vargas (death anniv)
	<u>MONDAY, April 26, 2021</u>
	NO MASS
	<u>TUESDAY, April 27, 2021</u>
9:00 AM	Fr. Henry Noga, SVD
	25th Anniversary of Ordination
	<u>WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2021</u>
9:00 AM	+ Iyang Doro
	<u>THURSDAY, April 29, 2021</u>
9:00 AM	
	<u>FRIDAY, April 30, 2021</u>
9:00 AM	
	<u>SATURDAY, May 1, 2021</u>
5:00 PM	+ Roberto Uriza
	+ Mercedes Juntilla (1st death anniv)
	<u>SUNDAY, May 2, 2021</u>
8:00 AM	Women's Guild Members
10:00 AM	+ Marie Anuzzi (1st death anniv)
12:00 Noon	Mirna Andaluz (Thanksgiving)

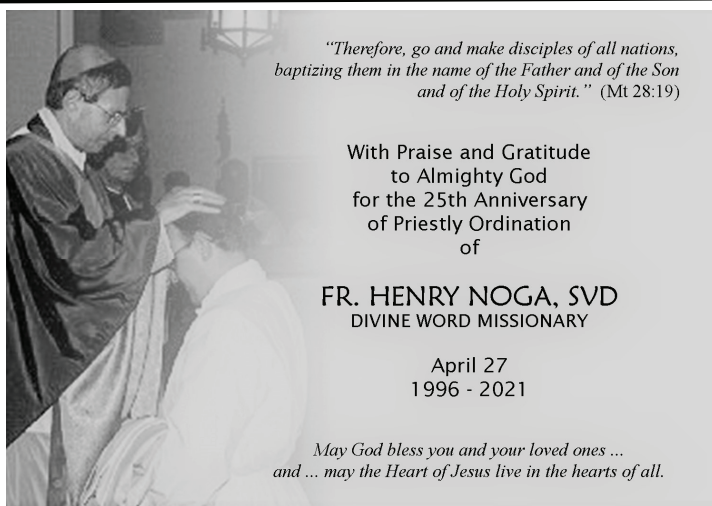
*For Mass intentions please come to the office  
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**Last Sunday's collections  
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**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**



*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)*

With Praise and Gratitude  
to Almighty God  
for the 25th Anniversary  
of Priestly Ordination  
of

**FR. HENRY NOGA, SVD**  
DIVINE WORD MISSIONARY

April 27  
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*May God bless you and your loved ones ...  
and ... may the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all.*

### RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...  
Please pray for: Lilian Henriquez, Sylvia Porillo, Marie Malveaux, Agapito Geronimo, Nicholas Policar, Javier Parrales, Theresa Posadas, Anita Provost, Petronila Parnala*

*May God bless, comfort them and give them health.*

Let us pray for  
**ALL INTENTIONS** in our PRAYER BOOK

Pray also for all who have died...

*James Wardell, Edwin Abergas, Charmaine Raymond, Romeo H. Davo, Laura Rodriguez, Conchita Villasoto, Catalina Velasco, Anna Belle Johanson, Bob Hammill, Tony Galam, Jose Oscar Rico, Consejo Niego, Thelma Castillo, Christine Victoria, Lourdes Ortiz, Ron Alfonso, Virginia Nielsen*



## THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are “at home” in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God’s children, precious in God’s sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us. Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

## BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God’s ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

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## RESPUESTA AL LLAMADO

¿Realmente conocemos la voz de Cristo? ¿Respondemos realmente a la voz de nuestro pastor, con nuestra propia y distintiva voz? ¿Con qué frecuencia intentamos imitar a los que nos rodean, apropiándonos de la respuesta de otro miembro del rebaño de Cristo? Tal vez la necesidad de equilibrar la imagen de ser ovejas de un rebaño con la imagen de la segunda lectura, que nos dice que todos somos hijos de Dios. ¿Qué hijo tiene precisamente la misma interacción con los padres como sus hermanos? Por el contrario, con frecuencia hacen y dicen cosas que se distinguen en los ojos de sus padres.

Ya sea que utilicemos la imagen de los niños o de las ovejas para entender nuestra relación con Cristo, creemos que todos somos conocidos y llamados por su nombre. Con este gran regalo viene la responsabilidad: responder a la llamada con la voz propia y distintiva, sacar un tiempo para discernir exactamente cuál es nuestro llamado, para determinar con precisión cuál es la voluntad del Padre para cada uno de nosotros.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** - Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).

**Salmo** - La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).

**Segunda lectura** - Nos hemos convertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).

**Evangelió** - El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

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