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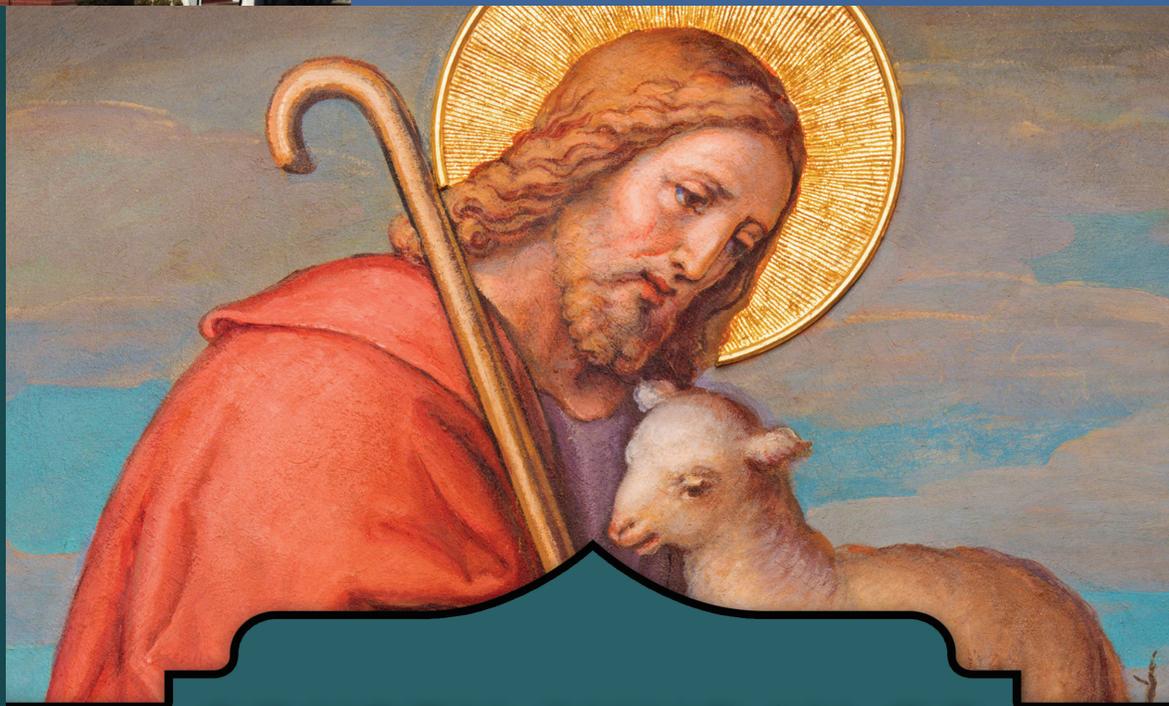
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 22, 2018

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

# The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

Imagine an ant colony. The ants decide that they need to build a new hill and choose to do so at the busiest intersection downtown. You deeply love your ants, and so you try to instruct them that this is not a good idea, but as you get close to talk to them, they scurry away in a frenzy and then go back to gathering supplies to build their ant hill at the intersection. You think to yourself, "What must I do in order to get across to these ants that if they build at this intersection, they will die? How can I save them?" And then it dawns on you—you must become an ant. This is the only way they will listen to you without fear. You become an ant and work to lead them away from the busy intersection. Some follow you, others can't stand you and choose to put you to death.

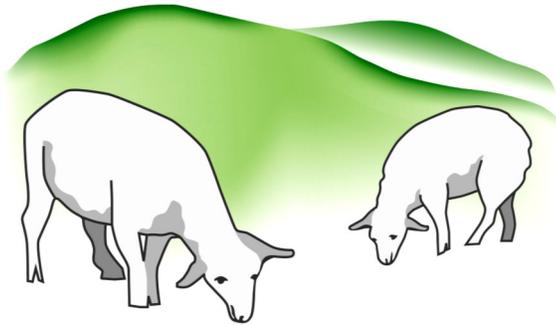
As silly as this little story may sound, it helps show the radical love that Christ has for us. He needed to reach us, to come in a way that we would recognize him and hear his voice, and so God made himself a mere human. What amazing love Our Lord has for us! Let us spend some time together today reflecting on this love as we read of it in the first two readings and then as we hear of Christ as our good shepherd, keeping us safe from harm.

*(Analogy idea from Billy Graham)*

## First Reading Reflection Acts 4:8-12

Peter and John are arrested after the lame man is healed in the Temple area and Peter speaks to

the crowd. Today's reading highlights Peter's response to the authorities who ask him by what power he has affected this healing. Jesus promises that there is no need to worry about their testimony when they are arrested because the words will be provided to them (cf. Mark 13:11; Matthew 10:19; Luke 12:12), and this promise is fulfilled when Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit and proceeds to tell the Sanhedrin that it is by the power of the Risen



Christ working through him that the man has been healed. Peter proclaims the Resurrection and that all salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone rejected by them. Peter uses Jesus's own metaphor from Psalms 118:22 by which Jesus had referred to himself as the "stone the builders rejected" that "has become the cornerstone," the stone that holds the structure in place. Jesus who has been rejected by his own is now proclaimed as Savior of all.

When our Faith is challenged, we too can rely on the Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ as the Risen Savior of the world. We have a duty to speak out when silence would imply denial, cause offense to God or scandal to others, or show disrespect

for our Faith. We need to examine our faith for any weakness and trust in the name of Jesus by which mighty deeds are accomplished.

## Second Reading Reflection 1 John 3:1-2

As Christians, we experience God's loving goodness by becoming children of God through our Baptism into the household of God. By the grace of divine generation through water and the Spirit, which is received by faith at our Baptism, we become sons and daughters of the Father and recipients of his love and protection. Therefore, we no longer belong to this world, and so the world rejects us as it does Jesus.

We are called to lead holy lives in imitation of Christ, and we can be confident of an even greater salvation in the future. The glory that awaits us at our salvation is a clear vision of Christ, to see him as he truly is. So, we live in the tension of the "already" but "not yet" where we can enjoy life as children of light sharing in his divine nature but not yet fully transformed into Christ.

## Gospel Reflection John 10:11-18

In this passage, Jesus uses the analogy of a shepherd to characterize his deep love and concern for the people as opposed to the Pharisees who are more concerned with the Law. Jesus has just given sight to a man blind from birth and who the Pharisees subse-

quently persecute shamefully. With the claim “I am the Good Shepherd,” Jesus evokes the words that God spoke from the burning bush to Moses in Exodus 3:14 and thereby asserts his spiritual authority. He then proves his care and concern for the people by his readiness to lay down his life for them not merely by risking it. In contrast, the Pharisees show no true concern for the people; they are like hired hands who quit their post at the first sign of trouble.

Jesus’s flock is not limited to the chosen ones of Israel. Jesus is ready to lay down his life for anyone who will accept his sacrificial offering on the Cross, even the Gentiles and all of us today. We have assurance that we are called to be part of his flock since we know that God “wills everyone to be saved” (1 Timothy 2:4). However, like the Jews, we also must hear Jesus’s call and be willing to respond.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus desires an intimate relationship with

his sheep, modelled after the relationship that he has with the Father. Although Jesus has authority, there is an inter-dependence based on love and obedience. Jesus hears and freely responds to the command of the Father to lay down his life and to pick it up again. We too are called to hear his voice and respond in obedience to the great love that he shows us in laying down his life for us.

### Discussion

Watch the short ***Opening the Word*** video at [StMichael.FORMED.org](http://StMichael.FORMED.org).

In the Second Reading today, John tells us, “The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” Do you feel “different” or possibly even estranged to the world around you? How does living as a child of God set you apart from the world? How can we live as children of God, apart from the world, but allow this difference to be a light for other people?

When reading today’s Gospel, we hear the phrase “good shepherd” several times. What do you think of when you think of “shepherd”? What does good shepherd mean to you? Why do you think Jesus chose to use this image?

### Digging Deeper: Incarnation

In the word “Incarnation,” we see two parts, “in” and “carne,” which literally mean “in the flesh.”

Christ become incarnate is the most radical act of love the universe could experience. And beyond this, God desires to share this love with us so deeply that he allows us to experience each Sunday at Mass when the priest consecrates the bread and wine to be the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. After receiving Communion at Mass this Sunday, take some time to thank God for his tremendous, self-giving love.

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# Mass

## Intentions

### Saturday 4/21

- 8:30am Alfie Dreyfuss †  
5:00pm The Quinlan Family  
Brian Archer †  
7:00pm Blandon, Castillo &  
Mendoza Families

### Sunday 4/22

- 6:45am Ilda Rosa  
Bill & John Beiriger  
8:00am Harry & Steven Kraft  
9:30am William Huntington  
11:00am Richard Rochin  
12:30pm Luis Enrique Paredee  
6:00pm Gilda Dioeda Bajamundi †

### Monday 4/23

- 8:30am Kassandr Mandelenis  
Richard Rochin †

### Tuesday 4/24

- 8:30am Judy Mello Esthridge †

### Wednesday 4/25

- 8:30am Patricia Rankin †  
7:00pm Esperanza Castro †

### Thursday 4/26

- 8:30am Mark & Mary McGuane

### Friday 4/27

- 8:30am Rita & Mike Garner

**To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.**

**The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.**



### Prayer

Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” This is a powerful statement that Jesus is making. Would you ever expect a shepherd to risk his life for a mere sheep, an animal? But Jesus says that this is the call of a good shepherd, and he IS a good shepherd! We are the sheep and Jesus, God, is willing to give his life for us. The God of the universe is telling us that he will give his life for one of us to have salvation. What a powerful statement.

Jesus goes on to say, “I know mine and they know me.” Jesus knows us, and he has said he will lay down his life to save ours and has done it. But, do we know him? Do we know his voice amongst all of the other noise in our world?

Let us spend some time today reflecting on the words from today’s Gospel. If a word or phrase strikes you, stop and pray with it. Let the Lord’s voice resonate in your heart with the words that he has chosen for you today.

### Resolution

Let us resolve this week to begin training our minds, hearts, and ears to recognize Christ’s voice in our lives. Make a commitment to spend time listening to his voice every day this week.

### Parish Prayer Requests

In thanksgiving and celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Tom and Jean Heise and the 21st Anniversary of Don and Sandra Heise.

For the repose of the soul of Johnny De Peralta and Larry Thomson, (Sheila Thomson's husband).

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asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond. Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by Lighting the Way and participated in our annual Bishop's Appeal.

While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to thousands of individuals each year. The Bishop's Appeal supplies annual funding to many ministries which provide services throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

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By sharing your time, talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers and our Church of the East Bay, you are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to you. By embracing Lighting the Way through the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay. For most of us, our experience of Church is at our parish. The Church is, however, much more than that. We are all called in mission to serve the Church and its people

through our parish, our diocese and universally. The Annual Bishop's Appeal in the Diocese of Oakland is but one way to serve our fellow parishioners and the broader community as we demonstrate our unity as Catholics of the Diocese of Oakland. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, our clergy and leadership, for those who are served by the many ministries and programs offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.

Every member of the faith community of our local Church is also asked to participate in whatever way possible by making a gift. All gifts to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal are equally important. As responsible stewards of our faith and the many gifts that God has generously bestowed on each of us, we are

## Collection Report

Thank you for your generosity this Holy Week, Easter and throughout the year. Your contributions are the parish's only means of income to work our mission to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

April 15th Collection	\$19,868.14
Month-to-Date	\$51,171.75
Month Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	59%
Faith Direct	\$8,434.00
Maintenance (April)	\$8,772.67
Easter (Year-to-date)	\$43,082.41

*thank you*

# THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APR 23

**St. George; St. Adalbert**

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

**Suggestion:**

Do you have a dedicated hour every week to spend in prayer in the chapel? If not, think about scheduling a Holy Hour!

TUESDAY, APR 24

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

**Readings:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Suggestion:**

For the Feast of St Mark, listen to the Truth and Life Audio Bible: Gospel of Mark on FORMED.

WEDNESDAY, APR 25

**St. Mark**

**Readings:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Events:**

*Join the Recycling Committee!*  
Meet at 7 pm in the Ed Center Conf room (upstairs at St Michael School) Contact Dennis Lundbom at 775-772 6369

THURSDAY, APR 26

**Readings:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

**Events:**

*Easter Mission Workshop: A Walk Through the Mass (English)* at 6:30 pm in the Hall. Video presentation followed by small group discussion. Can't make it in person? Watch the videos and post your comments to the questions online at FORMED and click "Community"

FRIDAY, APR 27

**Readings:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

**Events:**

*Golden Friends Mass & Lunch* starting at 10:00 AM in the Hall St M School Pre-K will entertain! RSVP: Mary Pineda 925-784- 1812

*Easter Mission Workshop: A Walk Through the Mass (Spanish)* at 7:00 pm in the Hall. Video presentation followed by small group discussion.

SATURDAY, APR 28

**St. Peter Chanel;  
St. Louis de Montfort**

**Readings:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**Events:**

*Bishop Robert Barron's Eucharist Course* begins. This is an online, self-paced course. Subscribers receive a weekly video with reflection questions. Sign up at [Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com)

SUNDAY, APR 29

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings:** Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**Events:**

*Welcome Brunch* after the 9:30 am Mass in the Hall. Are you new to St Michael's or are you looking to get connected with the parish? We'd love to meet you and your family! Come enjoy brunch and introduce yourselves.

*Baby Gift Drive* at all Masses.



## SMALL GROUP STUDIES

**Bishop Robert Barron on the Eucharist**

Online, Self-Paced  
April 28—May 26

**Fulfilled: Uncovering The Biblical Foundations of Catholicism**

In-Person Weekly Meetings  
Mondays at 7 pm, April 30 - June 11

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## Maintenance Collection

May 5 & 6

Every first weekend of the month we take up a second collection for the maintenance and improvement of our aging parish facilities.

Your offering will help us refresh the interior of the Convent and repair the roof. The rectory roof also is in dire need of repairs. The heating and air conditioning units for our facilities are all very old and are need of repair or replacement.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for praying for the success of our parish's maintenance efforts.

## Ribs, Chili, Cars, Blues & Brews

Saturday, May 12 at 10 am—5 pm  
Msgnr Adams Field

Our Knights of Columbus are excited to offer this fun event for the 8th year!

Come enjoy ribs, chili, salsa and classic car competitions, craft beer and a live blues band. Other great BBQ & specialty foods and drinks are available for sale and over 40 boutique vendors will be on site and activities for the kids.

This is a family event and will be a day of fun for all with FREE Admission to the public.

Mark your calendars now!

## Prison Ministry Training

Coming this May

We need Jesus lovers with huge hearts to minister to those who are incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail. Extensive training is provided. Interested candidates for this enormously rewarding ministry should register early.

New prison ministers should be able to start ministering in November.

Please contact Rachel at 510 501-1411 for details and to register for training.

## Afternoon Confession

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
2:30 pm  
Convent Chapel

## Get Ready for Your Baby's Baptism!

The first step is to visit [StMichaelLivermore.com/Baptism](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Baptism) and download the registration packet. Then bring the forms in to the church office and sign up for the Baptism Class (parents attend two, godparents attend the second one.)

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1. It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ.
2. It purifies our souls, washing away sin.
3. It gives us victory over all our enemies.
4. It makes it easy for us to practice virtue.
5. It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord.
6. It enriches us with graces and merits.
7. It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men; and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.

## Pray the Rosary

Knights of Columbus will lead an evening Rosary in the courtyard at 6:30 pm on Thursdays in May.

The Morning Rosary group meets Monday—Saturday in the Chapel after the 8:30 am Mass.

Pray along with the Rosary videos online at [StMichaelLivermore.com/Rosary](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Rosary)



## Mandatory Leaders Meeting for All Ministries

to Reserve Facilities for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

In May, we will have a mandatory All Ministry Leaders Meeting (date to be determined) and each ministry group will need to be represented in order to reserve facility space for the next year. You will also get important updates such as new policies and procedures for reserving facilities, new programs and much more.

Every ministry group in the parish/school will be following the new annual reservation schedule. Our goal will be to accommodate as many events and re-occurring weekly, monthly and/or yearly

events as we can in order to best work with our ministry groups. It will take all of us working together to support one another and to be flexible if dates/times need to be adjusted.

We are an extremely large and active parish community which is a true blessing, but with that comes the need to get organized and work together in ministry to Celebrate the Sacraments, Grow Disciples, and Bring Christ to People.

If you have had a change of leader-

ship, or a change of contact information, in your ministry, please notify me as soon as possible.

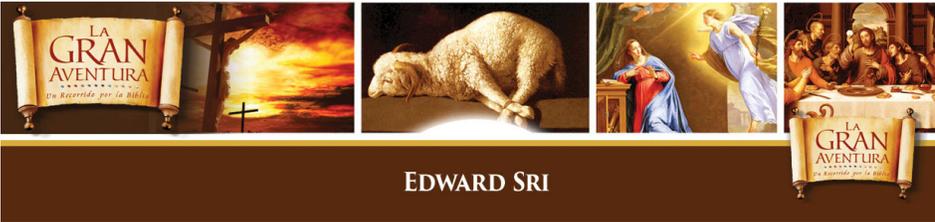
Thank you all for the amazing work that you do, and your continued dedication to our St. Michael community.

God bless,

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## UN REBAÑO

Jesús añade otra característica a la imagen del pastor, la cual también inquieto a sus discípulos. Él se refiere a "otras ovejas que no son de mi rebaño" pero serán una parte del mismo rebaño. Esto probablemente se refiere a los gentiles, a otros pueblos más allá de Israel. El Pastor aumenta su rebaño, pero enfatiza que solo hay un solo rebaño. Jesús habló con fuerza y frecuentemente, especialmente en el Evangelio de Juan, de la importancia de la unidad de aquellas personas que lo siguen.

Nosotros, quienes seguimos a Jesús, debemos de recibir a "las otras ovejas" para respetar y celebrar las diferencias entre los cristianos. Debemos de aprender del otro, de la otra persona. Todas estas cosas que parecen dividir a los seguidores de Jesús en la cultura, la etnicidad o los conflictos de la historia se desvanecen en comparación con la unidad más profunda de un solo rebaño con un solo pastor. Vivir unidos es esencial para que seamos testigos fieles y creíbles de Cristo en el mundo.

## DAR LA VIDA

En el Antiguo Testamento, muchas veces Dios es descrito como el pastor del pueblo de Israel. Así cuando Jesús invoca esta imagen de Dios para describirse así mismo, sorprende aún a sus propios discípulos. En el Evangelio de hoy, él toma esta imagen un paso adelante del Antiguo Testamento, como el Buen Pastor, él pastor "debe dar su vida". Esta frase se afirma, con algunas variaciones, cinco veces en el corto pasaje de hoy. Jesús está describiendo el significado de su vida y de su muerte.

Con firmes raíces en la historia de Israel y su Dios, Jesús está ahora empezando un nuevo capítulo. Él está ayudando a sus discípulos a darle sentido a su muerte, él está revelando el infinito amor que él y el Padre tienen por su rebaño. Para seguir a Jesús, ser una parte del rebaño de Jesús, significa participar en el mismo sacrificio de amor.



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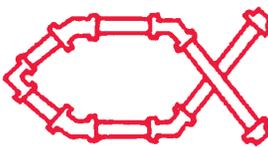
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### Mass | Misa

**Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa** 8:30 am  
**Wed | Mi** 7:00 pm (español)

**Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado**  
5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

**Sunday | Domingo**  
6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

**Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas**  
1st Sun, 11:00 am  
Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

**Vietnamese | Vietnamita**  
4th Sun, 3:30 pm  
Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Low gluten hosts are available. Please make a request in the sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass.

### Confession | Confesión

**Saturday, in the church |  
Sábado en la iglesia**  
9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English  
6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,  
at 2:30 pm in English

### Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by  
appointment: 925-447-1585 |  
1er sábado después de las 8:30 am Misa  
o con cita previa: 925-447-1585

### Eucharistic Adoration | Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours access  
code, call 925-980-4826 |  
24/7 en la Capilla. Para el código de acceso  
después de las horas, llame al 925-980-4826

### Office Hours | horas de oficina

**M-F** 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed  
during lunch)

**Sun** 8:30 am—12:30 pm

### Clergy | Clero

Rev. Van Dinh, Pastor  
Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar  
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925-667-4096

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