

# APRIL 20 & 21, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*By: The Word Among Us*

### **A good shepherd gives his life for his sheep (John 10, 11)**

That well-known passage about the good shepherd recalls the comforting images in children's books that illustrate Jesus as a kind shepherd carrying a sheep on his shoulders. But Jesus paints a more powerful picture. The good shepherd of him is a protector; He cares for and guards his sheep. He does not sit passively when predators approach; He acts quickly to keep his flock safe. He does not flee nor abandon the sheep; He stands firm and defends them (John 10, 12). He even *"lays down his life for his sheep"* (10, 11).

Of course, we know that Jesus is talking about himself. He is the shepherd different from the *"shepherds"* of Israel. In the previous chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, the Jewish religious leaders reacted to the miraculous healing that Jesus performed by expelling the man who had been blind from the synagogue (9, 34). The Lord offered healing and revelation to God's people, however, these shepherds not only rejected Him but also prevented their *"sheep"* from receiving the abundant life that He came to give them (10, 10). On the contrary, Jesus sought out the man he had healed, consoled him and led him to faith (10, 35-38). This is what a good pastor does.

Jesus is not just *"the"* good shepherd; He is your good shepherd! Unlike an employee who only works for pay, Jesus is moved with a deep love for you. His love is so immense that he BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY freely and willingly offered his life on the cross for his sheep, for us, for you.

Today, rejoice because your Good Shepherd takes care of you and protects you. The Lord leads you safely along the dangerous paths of life. He defends you against wolves and thieves who seek to *"steal, kill, and destroy"* (John 10:10). He offers you the new life that he obtained for you by giving his own and recovering it with his Resurrection (10, 18). The Lord will never abandon you.

***"Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being my good shepherd!"***

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners,

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to all those who helped make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies reverent and beautiful. As we continue to celebrate Paschaltide, there are a number of activities on the parish calendar keeping us busy here at OLCG. Last week 19 of our young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and next Saturday will be the First Holy Communion Mass for 24 children. In light of these two important days, I would like to offer my special thanks to our parishioners serving as catechists. This service is a true offering of love. To effectively share the Faith with others, the teacher must love God as the object of that faith. It is a blessing to have a small but devoted group of faithful in the parish willing to make this sacrifice of their time in order to help pass on this precious gift with others! Next Friday, 26 April, is the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Although it falls on a Friday, I would still like to mark this important day with something fitting to honor Our Lady. Please consider joining us for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Litany of Loreto at 11:30am, followed by Holy Mass at 12:05pm. Mass will conclude with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the renewal of our parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Lastly, this Sunday is affectionately known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and since 1964 it has been designated by the Vatican as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this designation is to publicly encourage the fulfillment the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray for our seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Pacheco



### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL'S FEAST

APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL'S FEAST AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO A NOVENA. IT STARTED ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM. ON APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, THE DAY OF OUR PATRONAL FEAST, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ROSARY AT 11:30AM, MASS AT 12:05PM. FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE:**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

JUST A REMINDER:  
YOU CAN BRING THE MONETARY DONATIONS FOR  
THE FLOWERS FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION MASS  
TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS:**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 10AM.



**KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
LAST WEEKEND!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS  
FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.  
APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE  
MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO  
THE KNIGHTS' POST OFFICE BOX BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. FOR MORE  
INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN 707-480-4614.

**~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~**

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email  
address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know  
your changes so that we can update your parishioner record.  
Email changes to [olgcinfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinfb@gmail.com) or call at 707-964-0229  
ext. 1.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides**  
**"ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).

*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own  
account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a  
one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit  
card, checking or savings account!*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
the Parish Office at 964-0229.*



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father  
Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or  
Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229  
ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
APRIL 20 - 26, 2024**

Saturday (20)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Salvador & Dulce Aguilar † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Alfonso y Maria Bran † Eleuterio y Manuel Gaona † Beatriz Valencia † Belén Mandujano † Rosalina & Evelio Nieto † Francisco Carrillo † Dolores Ramírez † Roberto Rentería (b-day)
Sunday (21)	8:00am	Fidela Jara (90 <sup>th</sup> b-day)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (22)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (23)	5:30pm	Jim & Rita Young †
Wednesday (24)	12:05pm	Fidela Jara (b-day)
Thursday (25)	12:05pm	Marcos Hernández (b-day)
Friday (26)	12:05pm	Feast of OLGC

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

APRIL 13 & 14, 2024...\$1,999.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND....\$996.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Audrey George, Ron Sousa, Esperanza Barba,  
Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie  
Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez,  
Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater,  
Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin,  
Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS  
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca  
Sánchez, Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara,  
Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,  
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,  
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to Our Lady of Good Counsel's Church,  
Welcome! We hope you find a spiritual home here.

Please formally register in the parish and be a part  
of our family. Come to the Parish Office

Mon - Fri, 10am – 2pm to register.

Registration forms are also available  
in the church vestibule.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN  
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE  
DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN  
GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND  
DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED  
AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE AS A PERMANENT REMINDER  
OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.