

## From the Deacon

It is amazing how the human ear can recognize specific voices. Some say babies in the womb can recognize their mother's voice whether she be speaking or singing a lullaby. There are some voices we know right away just from hearing the first words uttered by someone familiar to us. We can recognize a person on the phone just by their hello. Jesus says "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me...I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." Do we recognize the voice of Jesus?

This Sunday's gospel presents us with the familiar image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The image of the good shepherd depicts Jesus in a very compassionate and loving pose gently caressing a single lamb close to his chest. It is a comforting picture that we can easily relate to. Each of us are represented by that lone lamb that is cradled in the arms of Jesus. But there is much more to this than just a loving pose of Jesus with the recovered lost lamb.

Jesus as the good shepherd wants more than just to nourish and feed us with his consoling love. As the shepherd whose only desire is to care for his sheep, he also wants to share the essence of his life with us to the point of giving all he has on our behalf. His mission is not simply to care for his sheep but to make them like himself by bringing them into his relationship with the Father.

In our second reading this weekend, the First Letter of John invites us to reflect on our relationship with God as we "see what love the Father has bestowed on us." We need to take the time each day to cherish those moments when we have felt God's presence in our lives. As we do this, we become more aware of how we are truly loved and that there can be nothing that will separate us from the love of the Father for us His children.

We follow Christ the Good Shepherd because he will always be there to gently keep us on the path to the Father. He is our certainty in a world that is oftentimes hostile to us. As Jesus relates to His Father in heaven, he invites us to the same intimate closeness with God. We can rest secured mindful that we are God's beloved children. Our future is secure and our hope eternal.

In Christ,  
Deacon Frank

## This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, APRIL 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY @  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room

--2:30 p.m. God the Father Prayer Group-Chapel

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit

Monday, April 23-Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate -Welsch Center

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

--Tuesday, April 24-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-Bishop Odin

--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church

--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--Wednesday, April 25- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Church

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center

--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A",

--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

--Thursday, April 26- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate -Alleluia Room

--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin

--7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus -Parish Hall

--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"

--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel

--11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

--Friday, April 27- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &

7:00 p.m-Church

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Room "F"

--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia

--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

- Saturday- April 28- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

--8:00 a.m. Couples for Christ-Meeting Room

-10:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters-Conference Room

12:00 p.m. PASCOH-Alleluia

12:00 p.m. Gabriela Aguirre-Quinceañera-Church

--2:00 p.m. Jaime Mendez & Nohemi Ponce -

Wedding-Church

--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center

--8:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

--Sunday, APRIL 29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE BY THE NOTRE DAME YOUTH  
@ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

-11:00 a.m. Mass - Hearts of Jesus & Mary

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Annual Parish May Crowning  
And Flower Offering To Our  
Blessed Virgin Mary**



You are all invited to join the  
Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes  
On May 5, 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday), 8 am  
at Notre Dame Catholic Church  
7720 Boone Rd, Houston, TX 77072

Holy Mass will be celebrated  
followed by a Procession and the recitation of the  
Holy Rosary  
at Mary's Courtyard (CCE ground)

**Special Intentions:** To pray the Rosary daily for  
family unity, special healing for all children with  
rare sickness, for the protection and safety of all the  
unborn and peace and salvation throughout  
the world.

\*You are welcome to bring flowers to offer to our  
Blessed Mother at the courtyard.

For more information, please contact  
Madel Martinez at 832-641-6284

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, April 22- FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18*

--7:00 a.m. + John & Josephine Zelko

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Maxima P. Palma

--1:00 p.m. CeVerra Cerna (Birthday)

--5:00 p.m. + Antonio (Tony) Reyes

**Monday, April 23- Monday of 4th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10*

--6:15 a.m. Jaime Hernandez

--7:00 p.m. + Benito Rafanan, Sr. (Birthday)

**Tuesday, April 24- Tuesday of 4th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30*

--6:15 a.m. Charles Innocenti (Special Intention)

--6:30 p.m. + Jesus Eduardo Bernardez

**Wednesday, April 25- Wednesday of 4th Week of Easter**

*1 Pt 5: 5b-14; Mk 16: 15-20*

--6:15 a.m. Sandra Hernandez

--7:00 p.m. Vocations

**Thursday, April 26- Thursday of 4th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20*

--6:15 a.m. + Anna Cong

--7:00 p.m. + Orlando (Eddie) Echiverri

**Friday, April 27- Friday of 4th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6*

--6:15 a.m. Emmanuel Ikazoboh (Special Intention)

--10:00 a.m. + Amelia D. Abueg

--7:00 p.m. Olaleye Family (Special Intention)

**Saturday, April 28-Saturday of 4th Week of Easter Wkdy**

*Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14*

--8:00 a.m. + Evelia Murfin

--5:00 p.m. + Tina Garza (Death Anniversary)

**Sunday, April 29- FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8*

--7:00 a.m. + Moises & Lina Infante

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Lourdes P. Dumlao

--1:00 p.m. + Jamil Barbery

--5:00 p.m. + Erlinda Herrera (Birthday)

**Hearts of Jesus & Mary Ministries**

presents

**“Powerful 2018 Houston Retreat”**

**By Brother Uwakwe C. Chukwu**

**Theme: “Cripple that Strongman”**

**Friday, April 27 5pm-10pm**

**Saturday, April 28 2pm-10pm**

**Sunday, April 29 11am Mass**

**Venue:**

**Notre Dame Catholic Church**

**At the Community Center**

**Contact Josephine Uzoanya @ 832-602-6905  
for more information.**



**2018 Sessions:**

**Bible Study/Reflection: Every 2nd & 4th  
Sundays of the month**

**Place: Meeting Room-CCE Complex**

**Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:**

**Ludista Apao**

**From: Mina Labuga**



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimbom, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar, Patricia Miata, Loc Ngo, Loan Ho, Theresa Lazarte, Mary Hons, Mary Helen Padilla.....

and ALL sick members of our parish community.

**Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...**

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Caldera, Mary & David Tenney....



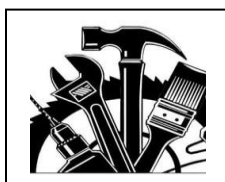
**Easter Flower Fund**

To ALL persons that gave a financial and material help to beautify our church during the Easter Celebration. To those that donated in memory of their loved ones or special intention.

*Thank You!*

*The following is an additional name from last weeks' publication:*

In Memory of Amelia Abueg  
From: Lina Dacumos



**Remodeling/ Repair:**

Contractors specializing in carpentry, tile flooring, carpenting and painting. Notre Dame is now accepting bids for small parish projects.

Please submit your name and contact information to Evelyn Sedita in the parish office.

You will be contacted to review the work needed and a time line to submit your bid.

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm Wednesday 9am-2pm

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Financial Results for Church Operations  
Six Months: July-December, 2017**

Receipts.....\$473,006  
Expenses.....\$518,069  
3 Month Deficit.....\$ 45,063

**PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500**

**Collection 04/15/2018**

Regular Collection.....\$15,847.66  
Poor Box.....\$101.21  
Novena .....\$419.01  
Capital Campaign.....\$6,579.11

**Parish Goal \$105,000  
DSF (460 Families)-**

Pledged.....\$88,715.00  
Payment.....\$51,822.96

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
We Need Your Help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to [admin@ndgh.org](mailto:admin@ndgh.org) or [accounting@ndgh.org](mailto:accounting@ndgh.org) or bring them to the parish office.

**Marian Conference 2018**

Come and join us as we learn more about the messages of our Mother Mary to us



**Where:** Notre Dame-Welsch Center  
**When:** May 5, 2018  
12:00 noon - 5:30 pm  
Donation: \$7.00

**St. Justin Martyr Parish Festival,  
13350 Ashford Point Drive, Houston**

\*Saturday • April 21 10 AM -10 PM  
Sunday • April 22 11AM - 4PM  
\*Bingo: Saturday • 12-4 PM & 4 PM – 8 PM  
Sunday • 11AM-4 PM  
\*Garage Sale: Saturday • 10 AM- 8PM  
Sunday • 10 AM- 4 PM  
In Front of the School building  
\*Live Auction: • Sunday • 1 PM-3 PM •  
Under the Main Tent  
\*Raffle Drawings: Sunday • 4:00 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize • \$10,000 MasterCard/Visa Gift Card • Raffle Booth

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Del Diácono

Es sorprendente cómo el oído humano puede reconocer específicas voces. Algunos dicen que los bebés en el útero pueden reconocer la voz de su madre ya sea que esté hablando o cantando una canción de cuna. Hay algunas voces que conocemos de inmediato solo al escuchar las primeras palabras pronunciadas por alguien familiar. Podemos reconocer a una persona por teléfono simplemente por su saludo. Jesús dice "Yo soy el buen pastor, yo conozco a mis ovejas ellas me conocen a mí ... Tengo otras ovejas que no pertenecen a este redil. Estos también debo guiarlos, y ellos oirán mi voz, y habrá un solo rebaño, un solo pastor." ¿Reconocemos la voz de Jesús?

El evangelio de este domingo nos presenta la imagen familiar de Jesús como el buen pastor. La imagen del buen pastor representa a Jesús en una actitud muy compasiva y amorosa acariciando suavemente un cordero cerca de su pecho. Es una imagen reconfortante con la que nos podemos relacionar fácilmente. Cada uno de nosotros representa ese cordero solitario que está sostenido en los brazos de Jesús. Pero hay mucho más en esto que solo una actitud amorosa de Jesús con el cordero perdido ya recuperado.

Jesús como el buen pastor quiere algo más que alimentarnos y nutrirnos con su amor consolador. Como el pastor cuyo único deseo es cuidar de sus ovejas, también quiere compartir la esencia de su vida con nosotros hasta el punto de dar todo lo que tiene en nuestro nombre. Su misión no es simplemente cuidar de sus ovejas, sino hacerlas como Él mismo. Hace esto, llevándolos a una relación con el Padre.

En nuestra segunda lectura de este fin de semana, la Primera Carta de Juan nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra relación con Dios cuando "vemos qué amor nos ha otorgado el Padre". Necesitamos tomarnos tiempo cada día para apreciar esos momentos cuando hemos sentido la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. Al hacer esto, nos volvemos más conscientes de cómo somos verdaderamente amados y de que no hay nada que nos separe del amor del Padre por nosotros Sus hijos.

Seguimos a Cristo el Buen Pastor porque Él siempre estará allí para guiarnos gentilmente en el camino hacia el Padre. Él es nuestra certeza en un mundo que a menudo nos es hostil. Cuando Jesús se relaciona con Su Padre en el cielo, nos invita a la misma cercanía íntima con Dios. Podemos descansar seguros de que somos los hijos amados de Dios. Nuestro futuro es seguro y nuestra esperanza eterna.

En Cristo,  
Diácono Frank

### EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

**Domingo 22 de Abril-CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

**Lunes, 23 de Abril-**

--10:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salón Parroquial y Varios Salones

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

--7:00 p.m. Legión de María-Salón Odín

**Martes 24 de Abril –**

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

**Miércoles 25 de Abril-**

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"

--7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--8:00 p.m. Coro Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

**Jueves 26 de Abril-**

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

**Viernes 27 de Abril-**

--6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes-Salón "E"

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B,C,E y G

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-Meeting Room

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"

--7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

**Sábado 28 de Abril-**

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--9:00 p.m. Hijos e Hijas de María-Alleluia

--7:00 p.m. ELI-Salón "C"

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Meeting Room

**Domingo 29 de Abril- QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall



#### Remodelación/Reparación:

\*Contratistas especializados en carpintería, pisos de azulejos, alfombras y pintura.

\*Notre Dame está aceptando

ofertas para pequeños proyectos parroquiales.

\*Por favor envíe su nombre e información de contacto a Evelyn Sedita en la oficina de la parroquia.

\*Será contactado para revisar el trabajo necesario y una cronología de tiempo para enviar su oferta.

Lunes – Viernes 9am-5pm Miércoles 9am – 2pm

El Grupo de **San Miguel** los invita a las **mañanitas** y **Misa** conmemorando su aparición en San Miguel Tecuiciapan, Guerrero

**Mañanitas: 5am Iglesia, seguido por convivio en el Centro Comunitario**



#### Misa

**Lugar:** Iglesia de Notre Dame

**Fecha:** Sábado, 5 de Mayo

**Hora:** 7 pm

**Seguido por convivio en el Centro Comunitario**