

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018



Art by Fr. Sieger Koder

*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 10:11-18



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

PARISH & SCHOOL

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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### EMBRACE MINISTRY MEMORIAL MASS

If you have suffered the loss of a child from miscarriage, still birth or infant death, you are invited to a Memorial Mass for your child. **Friday, May 11th, 6:00 p.m., Saint Brigid Church, 1001 N. Douty Street, Hanford.**

Come celebrate your child's life! For more information about this ministry, contact Sara - 559-816-1464.

### QUARTERLY MEMORIAL MASS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's quarterly Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday, April 28 at 5PM.** *All are welcome.* Would you like your loved one remembered at this Memorial Mass? Please call the parish office with the names of friends, family, and relatives who passed during the last quarter.



### THE NEXT CHAPTER

You're invited to "The Next Chapter" for fellowship and lunch! "The Next Chapter" is a ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for widows and widowers for social and support. All are welcome! *We also welcome men and women whose spouses are alive yet find their lives will never be the same, due to illness.* Please contact

Sandy James for more details at 661-871-0752. **When:** April 23, 2018 at 11:30 AM  
**Place:** Loma Linda Restaurant, 3611 Mount Vernon Avenue

### MOMS SUPPORT GROUP

All mothers are welcome, regardless of their children's ages! Join us in the parish hall/cafeteria from 8:30AM - 10:30AM. Free childcare provided. Questions? Contact the parish office at 661-323-3108 EXT 1.

**Next gathering: April 25th**



A Support Group for Mothers at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish & School

### Sacraments

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,  
12:00 noon, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM

(Communion Service on Thursday)

**Confession:** Friday 6 PM until all are heard; Saturday 3:00-4:30 PM

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Weekdays 7-9AM, Fridays 6 PM

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**  
Sunday Mass at 9:00 & 10:30AM

**Baptism and Marriage:** Contact the parish office for details:  
661-323-3108 ext 1



### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, 1st-8th Grades

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### Mass Intentions

- APRIL 21** 5:00 PM Mary Ambriz (Deenie Massey)
- APRIL 22** 7:30 AM Monica and Martin Marzan (Tan Family)
- 9:00 AM Peggy Sinichko
- 10:30 AM Fr. Bert Mello (Jeanette & Michael Kelley)
- 12:00 PM Joseph Audelo (Navarrete Family)
- 5:30 PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
- APRIL 23** 6:30 AM Robert McGlew (McGlew Family)
- APRIL 24** 6:30 AM Berchtold Equipment Co.
- APRIL 25** 6:30 AM Barbara Clancey
- APRIL 26** 6:30 AM Communion Service
- APRIL 27** 6:30 AM Sullivan Petroleum Co.
- 8:15 AM Bronny Mullen

# WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
  - Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
    - Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Mary Most Holy,  
as a young woman living in obscurity  
you nurtured with loving care  
the Word of God made flesh.  
Please protect and accompany  
all young men and women,  
especially from our parish,  
who are called to a vocation to  
the priesthood or religious life.  
Amen.

"Christian revelation presents the two vocations to love: marriage and virginity. In some societies today, not only marriage and the family, but also vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, are often in a state of crisis. The two situations are inseparable:

*"When marriage is not esteemed, neither can consecrated virginity or celibacy exist; when human sexuality is not regarded as a great value given by the Creator, the renunciation of it for the sake of the kingdom of heaven loses its meaning".*



A lack of vocations follows from the breakdown of the family, yet where parents are generous in welcoming life, children will be more likely to be generous when it comes to the question of offering themselves to God.

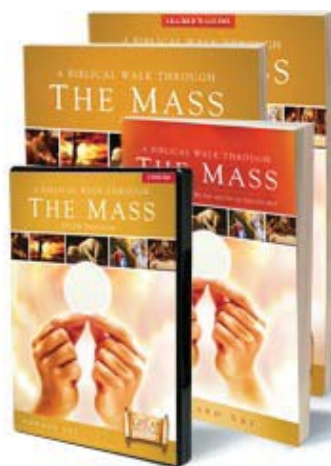
***"Human life acquires fullness when it becomes a self-gift: a gift which can express itself in matrimony, in consecrated virginity, in self-dedication to one's neighbour towards an ideal, or in the choice of priestly ministry. Parents will truly serve the life of their children if they help them make their own lives a gift, respecting their mature choices and fostering joyfully each vocation, including the religious and priestly one."***



# A Family Meal OF CATHOLIC TRADITION

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY DINNER OR VIDEO ON APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AS THE HALL WILL BE USED FOR A SCHOOL EVENT.  
SEE YOU NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>!**

All are  
welcome!



Free!

## A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

by Dr. Edward Sri

This five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.

*Join us in the hall on*

**MONDAY, APRIL 30TH**

**DINNER 6:00PM • BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM**

*Donations gratefully accepted.*

## Volunteers are needed!

Over 300 children and young people, preschool through grade 12, will sign up this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith through our religious education program here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For many children, this program will be their first encounter with the faith, while for others this may be a preparation for one of the sacraments or a continuation of their faith formation. As our students journey through the walk of faith, you can help them learn and grow by becoming a **catechist** or **catechist aide**.

Whether you have been a catechist before or you have no experience, we provide you with the training, materials, and necessary support to prepare you for this ministry. This summer, we will offer the **“Echoes of Faith” classes** which serves as a catechist preparation course by which a current or future catechist or catechist aide receives the appropriate certification to serve in religious education.

If you are interested in serving as a catechist or are interested in learning more information about this opportunity, we are having an orientation meeting on **Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon** in our parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

For more details, you may contact our religious education coordinator, Alvaro Romero, at (661) 323- 3108 ext. 2 or at [alvarorolph@gmail.com](mailto:alvarorolph@gmail.com).

# Come Home to the Catholic Church



**Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?**

**Do you wish to receive the Sacraments?**

**Do you know anyone who is interested in inquiring about our faith?**

One of the great gifts of our Church is the welcoming of adults as Christians into the Body of Christ at our Easter Vigil. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. It is a spiritual process of formation that focuses on faith development for those wishing to be baptized in the Catholic Church, or for baptized Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, or for Catholics who are baptized but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation. The RCIA meets individual needs which include religious education, prayer, worship, tradition, and scripture. It provides a means of renewal for all members of the community, since it reminds us of our own personal journey of faith.

The RCIA meets **Tuesdays in the church hall from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**. All are welcome! Please come and join us! If you know anyone who is interested, or have questions, please call Roseanne Kobilis at 661-323-3108 ext. 236. The RCIA also welcomes anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith, or anyone who has been away from the Church and is coming home to the Catholic faith.

*“People come to God in their own time; we accompany them...” —Pope Francis*

# THE FAMILY: THE FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY

## Is a desire for children part of marriage?

Yes, absolutely. Just as marriage is part of the family, so too family is part of marriage. The two are interrelated. To simplify, we could say: "No family without marriage and no marriage without family." Marriage is related to the family, which is to say that it is aimed at procreation and child rearing and life with children. Couples who wish to marry should therefore not reject the possibility of having children together at the beginning of their marriage. "Will you accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" The bride and groom must answer yes to this question posed by the priest. Only then can they contract marriage with one another.

## What about couples who cannot have children of their own?

Their marriage is by no means "worth" less, because procreation is not the sole purpose of marriage. Rather, a marriage still has its indissoluble character and its value as a communion, even if married life is not perfected by children—who are often



*The Martinez Family: April, Joe-Ray, Veronica, Erika, Edward Jr., Emiliya, Edward Sr., Erick & Alexander*

longed for ardently. In this case, the married couple can adopt children or in some other way care for children (for instance, in their extended family or circle of friends). A marriage can be "fruitful" also if a childless couple opens its home to lonely people, conscientiously becomes involved socially, and shows hospitality.

## If a couple is able to have children, how many should they have?

Married couples should accept the children that are sent to them by God. That does not mean, however, that every married couple should thoughtlessly have (many) children. Instead—in conformity with the Church's authoritative teaching—the married couple should make their decision for motherhood

and fatherhood responsibly, taking into account their health and their economic, spiritual, and social situation. In this they must learn to understand the language of their bodies, making use of methods of natural family planning. Decisions about the interval between births and the number of children are up to the married couple alone, to be made prayerfully and with correctly formed consciences. This is their inalienable right, which they exercise in the sight of God and taking into consideration their duties toward themselves, any children who may already be born, their family, and society.