

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Fourth Sunday of Easter•

April 21st, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Augustine Parish.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! – Christ is Risen! – Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Throughout the Easter season, the first reading on both Sundays as well as the weekday Masses, comes from the **Acts of the Apostles**. I sometimes think that it should be renamed "The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles," since it is a story of the Holy Spirit leading the newborn Church of Christ. I encourage all of you to read the whole book of the Acts as a way of being inspired by the example of first Christians: their stories of conversion; their boldness in proclaiming the Good News of Christ; their coming together as a community in Christ; and their willingness to die for their faith in Christ.

I granted permission to the Social Justice Ministry of the parish to once again place their banner "**Hate Has No Home Here**" banner on fence on Alcatraz Ave. We will have a recognition of the banner following the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, April 21. Most importantly, it is vital that we live out this message in our daily interactions with people, always being instruments of Christ's love, respect, and welcome.

God's abundant blessings of Easter joy to you and your loved ones.  
Fr. John Prochaska

## Conference: Women and Synodality

The Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley invites you to a conference on "Women and Synodality" on Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3. The conference is an opportunity to further the conversation about the pivotal role of women in ministry, leadership, and governance in the Catholic Church. Featured speakers include Cynthia Bailey Manns and Julia Oseka, both voting members of the ongoing Synod on Synodality. The cost of the event is \$10, and participants are encouraged to register at this site <https://bit.ly/43ihEnM> by Friday, April 26.

**Young Catholics**, here is a link to the Grapevine, a monthly newsletter of activities taking place in the Bay Area: [ISSUE #82: Mount Diablo, Men's Retreat, & more \(mailchi.mp\)](#)



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### Weekend Mass schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Mass: Sunday, 10:00 am & 6:00pm

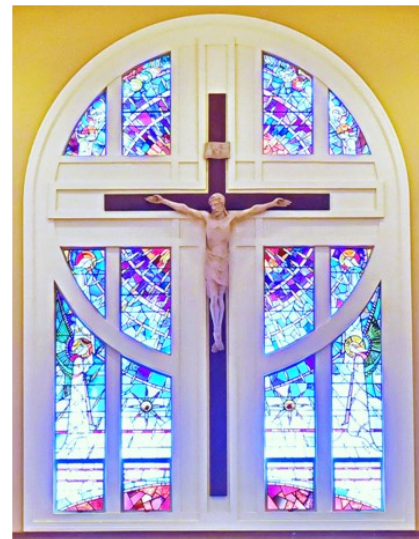
### • Weekday Eucharist •

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.  
Communion Service: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

### • Sacrament of Reconciliation •

Saturday at 4 p.m.  
Also upon Request

*"We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world."*



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## PARISH NEWS

If you recently moved into the neighborhood and have been attending our parish, we would love to invite you to pick up a registration form located on the table in the back of the church next to the hospitality table. You may drop it off in the collection basket at your convenience.

### Donations

For anyone who would like to donate to our parish via PayPal, please go to the website and click the Donate link.

If you would like to mail a check, you may send it to 400 Alcatraz Ave. Oakland, CA 94609

If you would like to drop it off at the rectory, you may put it in the slot by the rectory front door. It is located on the bottom left side wall. Please do not leave an envelope in the mail box.

### Important Websites and TV Channels

**EWTN**—Masses televised daily.  
AT&T UVerse—Channel 562—No HD.  
Comcast: 33 (SD), 291 (SD), 1668 (HD)

**Vatican website:** [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:** [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

**Bishop Barron:** [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org)

### Question of the Week

**For Adults:** Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

**For Children:** Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shep-

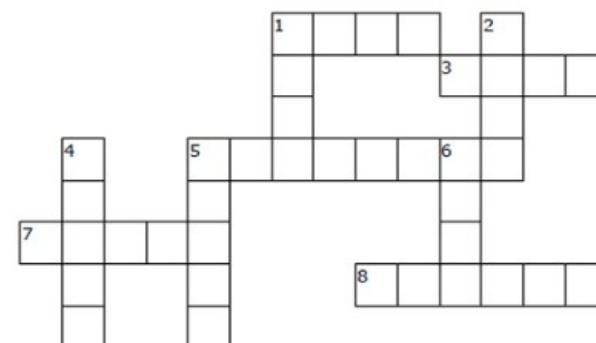
# The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)  
 The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



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LISTEN	SHEEP	LOVES	WOLF	FLOCK
ATTACKS	CARES	PEN	GOOD	RUNS
SCATTERS	VOICE	SHEPHERD	LIFE	KNOW



**ACROSS**

- 1. The period from birth to death
- 3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
- 5. One who takes care of the sheep
- 7. What we use to speak
- 8. To hear or pay attention to something

**DOWN**

- 1. A strong feeling of affection
- 2. The opposite of bad
- 4. A group of sheep herded together
- 5. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
- 6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

- 8:30 am Holy Mass  
Thursdays
- 4 pm Reconciliation  
Saturdays
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Saturdays
- 10:00 am Sunday Holy Mass
- 6:00 pm Sunday Holy Mass
- 7:00 pm Weekday Rosary on Zoom

April 14th Collection:  
 \$1,236. Thank you for your generosity.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**  
 Sam Wolfe, Laura Patterson, Kate Dole, Ron Kowalski Jr. and Nancy Drito.

**And those who have died:**  
 Maureen Sullivan, and Fr. George Crespin. Plus all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

**Mass Intentions**

- 5 pm Saturday Holy Mass  
**Anabella Hernandez (-)**
- 10 am Sunday Holy Mass  
**All the Souls in Purgatory**
- 6 pm Sunday Holy Mass  
**Bettina McNeely**

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 10:11-18*. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church.

Indeed, we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

The devout Christian will not stop at good example only. If he truly loves God, he must truly love his neighbor and must want him to have a share in his own good fortune. He knows there is welcome and room in heaven for all men, and he knows that the greater the number there the greater will be God's eternal glory. He will strive then by every available means to help his neighbor into Christ's fold.

After good example, prayer will be his most potent weapon. Day in, day out the devout Christian must pray for the conversion of his fellowmen who are wandering aimlessly in the barren desert of this life far from God. He must also learn all he can about the truths of his faith in order to be able to help honest enquirers. He must also cooperate with any parochial or diocesan societies for the propagation of the faith, insofar as his family and financial state allow him.

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.