

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

The mercy of the Lord fills the earth!

Jesús fue constituido por el Padre como Señor y Mesías, y es el pastor y guardián de nuestras vidas. Es el "siervo doliente" del que hablaba Isaias que, "cargado con nuestros pecados, subió al madero de la cruz" (SEGUNDA LECTURA). Cristo Jesús es la puerta de las ovejas y de la salvación, que vino para darnos vida en abundancia (EVANGELIO), y por haber sido bautizados en su nombre, recibimos el perdón de nuestros pecados y el don del Espíritu Santo (PRIMERA LECTURA).



Masses For The Week

- sab 25** Vigilia del IV Domingo de Pascua
04:30 pm Missa Pro Populo
- Sun 26** IV Sunday of Easter
11:30 am +Jesús Gilberto Trevino (Esther Salinas)
+Concepcion T. & Ramiro Torres (Esther Salinas)
+Juan Manuel Casarez, Sr. (Familia)
+Zulema & Luis Collazo (Collazo Family)
+M/M Eduardo Ruiz (Cesar Vasquez)
+Ramiro Paredes, Jr. (Herminia Torres)
- Mon 27** NO MASS
- Tue 28** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Fr. Vladimiro Manente, OMI (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
- Wed 29** Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin
08:00 am +Eduardo Martinez, Jr. (Herminia Torres)
- Thr 30** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Clemente & Consuelo Martinez (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 01** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Dr. Berta Galvan (Herminia Torres)
- Sat 02** St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
08:00 am Liz C. Snow – Birthday (Collazo Family)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Pedro & Alicia Martinez (Martinez Family)

Good News!

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Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20b-25 /
John 10:1-10

MIGUEL DULICK

It is "Good Shepherd Sunday," and the gospel quotes Jesus: "I am the gate for the sheep." It seems the oddest of Jesus' "I am" identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep's pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—"strangers" who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as "thieves and robbers."

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow him because we recognize "his voice." In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like "a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). •

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Dear Padre

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Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. •

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MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your Mother's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please deposit them in the collection basket. Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10, 2026. Remember to include living and/or deceased.

Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres

Recoja sus sobres de Commemoración de la Misa de las Madres que están en las entradas de la iglesia. Dépositelo en la canasta de la colecta. El día de las Madres se celebrará el domingo, 10 de mayo 2026. Recuerde de incluir vivas y/o difuntas.

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep

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The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths For His Name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; For you are with me;

Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord My whole life long.

[Psalm 23:1-6; NRSV]

The Lord is our Good Shepherd

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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 2,593.85

Loose: \$ 138.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 3.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,734.85

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,240.72



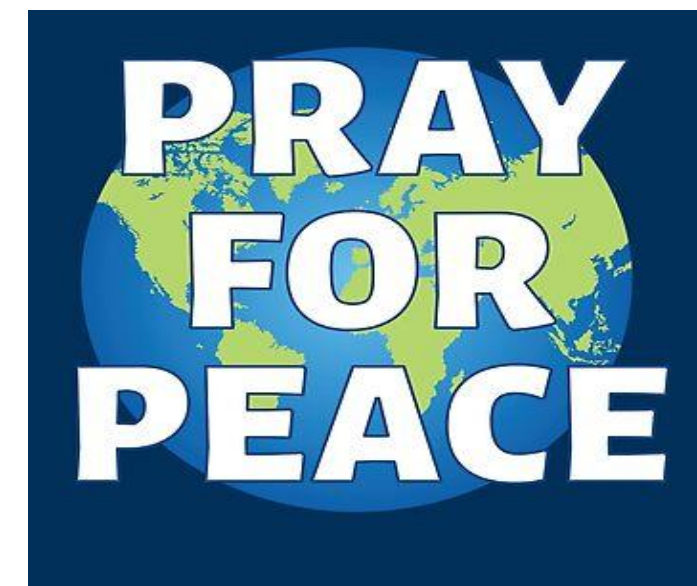
Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

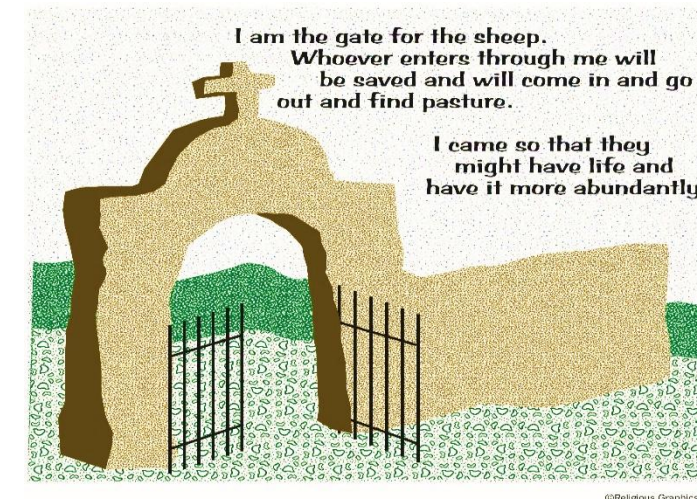
The Diocese of Laredo will be celebrating the Annual Blue Mass at San Agustín Cathedral on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 12:00 pm, noon. The Annual Blue Mass honors men and women in law enforcement who admirably fulfill their duty to serve and protect our community. Everyone is invited to attend!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, and Vladimiro Checchin.



SECOND COLLECTION--CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS
Next week please give generously during the second collection, which supports Catholic Communications.
Segunda Colecta--Comunicación Católica
La próxima semana por favor responda generosamente a la segunda colecta que apoya la Comunicación Católica



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