

Holy Rosary Church

April 29, 2007

4th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 13: 43-52; Rev 7:14-17; John 10:27-30

"I am the good shepherd"

The fundamental question of the Easter season is, how does the movement begun by Jesus continue after his resurrection? Today's gospel provides the answer. Jesus is the good shepherd who knows his sheep, protects them and leads them to pasture of eternal life. Last Sunday we saw the risen Jesus helped his disciples to a miraculous catch of fish and then he prepared a BBQ breakfast for them to strengthen their faith in him.



Every Sunday the risen Lord is present at our Eucharistic celebration and he speaks to us words of life and feeds us with the bread from heaven. Jesus knows our personal needs and he speaks to our hearts. Jesus reminds us that are entrusted to Him by the Father and that nothing can take us away from God's loving care.

This Sunday is known as "Good shepherd Sunday" and it is designated as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the religious life and the consecrated life. The word "shepherd" is translated in Latin "pastor", Pastor bonus. The priest assigned to the parish is named "pastor", shepherd and he is asked to copy Jesus' example in the care of God's people. This is an opportunity to express appreciation and support to all pastors and pastoral associates. You did a good job in last Sunday's party.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 5 & 6

LECTORS

4PM: Pat Hempstead
8AM: Margaret Mancuso
11AM: Maria Valenti

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM: Mui Bui
8AM: Qua Tran
11AM: Mitchell Danna

ALTAR SERVERS

4PM: Brian & Stephanie Bui
8AM: Yen & Lang Bui
11AM: Triston & Fantasia Ta

WEEKLY COLLECTION April 22, 2007

Collection: \$2489.00
Other Income: \$1029.00
TOTAL: \$3518.00



CHÚA NHẬT IV PHỤC SINH

Acts 13:43-52; Rev. 7:14-17; John 10:27-30

"Ta là người mục tử nhân lành"

Hình ảnh người chăn chiên và đàn cừu là một hình ảnh quen thuộc trong thời Chúa Giêsu. Người chăn chiên coi sóc các chiên như là con cái trong gia đình, họ biết các con chiên của họ, cũng như họ biết chiên họ cần gì, họ bảo vệ chiên và đưa chúng đến các đồng cỏ xanh tươi. Và chiên là nghề sinh nhai của họ.

Chúa Giêsu chọn hình ảnh "người mục tử nhân lành" để diễn tả nhiệm vụ của Người đối với đoàn dân Thiên Chúa, và dân chúng tin tưởng và thấu hiểu Chúa Giêsu qua hình ảnh người mục tử tốt lành. Chữ mục tử trong tiếng La tinh có nghĩa là "chủ chiên", và từ này được dùng cho cha xứ của họ đạo, người là "chủ chiên" của đoàn dân Thiên Chúa, và vị chủ chiên phải giống Chúa Giêsu trong cách săn sóc, chăn dắt đoàn chiên như Chúa.

Chúa nhật này được ghi nhớ là Chúa Nhật Mục Tử nhân lành và là ngày Thế Giới cầu cho Ôn Kêu Gọi. Chúng ta cần nhiều chủ chăn để dẫn dắt đàn chiên Thiên Chúa. Đây cũng là dịp để chúng ta biết ơn các linh mục và hợp tác với các ngài.

Xin cảm ơn và xin Chúa chúc lành cho anh chị em:

Cha Joe xin cảm ơn các anh chị em đã cầu nguyện cho cuộc họp các linh mục ở Canada và cách riêng cảm ơn các anh chị em đã ăn mừng ngày sinh nhật của ngài tuần vừa qua.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember

Frank Mostaffa long time parishioner who was buried from Holy Rosary this past week. Our condolences to the family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 28

4PM Bennie Tristianio by wife Minnie
Frank, Salvatore, Mary Anne & Tony Badami by Family

Sunday, April 29

8AM For all Parishioners & Benefactors
11AM Deceased members of The Masucci Family

Monday, April 30

8AM Special Intentions

Tuesday, May 1

8AM James V. Monaco by wife Margaret

Wednesday, May 2

8AM Vu Keu by Family

Thursday, May 3

8AM Jesus, Joseph & Mary by Vivian Gentile

Friday, May 4

8AM In honor of the Sacred Heart by Christian Mothers

Saturday, May 5

4PM Sarafina & Phillip DiMaggio by dau. Rosalie Mingrone
Deceased members of the Coniglio family by Mary Maltese

Sunday, May 6

8AM Sara & Ross Balano by childrend Pace and Balano Families
11AM Salvatore Trombino by Family

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

People tell me that when I go on vacation or to an out of town meeting they are on vacation too, but this didn't happen last week. While I was attending our Scalabrini Provincial Assembly in Vancouver, BC, a group of friends had the bright idea to organize a surprise birthday party at my return.



With a bunch of white and multi color lies they told me that Holy Rosary among others was receiving a recognition last Sunday and I had to attend on Sunday I

was still recovering from the long trip and the many hours of sitting at our 4 day meeting and I was not in the mood for another gathering. After mass when we arrived at the Argosy casino and I opened the door of the dining room I was totally surprised to see all familiar faces from Holy Rosary welcome me singing "Happy Birthday". After a moment of shock I said, "Good thing that today's gospel was about forgiveness... I must practice what I preach... I must forgive the "abuse" of power of the organizers". Smiling I went around the tables greeting the people. After the delicious meal several people reminisced and commented on how they were involved in the various projects that were accomplished at Holy Rosary in the last 7 years. From the first project, the repair of church chimney and bell tower, ordered by the diocese to the "cleansing" of the church basement, the rectory and the parish hall to the building of the chapel, the new garage and the new heating and AC in the church. The most challenging project was to open a handicap accessible door in the Scalabrini hall, a three years dream and effort. As people were talking I realized that this was more than my birthday party, it was a family reunion to celebrate the revival of our parish family and how they were proud to be part of it. All this was possible because business families have been very generous in special donations, car raffles, offering their service free, donating labor and material for building, repairs and improvements that saved the parish thousands of dollars and provided an excellent service. Many parishioners and volunteers were very generous in offering time, talents, new ideas and donations for parish activities. This party was an opportunity to thank God and our blessed Virgin of Holy Rosary and to renew our commitment of loyalty and support to our parish family.

We are still relishing the great success of the St. Joseph's Table, the new dough sheeter, the many volunteer bakers and helpers, the outdoor tent, a great idea, that facilitated the serving of food and gave our visitors a comfortable place to enjoy the food and the company of friends. The successful St. Joseph's Table and shrimp dinner at the end of March helped Holy Rosary to pay for the new church organ.

Recently our parish facilities were inspected by a diocesan commission and the inspectors complimented us for keeping our buildings in good condition.

I had the final word for the day and I told the participants that I consider my assignment to Holy Rosary providential. My first visit to Holy Rosary was in June 1955. Two weeks after my ordination in Chicago on May 15, 1955 I was invited to celebrate my first solemn mass at Holy Rosary on June 5, 1955 and to spend the summer here. To this day I don't know why the pastor Fr. Rigo, cs asked my rector to send me. The people treated me royally, like one of their own. I never forgot that.

I returned to Kansas City in December 1957 and I was assigned to St. John parish for four years. After that my assignments took me across the world for 40 years. In



the year 2000 I was semi retired in a Chicago parish after my heart surgery and when the provincial asked me if would like to become pastor of Holy Rosary, after a moment of hesitation I said yes. That was the luckiest decision of my life. The work to be done kept me active and young in spirit and made me forget my limitations. The collaboration of people has been life giving and I feel younger and healthier and happy to be here. In 2005 after my Golden Jubilee celebration I was asked if I was ready to retire and I was offered an easier assignment. I graciously declined and I said that as long as I feel well I am happy to stay at Holy Rosary.

I am glad to hear that all parishioners were invited to my birthday party and that it was free to those unable to pay. Due to the short notice several people were unable to participate because of previous commitments. They expressed their best wishes and support personally, by phone and mail. I missed them and the opportunity to thank them once again.

I like to thank the organizers, the helpers and all the participants for being a part of a beautiful celebration. I am proud of being the father of Holy Rosary family and I am proud of the love, dedication and generosity of the people of Holy Rosary. May God continue to bless us through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary and St. Joseph