

Daily meditations

Sunday, May 08, 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Be a goodness trafficker.

Many of us are proud to be good at what we do whether it is a trade, craft, profession, or pastoral role. Yet few of us claim to be experts at our special task. Sister of Charity Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich of New Jersey is called a "genius of the soul" for her instructions on the mystical life collected after her death in 1927 under the title Greater Perfection. In a key closing lesson, she writes: "Union with God, then, is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve—anyone . . . who specializes in the traffic of eternal good, who says 'yes' constantly to God." On this Mother's Day, pray that every mother may become, and also nurture, "soul geniuses" and traffic in eternal good.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30 (51). "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Monday, May 09, 2022: EASTER WEEKDAY Flying in formation.

Did you think that Catholic cardinals came to be so called because their red robes were reminiscent of the birds with the same name? Nope—it's actually the other way around. Cardinals—that is, the senior members of the clergy—wear red because it symbolizes their willingness to sacrifice for their faith. The birds came to be called cardinals because they reminded people of the red-clad men who make up the church's College of Cardinals. The word cardinal comes from the Latin word for "hinge"—upon which a gate or door opens. Pray for these leaders and their flocks to open their eyes, ears, and hearts as we find our way together into the future church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279). "The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice."

Tuesday, May 10, 2022: MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF ÁVILA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Thank you, God.

German Catholic mystic Meister Eckhart gets credit for these eloquent words: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'Thank you,' it will be enough." More than a century later, another Catholic mystic would offer a slightly different view. Spanish priest Saint John of Ávila, recognized as a doctor of the church, wrote: "A single 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity." But in the end, you can't go wrong following King David's direction in Psalm 34 to "Bless the Lord at all times"—even when it seems impossible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). "He rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart."

Wednesday, May 11, 2022: EASTER WEEKDAY Cultivate a missionary's heart.

Today we celebrate the feast of Servant of God Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit missionary to China during the 16th and 17th centuries. He was known for his multitudinous academic ventures for the benefit of his constituents and for his openness to (and adoption of) the local culture. He is famous for creating a Chinese map of the known world, for his consultations with Chinese royalty on matters of astronomy and science, and for his assistance in translating important works from Latin to Chinese—and vice versa. Let your own gifts overflow in a life of witness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). "So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation."

Thursday, May 12, 2022: MEMORIAL OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

Pray for the courage of conviction.

Today we honor three martyrs, Saints Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras. Attitudes toward martyrs can run hot and cold. "Ugh, they just want to be a martyr," we say about the self-aggrandizing who put their sacrifices on display. In one of his sermons, Saint Augustine chided false martyrs, those who flaunted punishments they received for promoting schismatic beliefs. But when we see the real deal, a person whose heart is so big that "sacrifice" feels less like pain and more like love, we applaud their martyrdom.

Open our hearts, O God, so that we can sacrifice like that.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Friday, May 13, 2022: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA Let a new era of peace begin.

In 1917 during a time of great turmoil in Europe, three Portuguese children reported seeing an apparition of Mary in which, it was later revealed, the Blessed Mother called for people to imitate her faithfulness to Christ as a way to achieve peace. According to Carmelite Sister Lúcia dos Santos, one of the children of Fatima, Mary also promised that the consecration of Russia by the world's bishops would lead to an era of peace. Amid the devastation of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the Catholic bishops of Ukraine requested Pope Francis to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which he did on March 25, asking all the world's bishops to join him from their own dioceses. May we continue to follow Mary's example of discipleship as a way of achieving peace at home and abroad.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283/563A).

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Saturday, May 14, 2022: FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE The making of an apostle.

There are alternate ways of becoming an apostle. Number one is being called directly by Jesus, as were the 12 apostles. Then there's today's saint, Matthias, who was chosen by drawing lots. Saint Paul was a self-proclaimed apostle. Junia and her partner Andronicus are called apostles in Romans 16:7. The church also designates apostles: Patrick was the "Apostle of Ireland," Boniface the "Apostle to the Germans," and Mary Magdalene has the honor of being the "Apostle to the Apostles." The word apostle means sent, so in a sense when we are sent forth at the end of Mass, we're all apostles. How does that change your understanding of who you are?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 8, 2022

Mission Statement

Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	11:30 am
Tuesday Rosary	8:30 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Thursday	5:00 pm
Confessions by appointment anytime.	

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



WELCOME: THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. FREDERICK AND ST. STEPHEN WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS TO OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION CARD, WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.

Visitors: We ask our visitors to sign our Guest Book, so we may have a record of your attendance and remember you at the Church.

Food Bank: The Church of St. Frederick and St. Stephen is a member of the Edisto Food Bank. Please leave items for the food bank in the basket. Canned fruit in light syrup is often needed.

God's Tender Loving Care: (GTLC): If you know someone in the parish who has had a death or illness or needs some "TLC". Please call Dolores Marcano (540)254-2555.

If you have bulletin announcements, please call the office at 843-889-8549 or even better email Stmarys165@charlestdiocese.org or stmarys165@gmail.com

. The Ordination and Installation of our new Bishop Jacques Fabre will be Friday May 13th at 2:30. This is by invitation only and tickets will be scanned at the door. All are invited to participate on the following links:

- YouTube — <https://youtu.be/iUxPAbfdTTQ>
- Facebook — <https://www.facebook.com/events/475163664399387/>



PRAY FOR US

June Alberti, Lynn Bagnal, Rita Cullen, Dan Cutler Marlis, Egbers, Theresa Garrido, Conchi Gelner, Elizabeth Good, Nelson Hartrich, Tara Huck, Cubby Huffines, Vic Ketchum, Ding Kizer, Wilbur Kizer Ken Korpanty, Andrew Lee, Priscilla Martin, Tom Mack, Mimi McCole, Lenore McDonald, Stephanie McDonald, Shannon Montgomery, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Elizabeth Neustadt, Mott Parker, Bunny Perkins, Christy Petillo, Voyta Sailer, Patsy Sheahan, Bob Smith, Bill Smyer, Marge Suchman, Fran Taylor, Harriet Tindall, Bubba Unger, Dickie Unger, Layla Venegas, Brice Voorneveld, Susie Voorneveld, Samuel Wenthe, Samuel Wingate, All Parishioners of our Parish.

Record of Faithfulness 5/01/2022

Parishioners	955.00	BAA	125.00
Loose	279.00	Parish Charity	
votive			
Total 1 st	1234.00		
Total 1 st & 2 nd	135.00	Building Fund	541.00
Saturday	47	Sunday	33
Total attendance			

Second Collection this Sunday: Catholic Charities.

Second Collection next Sunday:

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. (John 10:28)

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. What a beautiful image: Jesus as a loving shepherd who cares for us and leads us to good pasture and safety! It's also comforting to know that we are his sheep; he knows each of us by name and calls out to us. And we, his sheep, hear his voice and follow him (John 10:27).

But do you know that our Good Shepherd also has a destination for each of us in mind? He is leading us to heaven! He is always with us—through thick and thin, through the dark, sorrowful valleys and the high, joyful mountaintops—all so that he can lead us to our eternal home. He does not want any one of his sheep to perish (John 10:28). He will "shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water" (Revelation 7:17).

So trust this Good Shepherd! He always has you in his sights, even in your difficulties, and he will lead you through them. He may even use those struggles to bring you to that place where he wants you—with him, face-to-face in heaven. This is why he came to earth. This is why he suffered and died. And this is why he rose from the dead, all so that one day you too could rise with him and live with him forever.

No matter what happens to you, you can always count on the Good Shepherd to walk beside you. He will even carry you on his shoulders if you are too weak to keep walking. Throughout your journey, he will nourish you with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist and refresh you with the water of his life-giving Spirit. And when your days on earth have ended, he will usher you into his heavenly kingdom. He will present you to his Father and say, "Here is my beloved, the sheep of my flock. I have brought him safely home."

Jesus, you are my Shepherd. Let me never take my eyes off of you."