

*A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
(John 10:11)*

This familiar passage about the good shepherd calls to mind soothing images from children's books that portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders. But Jesus paints a much more powerful picture. His good shepherd is a protector; he watches over and guards his sheep. He doesn't sit by passively when predators approach; he acts swiftly to keep his flock safe. He doesn't flee or abandon them; he stands his ground and defends them (John 10:12). He even "lays down his life for the sheep" (10:11).

We know, of course, that Jesus is talking about himself. He is a shepherd unlike the "shepherds" of Israel. In the previous chapter of John's Gospel, the Jewish leaders responded to Jesus' miraculous healing by casting out the formerly blind man from the synagogue (9:34). Jesus offered healing and revelation to God's people, yet these shepherds both rejected him themselves and prevented their "sheep" from receiving the abundant life that Jesus came to give them (10:10). In contrast, Jesus sought out the healed man, comforted him, and led him to faith (9:35-38). This is what a good shepherd does.

Jesus is not just "the" good shepherd; he is *your* good shepherd! Unlike a hired hand who works only for pay, Jesus is moved by a deep love for you. His love is so fierce that he freely, gladly offered his life on the cross for his sheep. For us. For you.

Today, rejoice that your good shepherd is guarding and protecting you. He is leading you securely along the perilous paths of life. He is defending you against the wolves and thieves that seek to "steal and slaughter and destroy" you (John 10:10). He is giving you new life that he won by laying down his life and taking it up again in his resurrection (10:18). He will never forsake you.

*"Thank you, Jesus, for being my strong good shepherd!" Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 1 John 3:1-2~ The Word Among Us.*



The Sanctuary Candle in St. John's Church is offered as a special intention, for the living and deceased family members of † Antonio Rodriguez, requested by his daughters Marta & Annalisa Rodriguez.

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**To Add or Remove names, call the Parish office at 738-2201**

**WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Casa de Juan.

**That Man is You:** Saturday's in Casa de Juan 7:00am-9:00am. Contact Kevin Collins 210-685-2735 or Rafael Martinez 210-782-6313

**Guadalupeños:** Recites the Rosary every Wednesday at 7pm in the Church.

**Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions:** Every Thursday 12pm to 6pm.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

**Guadalupeños:** Recites the Rosary on the 12th day of each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760.

**Knights of Columbus:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Contact Ricardo Valdez 210-842-1551.

**Altar Society:** 3rd Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201.

**Youth Group:** Contact Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

**ACTS:** Contact Julie Constantino at 210-288-1405.

**Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation:** Contact the Parish office at 210-738-2201 ext. 105

**Young Adults Ministry:** 2nd Thursday of each month 7pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 22nd ~ 11:30am

Marcel Gutierrez (Happy Birthday)

Tuesday, April 23rd ~ 11:30am

† Blanca S. Gonzales

*St. George, Marty, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

Wednesday, April 24th ~ 11:30am

Josette Lowe (Special Intention)

*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

Thursday, April 25th ~ 11:30am

† Joseph Steven Perez

*St. Mark, Evangelist*

Friday, April 26th ~ 11:30am

† Anna Marie Martinez

† Juan R. & Nellie B. Chavez

Saturday, April 27th ~ 5:00pm

† Margarita Garcia

Sunday, April 28th

8:00am † Sofia Solis Palacios

9:30am Gabriela Alonso (Special Intention)

† Guillermo Alonso

12:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

7:30pm † Edward Castoreno

People of the Parish

**make a splash  
this summer!**

St. John the Evangelist

Vacation Bible School 2024

July 8 - 12, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm Parish Hall

**SCUBA**  
Diving into heaven's joy and peace

## JOIN US AT OUR DISABILITIES MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS, invites all persons with disabilities and their families, caregivers, and loved ones to join him for this very special Mass. Come as you are to participate in and experience this sensory-friendly Mass.

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 | 10:00 am**

Hosted at St. Helena Catholic Church  
14714 Edgemont St., San Antonio, TX 78247

If you have any questions or comments, contact Esperanza Sanchez at [esperanza.sanchez@archsa.org](mailto:esperanza.sanchez@archsa.org) or call 210-734-1966. To RSVP use the next link: <https://archsa.regfox.com/disabilities-mass-2024>



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## ÚNASE A NUESTRA MISA PARA PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD CON EL ARZOBISPO

El Arzobispo Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS, invita a todas las personas con discapacidades y sus familias, cuidadores y seres queridos a unirse a él en esta Misa tan especial. Participe y viva esta Misa sensorialmente amigable.

**Sábado, 11 de Mayo del 2024 | 10:00 am**

Celebrada en St. Helena Catholic Church  
14714 Edgemont St., San Antonio, TX 78247

Si tiene alguna pregunta contacte a Esperanza Sanchez, al email [esperanza.sanchez@archsa.org](mailto:esperanza.sanchez@archsa.org) o llame al 210-734-1966. Para confirmar su asistencia utilice el enlace: <https://archsa.regfox.com/disabilities-mass-2024>



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