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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

May 8, 2022

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Vatican II, Pope Francis, and the Synod on Synodality: how I see them intimately related

As I'm hoping you already know by now, Pope Francis has invited the whole Roman Catholic Church to answer 10 questions in preparation for the upcoming Synod on Synodality, which will convene in October, 2023.

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center has publicized this unprecedented effort of our Church to revive the Spirit of Vatican II. It was summarized so profoundly in the opening lines of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. "The Joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ".

What does this prophetic promise from the Second Vatican Council, issued by 2300 Bishops back in 1965 have to do with Pope Francis' historic survey of the Church today, so different in so many ways from the Church many of us grew up in 60 years ago? What does what happened in Rome from 1962 through 1965 have to do with Pope Francis' dream of a "missionary option, that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation". (The Joy of the Gospel, #27, November 24, 2013)

Everything! I see everything in Pope Francis' prophetic and pastoral papacy as a concerted effort to answer the challenge which the Council proposed for the Church- to adopt a way of being and thinking and praying and relating that responds to the needs of the modern world- and not "self-preservation" as the Council, and the Pontiff have repeatedly warned us against.

Examples? I think the 10 questions proposed by the Vatican are brilliant and are giving Catholics all over the world a chance to honestly share their "joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties" with their small local communities even before having them somehow compiled in a summary statement to Rome. I've been part of "Listening Sessions" at the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center in Fresno, and have been inspired and challenged by what brother and sister parishioners have shared about all the questions proposed for community reflection: journeying, and not journeying, together (Question #1), listening to, but also excluding others (Question #2), being able to speak out, but also wondering who's listening (Question #3), celebrating (Question #4), Co-responsibility in Mission (#5), Dialogue in Church and Society *and* need for more outreach with those who feel silenced, and with other believers and non-believers (#6), With other Christian Denominations (#7), Authority and Participation- need for more parish shared leadership (parish council) (#8), Discerning and Deciding-listening to the Holy Spirit (#9), Forming Ourselves in Synodality- Journeying Together as a new experience for many (#10)

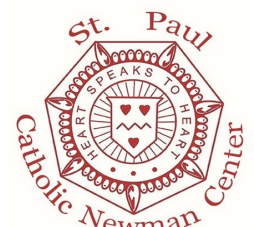
According to the Synod of Bishops website (www.synod.va) "the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands"

I have already seen seeds of this reality in listening sessions I've attended and in the notes which I am compiling for the parish and summarizing for the Diocese. I look forward to the Newman Center developing a renewed commitment to its vision and mission based on the "joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties" which have been shared so personally and profoundly in these listening sessions which we have participated in over the past three months.

Jim Grant,
(Director, Social Justice Ministry, Diocese of Fresno, Retired)
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Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



Family Life Ministries

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Blessing upon all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and god-mothers! And all those who provide a motherly role for the people we love.

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

Playground Fellowship Please join us **Sunday, May 15 after the 9:30 Mass** (approximately 10:30am to 11:30am) on the playground for fellowship, soccer, and fun. If you are interested in helping to plan summer activities, please bring your ideas! Movie nights? Field trips to a mission, a monastery, a mountain hiking adventure, or other Catholic destinations? Any other ideas?

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library to reflect upon and discuss the previous Sunday's scripture readings.

Marriage Ministry

Any person or couples interested in being a part of a planning committee for Marriage Preparation and/or Marriage Enrichment programs for the 2022-23 year are invited to contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com. This group will meet to discuss ideas and plan classes, activities, events and retreats.

Prayer Ministries

Christian Meditation meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the Community Room, for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Creation Care Tips

"I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." —Acts 13:47

Pope Francis reminds us that "All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education," and that it is appropriate for people of faith to call on political institutions and elected leaders to care for the environment and those who are most impacted by climate change, particularly the poor (Laudato Si' #214). This week, look up your elected officials (<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>) and contact them to share your thoughts on how you hope they will vote on current environmental issues.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of May 8—15

Wrapping Up Spring Semester

With the spring semester almost coming to an end, we ask for your kind prayers for our faculty, staff, and students as they approach this last week of finals and responsibilities. May the Lord provide them strength to finish this school year with great fulfillment.

Young Adults Bible Study

Every Monday at 6:00pm, we engage in biblical reflections and conversations to strengthen our identity as followers of Christ. It is a space where you will also find other young people who desire to learn and grow with you. Come join us! We will meet inside the Student Lounge.

Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us this week for dinner inside Newman Hall. Event begins at 6 p.m. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge opened to provide a space for studying or to pick up school materials!

Job Opening - Administrative Assistant [Part-time]

We will begin reviewing applications within this month. Full job description and application can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please reach out to Edgar or Stephanie if you have any questions.

NCSA Officer Team

As the school year is coming to an end, we are looking for a new service leader team! These positions include: President, Public Relations, Liturgy, and Event Coordinator. The link to the application can be found on our website or Instagram page [[@newmancenter_fresno](https://www.instagram.com/newmancenter_fresno)].

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Catholic Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center May 14-15 to collect donation items after all Sunday morning Masses. Donations brought to the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses can be left in the white bin in the Chapel Courtyard. Thank you for your support.

Name Tags

Ever see a familiar face at church and just can't remember their name? It happens to all of us! That is why starting this weekend and continuing weekly, we would ask everyone in attendance to wear a name tag. Name tags are available at the back of the Chapel on the credenza. Help us to get to know you!

Catholic Professional and Business Club

Join the Catholic Professional and Business Club Friday, May 13 at 7:15am at Pardini's 2257 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno 93721. Our speaker is Fr. Alex Chavez, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Visalia. He will discuss the completion of construction of the new 3,100 seat St. Charles Borromeo Church. For reservations call (559)434-2722 or email reservations@cpbcfresno.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 8 Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

7:30am Mass for the Deceased Members of the Lopez Family Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Sandy Ullmann Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

Monday, May 9 Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

8:00am Mass Int. of Maria Guadalupe Ramirez Chapel
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Chapel
 10:00am Brechmann Funeral Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, May 10 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 6:00pm First Communion Rehearsal Chapel

Wednesday, May 11 Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

8:00am Mass Int. of Brett Meeks Chapel
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101

Thursday, May 12 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Brigid Ryan Chapel
 6:30pm Women's Guild Cafeteria
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Community Room

Friday, May 13 Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

8:00am Mass for Julia Biruen Chapel
 5:00pm Renaissance Scholars Year End Reception CNH 101-103

Saturday, May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Second Collection - Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Truck

5:00pm Mass for Ron Dodds Chapel

Sunday, May 15 Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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7:30am Mass for Jim Deaver Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Teresa Espinosa Chapel
 2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

May Contributions

2021		2022	
May 2	\$16,289.46	May 1	\$18,412.75
May 9 ACH	\$19,440.00	May 8 ACH	
May 16 ACH	\$15,904.21	May 15 ACH	
May 23	\$ 9,818.71	May 22	
May 30	\$15,085.00	May 29	
May Total	\$63,881.13	May Total	\$18,412.75

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** John Brechmann, Betty Enrico
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), Deacon Kelly Canelo and Family, David Toll, Susan Olson, Ken Barnes and Family, Ramona Egan, Mary Yoakum, Olivia King, Esther Gutierrez, Joe Calandri, Jeff Janzen, Maria Coronel, Christina Jacquez, Clara Marrone, Susan Williams, Tim Brown, Karen Nyri, Penny Mull, Howard and Mary Ann Latimer, James Ball, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month. If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

Parish Information

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am

First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm

Communion Services: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
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National Nurses Week May 6 - 12

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of nurses to individuals, communities, and society was demonstrated on a daily basis. During this National Nurses Week, the Newman Center would like to recognize and celebrate all nurses, especially our own.

Congratulations to Jeanne Frye Prandini, RN, MSN, CPNP-PC

We would especially like to recognize long-time parishioner, Jeanne Frye Prandini, who was inducted into the Central San Joaquin Valley Nursing Hall of Fame in 2020 and will be honored with this award in September. The Nursing Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding nursing professionals who have promoted the profession through a lifetime of dedicated work and leadership. This prestigious award honors nursing leaders serving within the seven-county region of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Jeanne has combined multiple nursing roles during her career beginning in 1976, including acute care nursing at St. Agnes Medical Center & Valley Children's Hospital; public health nursing for Fresno County Migrant Health, Central Valley Indian Health, and School Nursing; as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for Valley Medical Center Children's Clinic, Family & Pediatric Consultants, and Fresno Children's Medical Group. She has served as faculty for CSU-Fresno's Graduate Nurse Practitioner programs and was Coordinator of the School Nurse Credential program. Jeanne is currently the Director of Nursing Services for the Clovis Unified School District.

Parishioners who have received this prestigious award in the past include Sr. Ruth Marie Nickerson, Amy Tobin, Hope Favila Phelps, Terea Giannetta, and Sr. Mary Clennon.

Newman Center Parish Nurse Ministry

We also want to announce the formation of a new parish ministry - Parish Nursing. This ministry is headed by JoAnn LoForti with nurses of our parish Louise Silva, Conrad Rios, and Christine Christenson. They have completed specialized training as parish nurses through the Diocese of Fresno to supplement their specific nursing specialties. More information to come!.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Encourage your child, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Mother's Day Cookie Sale!

The Women's Guild is sponsoring a Mother's Day Cookie Sale on May 7 and 8 after the 5:00pm and the 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses with the proceeds going to the Newman Center.

Beautifully decorated boxes of homemade cookies, fudge, brownies and candy with a beautiful card will be available for \$15.00 each.

Give your Mom, Grandmother, Aunt or any Special Lady a tasty treat!

Sergio P. Negro Scholar Applications

Applications for Sergio P. Negro Scholarships for the 2022 - 2023 academic year are now available on the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center website. The Sergio P. Negro Endowment Fund was established in honor of our founding priest, who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding a minimum of two, \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year.

To be eligible, you must be either an upper division undergraduate or a graduate student preparing to use your knowledge and skills to witness and minister to others. This is meant to be inclusive of many vocations and forms of service, including education, medicine, social services, etc. A pre-condition is that you must have either been raised within or are currently affiliated and active with our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center parish beyond attending Mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

The deadline for applications to be received is Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 5:00pm.

They may be submitted electronically to Scholarship@csufnewman.com or mailed to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. In all cases, applications and accompanying documents must be typed. Final selection of awardees will be through an interview process.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Justice takes courage. Those who speak out for and act on behalf of those who are being mistreated often face persecution. In some parts of the world, they face torture and death. Jesus is the good shepherd and promises that no one will snatch his sheep out of his hand. We can face the greatest threats with courage when we stand up for what is right because we know that even if the worst possible thing happens to us, we will end up in the protection of our good shepherd. The challenge this week is to overcome your fear and speak up for or act on behalf of someone who is being mistreated... knowing that Jesus has your back.

From Fr. Byron

Hi beautiful people! Please re-read the Gospel this Sunday: in it, Jesus describes you and his desire for your life.

‘Jesus said,
“My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.
No one can take them out of my hand.
My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.
The Father and I are one.” - Jn 10:27-30

Remember: no one can snatch you out of the hand of your Savior! Keep holding on!

Pentecost Celebration

Imagine a day when our entire parish can actually get together in one place (Acts 2:1). This will indeed happen on Sunday, June 5 at 9:30am. We will have a special Pentecost Mass, followed by a picnic to praise the Holy Spirit and also celebrate Earth’s Day.

We will only have one (1) Mass during that weekend; please plan accordingly.

I am telling you, the Holy Spirit loves to give us beautiful surprises!

Please come; please be open to get to know your parish brothers and sisters from the other Masses; please come and worship together and have fellowship afterwards.

We will have a few hundred chairs out, but please bring your picnic or foldable chair; also, please bring your own food for the picnic.

Now, I can use your help. Please consider volunteering and signing up this weekend after Masses. Thanks for making history together!

Deacon John Farewell: Help!

As you know, our fearless pastor, Deacon John, will be stepping down from his post this July. We would love to have a wonderful sendoff celebration to thank God for him and thank him for his ministry. We will do this, during the weekend of July 9 and 10. I will be overseeing this weekend’s festivities and we need your help. Please, talk about it within your ministries and think about how to express your appreciation for our amazing Deacon John! Please email me or Jenna for more information.

Away from the Parish

My mom is having a knee replacement on May 23, 2022. I have asked permission from my Superior to go to Chicago and nurse my mom from the 23rd to the 29th of May. Please keep my mom in your prayers especially on May 23th!

Also, Father Paul and I will attend our annual Claretian Assembly May 30th – June 3rd, 2022 in Chicago. I will be back on the evening of June 3rd and Father Paul will be back on June 6th.

Prayers for Mothers

For all mothers: That they be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love for others; that their children will honor their many sacrifices by lives of service and virtue;

For the gift of motherhood: that all might treasure and support God’s plan for life and love;

For all mothers who await the birth of a child: that the Lord protect all unborn sons and daughters and bring them to a safe delivery;

For all married couples who are struggling with infertility: that the Lord grant them peace as they hope for the gift of a child;

For mothers who grieve and mourn, especially those who have lost a child before birth: that they find consolation in God’s promise of life;

Amen! Happy Mother’s Day!!!

Fr. Negro Scholarship

Please, please, please help us spread the word about our 2022-23 Sergio P. Negro Scholarship application available to students this weekend on our website: www.csufnewman.com

From the Scholarship Committee: “The scholarship is available to Upper Division and Graduate students. The required class level standing must be effective beginning in the Fall 2022 Semester/Quarter. ... It is imperative that applicants meet the requirements and apply within the time frame noted on the application. The committee will not accept late applications.” **Deadline is May 15th at 5:00pm!**

Saintly Quote

“Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering who you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid.” -Saint Mary MacKillop

Have a Laugh

“Why was the mother firefly so happy?
Because her children were all so bright.” -
Submitted by Kendon L., Elk Grove, Calif.

Mother’s Day Corsages

After a 2-year pandemic hiatus, the Newman Center’s Knights of Columbus Council will again have Mother’s Day corsages available after this weekend’s Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. There is no cost, but you are asked to give a voluntary donation of \$10 for each corsage. All money from this fundraiser event goes to Right to Life of Central California. Your support will help Right to Life reach out to women in unplanned pregnancies and save babies through 2022. Thank you in advance for your dedication to the cause of Life and God’s precious little ones.



CATHOLIC Catholic *Diocese of Fresno* Charities May CHARITIES Charities May Appeal

Those who are in need are never strangers. They are family. Jesus taught us this important virtue through the parable of the lost sheep. If someone in His flock is in peril, then we cannot rest until they are safe. When anyone suffers, our whole family suffers with them. It is our joyful duty as Catholics to seek them out and surround them with God’s compassion and love.

The Annual May Appeal Collection for Catholic Charities will take place the weekend of May 14th and 15th. During this second collection, we are asking parishioners to reflect on their personal ability to make a difference for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This appeal brings hope where hope is needed most. From the metropolitan areas surrounding our three brick-and-mortar sites to the rural, most impoverished and underserved areas in every corner of our Diocese. It brings hope to those who are hungry, homeless, seeking refuge, disaster-stricken, out-of-work and suffering.

As Catholic Charities continues to serve more people than ever before, we continue to pray that we are able to be a source of comfort and relief to all who suffer as we help them build a bridge of hope over troubled waters. Please consider a generous gift that will bring hope to those in the greatest of need. Every dollar donated during this second collection makes a difference.

For more information or to learn more about how you can help, please contact Ashlee Wolf at (559) 237-0851 or email awolf@ccdof.org.



PENTECOST

And Earth's Day Celebration!

Sunday, June 5, 2022
9:30am MASS
11:00am – 1:00pm PICNIC

BYO Chair and Food!

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We Can Know His Voice

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 13:14, 43-52 - Paul's and Barnabas' address to the gentiles
- ▶ Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 - Rejoicing of the elect of every nation
- ▶ John 10:27-30 - The Good Shepherd

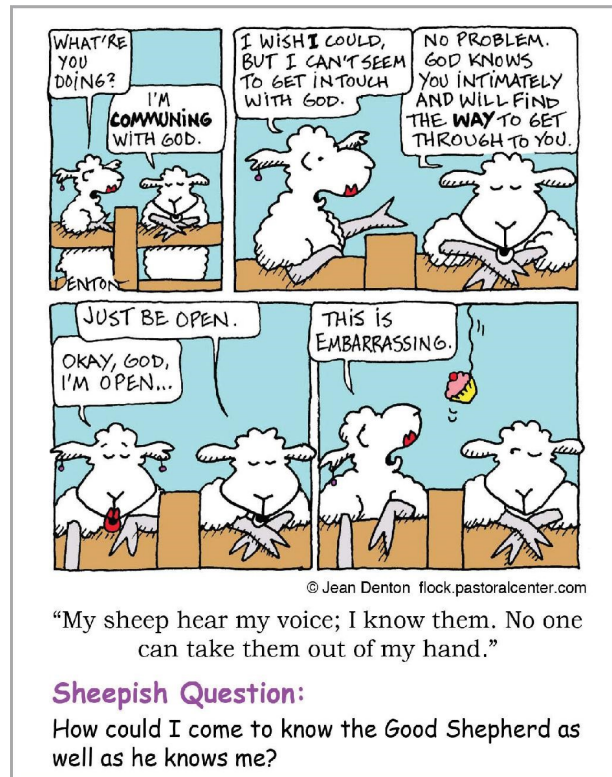
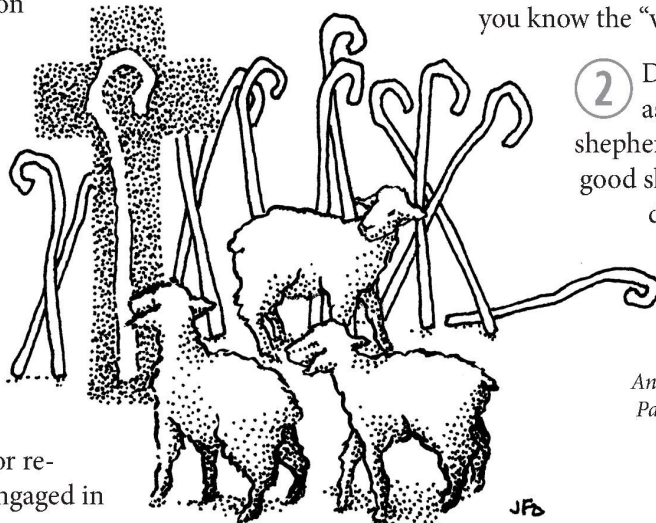
Today's Gospel reading emphasizes that Jesus is the ultimate good shepherd. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." We might wonder how we can recognize Jesus' voice as humans living in the 21st century, not sheep following a shepherd in the first century. It begins by trusting that the shepherd wants what is best for the sheep. Do we believe that God wants what is best for us? Because he does.

Jesus also said, "I have come that they may have life in abundance." God wants us to have joy, freedom, fulfillment, and love, not deprivation, emptiness, and loneliness. If we have internalized the latter message, we have been tricked into following a shepherd who is not interested in our care and protection. In that case, the first step is to ask God for a greater trust that he wants us to have life in its fullness, here and now, not just after we die.

When we believe that Jesus loves us enough to have our very best interests at heart, we can practice listening for invitations that bring us more energy, excitement, joy, and peace. Maybe a new job offer is particularly invigorating—that is probably Jesus' voice calling us to follow.

Perhaps an invitation from a friend or acquaintance leads us to a sense of greater joy or contentment than what we are currently spending our time on. That could be the voice of Jesus calling us to follow.

Maybe an activity or relationship we are engaged in



is contributing to depression, anxiety, self-hatred, or substance abuse. In that case, the thought of ending that activity or relationship may give us a glimpse of freedom and relief. If that is the case, perhaps it is the voice of Jesus calling us to leave that behind us. There are many ways Jesus can call to us. If we listen for and follow the invitations that lead to greater life, then we can trust we are following Jesus' voice.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you have followed an invitation that you felt was from Jesus. How did you know the "voice" was from God?
- 2 Describe a time when you went astray by following another shepherd who didn't care for you as a good shepherd cares for his sheep. How did you realize you were astray? How did you find your way back to God's path?

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