

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Please Call for Appointment  
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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 13 & 14, 2024

Donation	\$4,323.00
Donation Online	\$1,052.00
Maintenance Fund	\$10.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,385.00</b>



## Annual Catholic Appeal

"Give and it will be given to you." — Luke 6:38

**GOAL for 2024 is \$43,706**

## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else,  
nor is there any other name under heaven  
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."  
(Acts 4:12)

#### Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the  
cornerstone. (Ps 118)  
Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be  
like him,  
for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.



**NO HEALING MASS ON  
FRIDAY, MAY 5th at  
St. Thomas Parish.**

**Next Mass June 3, 2024**

St. Thomas Parish - 4415 S 140th ST, Tukwila, WA 98168

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

**St. Thomas Social Hall**  
4415 S 140th St, Tukwila, WA 98168



**Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM**

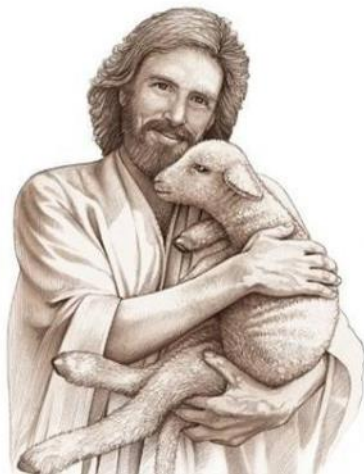
**Children 5 and under \$2.00,  
All Others \$8.00**



St. Thomas Council 11253  
Tukwila, Washington



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL THANH VU



## Good Shepherd - John 10:11-18

What is the good shepherd? Like Jesus said: I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me. The word knowing in the Bible has a very profound meaning: it is not just knowing your name, age, whose children are, where you live, what you do, whether you are married... It is applied right in the relationship between two people, right from the intimate relationship between husband and wife. Like Mary said: Because I know not a man. As the good shepherd, God knows each of us, as the Psalm 139 said: Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far away. For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. Your eyes have seen my formless substance; And in Your book were written, all the days that were ordained for me. My tongue has not yet uttered a word, then, Lord, You understand everything. God knows each of his sheep. Whoever is bad or good, God knows everything.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd: He cares for his flock, especially those who are sick or lost. God is willing to leave 99 sheep to find one lost sheep and return to the flock. And God is willing to sacrifice his life for his flock. And God has already done his part. God created us, God died to pay for our sins. God gives us grace and nourishes us every day through His word and His Holy Body and Blood, so that we can live and live abundantly.

As for us, those who believe in God, do we know who God is? Do you know what God does for you? Now ask someone who Jesus is, I wonder if that person can answer? Or do we just know vaguely, knowing in general terms: oh... Jesus is God, that's all. To know God, we must regularly read the Gospels, to know Jesus' life; know what God wants; know what God teaches us to do to live. Not only knowing God in theory, but also knowing God through daily relationships with God. That means we talk to God (praying), experience what God allows to happen to us that day, to know how God loves us.

Say as Saint Augustine said to God: Let me know You, and let me know myself! Know how good God is to love God. Know how evil and sinful you are so that you can repent and atone for your sins. Since I was very little, my parents have taught me to know God, taught me how to pray to God, and I have experienced that God loves me very much. When I was a child, God saved me several times. At the age of 10, I was almost drowned. Then one time I was riding my bicycle on the main road, wanted to cross the road, and was almost killed by a truck. And One time, God saved my family from starvation. If you look back at your life, you will probably see how much you are loved, and cared for by God.

Today is also a special day of prayer for pastors in the Church. Let us pray for the Holy Father, Bishops, and Priests to become good shepherds as God desires, daring to sacrifice their lives for the flock. Because as Saint Father John Vianney said: If the priest is holy, the parishioners are virtuous. Priests are virtuous and parishioners are normal. If the priest is normal, the parishioners become demons. God's Word also invites all of us as shepherds (parents, teachers, bosses, leaders), to follow the example of Jesus as a good, loving, caring, and serving shepherd. Serving the flock that God entrusted to our care. May God bless us all. Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectioary*. The *Lectioary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.