



## Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

**I**t is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

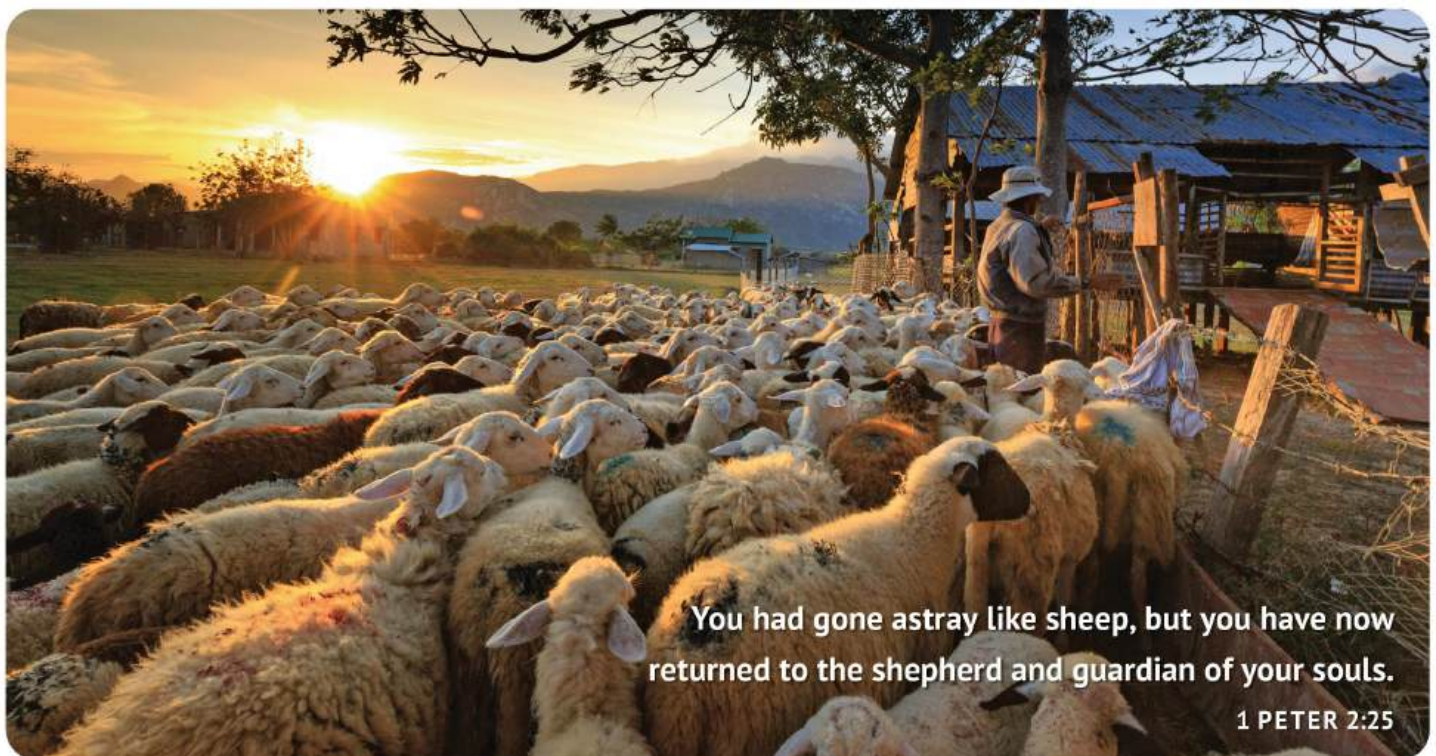
Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

### Reflect

***How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus’ voice?***



**You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

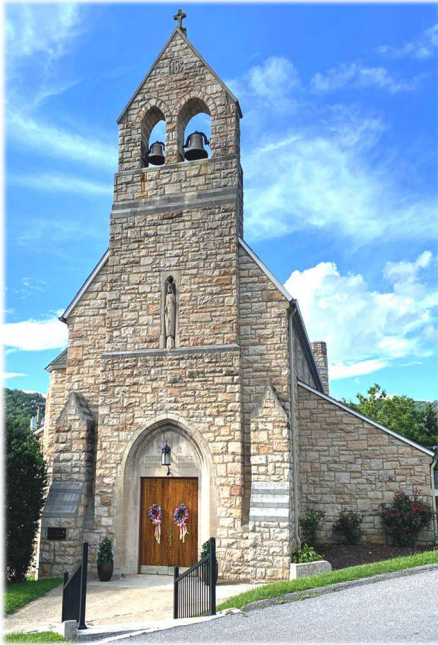
**1 PETER 2:25**

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 25-26, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



**Saturday, April 25 - 6:00 PM**

✠ **People of the Parish (Pro Populo)**

**Sunday, April 26- 9:00 AM**

✠ **Terry Lampert** by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

**Wednesday, April 29—5 PM Adoration & 6 PM Mass**

✠ **Charles & Opal Garton** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

**Thursday, April 30—10:00 AM Mass**

✠ **Greg Garton** by Amanda & Greg Butler

**Saturday, May 2 - 6:00 PM**

✠ *Available to Reserve*

**Sunday, May 3- 9:00 AM**

✠ **People of the Parish (Pro Populo)**

**Sacred Heart  
Princeton**

**Mass Times**

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration &  
Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm - Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am - Confession

11:00 am - Mass

**Confession:** 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 26:** First Communion Mass 9:00 AM

**April 26:** Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

**April 29:** Finance Council Meeting After Mass

**May 1:** First Friday Mass 10:00 AM

**May 2-3:** Maintenance 2nd Collection

**May 2:** First Saturday Social 7:00 PM

**May 3:** First Sunday Social 10:00 AM

**May 3:** May Crowning Mass 9:00 AM

**May 3:** Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

**May 5:** Men's Prayer Group Meeting 6:30 PM

**May 10:** Mother's Day

**May 10:** Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

**May 11:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 PM

**May 14:** St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting After Mass

## CHURCH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Joseph Mandokkara Augustine, J.C.L.  
jaugustine@dwc.org

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**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Julia Harrison, M.A.A.T.  
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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Kim Hickman  
Khickman@sacredheartblfd.org

**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623  
Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm  
After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

**Food Pantry Hours:**  
Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.*



# MAINTENANCE

## COLLECTION

A second collection for  
BUILDING MAINTENANCE

will take place on the first weekend of each month. It is dedicated to the upkeep of our church buildings and ensuring our facilities are well-maintained. We will also prioritize saving for future projects by allocating resources for upcoming projects.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

**NEXT COLLECTION: MAY 2-3**



## Altar Flowers

We are now accepting sponsorship for  
Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office  
or Sherry Ciccoloni to secure your  
preferred dates.

Options Include:

Urns on the Altar

Floor Arrangement

Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement

# Graduation Sunday

Calling All Graduates! We need to know the names of any  
graduates for this May.

They will be honored at Sunday Mass on May 17<sup>th</sup>

We don't want to miss anyone! Please call the parish office or  
email Lucy with the name of your 2026 graduate  
and the following info:

~Full Name

~Name of School

~Honors, awards etc.

~Future plans: college, choice of study etc.

Deadline to Submit Info: May 9



**Faith Formation**  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

**Faith Formation 2026**  
Every Sunday at 10:15 am  
in the School Building

**The schedule through Spring 2026:**

April 26 ~ First Holy Communion with reception – No Faith Formation

May 3 ~ May Crowning and Procession during 9am Mass

Youth to participate – more info will follow

May 3 ~ Last day of Faith Formation



**Sacred Heart  
Adult Grief Support Group**

Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group has changed their meeting times to every Third Friday of the month.

**Next Meeting**

May 15 at 4:30 pm in Church Lounge

**Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group!**



All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men's Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, Bible Study, and fraternity.

**Next Meeting**

May 5th at 6:30 Pm in the Lounge



**Centering Prayer Group**

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God.

The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.

**MAY Birthdays**

John Crist	1
Mike Starre	1
Alex Aiello	3
Sherry Ciccolini	3
Lucas Ott	5
Brogan Hudson	10
Gina Rasi	10
Robert Station	10
Deborah Johns	11
Julia Harrison	14
Lucy Ciaccio	15
Carl Mariotti	15
Karen Kidd	16
Joshua Husband	17
Barbara Lynch	21
Justin Bays	22
Emily Morgan	22
Rodney Rust	25
Brayden Farmer	27
Matthew French	28
O. Perry Clark	29
Delores Shumate	29
Megan Vescio	29
Johnny Rasi	30

**HAPPY Anniversary**

Rocky & Sandra Malamisura	May 4th
Johnny & Gina Rasi	May 6th
Michael & Michele Smith	May 20th
Andrew & Michele Holt	May 21st
Ron & Katie Goodwin	May 29th
Michael & Mary Malamisura	May 31st

**St. Anne's Altar Society**

St. Anne's will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

Next Meeting will be  
May 14th after Morning Mass.



A special Thank You from St. Anne's Altar Society to each and every parishioner that helped make our February Bake Sale a huge success, and the March Bake Sale an even bigger success! Your kindness and generosity helps us serve our parish better.

### April 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 4/25 6 pm	P. Buenafe	D. Crigger	1.D. Kelley	1.T. Behrmann 2M. Zalduondo	1.TBA 2.TBA	1. I. Pascasio		Dan Mary-Ann
Sun. 4/26 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.T. Brown 2.R. Aiello 3.A. Froy	1.Kids 2.Stacey	1.G. Aiello 2.W. Aiello	1.C. Havens 2.D. Rebuck 3.R. Ciccolini 4.R. Albert	The Aiello's	Jack Debbie

Thank -You to our Handbell Choir for performing a wonderful medley prior to our First Communion Mass.

If you are interested in playing in the handbell choir please reach out to Carol Asbury or call the parish office.



### PARISHIONER NEWS

Carolina Ferrare is now a resident at Mercer Healthcare Center. If you would like to send her a card, her address is as follows:

Carolina Ferrare  
1275 Southview Dr. Room B15  
Bluefield, WV 24701



# May Socials

**Saturday Social**

May 2, 2026  
7:00 PM  
Mexican Food & Bingo

**Sunday Social**

May 3, 2026  
10:00 AM  
Coffee & Donuts

Daily Devotional Booklets available to pick-up at Mass.

APRIL | MAY | JUNE 2026

## Living Faith

Daily Catholic Devotions

...he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.  
LUKE 24:30

# MAY 2026



Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
 1003 Wyoming St.  
 Bluefield, WV 24701  
 ph: 304-327-5623

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2nd Collection:</b>                      Sacred Heart Maintenance</p> <p>3                      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter                      Rosary/Confession                      8:30 am                      May Growing Mass 9 AM                      Sunday Social 10 am                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>4                      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter                      Rosary/Confession                      8:30 am                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>5                      MEN'S BIBLE STUDY PRAYER GROUP                      6:30 PM</p>	<p>6                      Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession                      5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7                      Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>1                      First Friday                      Mass                      10:00 am</p>	<p><b>2nd Collection:</b>                      Sacred Heart Maintenance</p> <p>2                      St. Athanasius                      Rosary/Confess. 5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm                      Saturday Social 7 pm</p>
<p>7                      Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  <b>GRADUATION SUNDAY</b>                      Rosary/Confession                      8:30 am                      Mass by 9:00 am                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>11                      K of C Meeting                      6:00 pm</p>	<p>12                      MEN'S BIBLE STUDY PRAYER GROUP                      6:30 PM</p>	<p>13                      Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession                      5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>14                      Mass: 10:00 am                      St. Anne's Meeting                      11 am</p>	<p>8                      Adult Grief Support Group                      4:30 pm</p>	<p>9                      Rosary/Confession                      5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>
<p>18                      Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  <b>GRADUATION SUNDAY</b>                      Rosary/Confession                      8:30 am                      Mass by 9:00 am                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>19                      K of C Meeting                      6:00 pm</p>	<p>20                      Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession                      5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>21                      Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>22                      Adult Grief Support Group                      4:30 pm</p>	<p>16                      Rosary/Confession                      5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>23                      2nd Collection:                      Catholic Relief Services                      Rosary/Confession                      5:30 pm                      PENTECOST VIGIL 6:00 PM</p>
<p>24                      2nd Collection:                      Catholic Relief Services                      Pentecost Sunday                      Rosary/Confes. 8:30 am                      PENTECOST MASS 9 AM                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>25                      The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church                      K of C Meeting                      6:00 pm                      MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>26                      St. Philip Neri                      MEN'S BIBLE STUDY PRAYER GROUP                      6:30 PM</p>	<p>27                      Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession                      5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>28                      Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>29                      PENTECOST VIGIL 6:00 PM</p>	<p>30                      Rosary/Confession                      5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>
<p>31                      The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity                      Rosary/Confes. 8:30 am                      Mass: 9:00 am                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>						

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Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 5/2 6 PM	P. Peretti	V. Hager	1. D. Kelley	1.D. Garton 2.A. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.P. Peretti	I. Pascasio		Dan Debbie
Sun 5/3 9 AM	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	1.A. Froy 2.TBA	Youth & Catechists to Read	1.S. Copolo 2.C. Havens	1.R. Ciccolini 2.C. Asbury 3.R. Albert	The Albert's	Jack Roland Debbie
Sat. 5/9 6 PM	P. Buenafe	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.F. Moran	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard		Dan Mary-Ann
Sun. 5/10 9 am	The Winfree's	C. Lampert	1. R. West 2. K. Oakes	1.R. Albert 2.R. Ciccolini	1.K. Kidd 2. K. Kirk	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.R. Albert	D. Duritza R. Malamisura	Jack Hobe
Sat. 5/16 6 pm	P. Peretti	T. Lowery	P. Buenafe	1.D. Crigger 2M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	1. I. Pascasio		Dan Grey
Sun. 5/17 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.T. Brown 2.K. Wills	1.B. Buzzo 2. C. Ott	1.A. Robinson 2.S. Copolo	1.K. Brown 2.D. Rebuck 3.R. Ciccolini	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Jack Roland
Sat. 5/23 6 pm Mem.	J. McCloud	M. Zalduondo	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1. D. Garton 2.V. Hager	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard		Dan Debbie
Sun. 5/24 9 AM Mem.	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	1. R. Aiello 2. C. Tran	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	1.B. Buzzo 2.C. Asbury 3.. T. J. Longworth	The Aiello's	Jack Hobe
Sat. 5/30 6 PM	P. Buenafe	D. Crigger	1. P. Buenafe	1.D. Crigger 2.M. Zalduondo	1.T. Behrmann 2.C. Saunders	I. Pascasio	TBA	Dan Theresia
Sun. 5/31 9 AM	C. Havens	C. Lampert	1.K. Oakes 2. R. West	1.T. Bales 2.J. Barber	1.M. Malamisura 2.A. Robinson	1.C. Havens 2.S. Copolo	TBA	Jack Mary-Ann

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

**Homebound Parishioners:** Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

**Friends & Family:** Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Vera Lee Austin, Jean Bailey, Ann Beck, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Josh Ellison, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Mike Starre, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



Altar Flowers for this weekend are in memory of Joseph & Mary Falasinnu  
By Lara Ajulo



Altar Flowers

**Catholic Sharing Appeal**

We have raised \$8,150 which is 27% of our goal of \$29,970.



A reminder that the first 50% of our goal goes towards ministries all over the diocese, the second 50% and over raised goes straight towards Sacred Heart in Bluefield. Support Your Parish Today!

Weekly Collection	weekend Apr 18-19	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,133.00	78,379.00	80,500.00
Loose Offertory	653.00	7,529.05	7,750.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,786.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,908.05</b>	<b>\$ 88,250.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	422.00	11,672.00	0.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>6pm: 60</b>	<b>9am: 112</b>	

**Please Note:** All Diocesan second collections are required to be forwarded to the Diocese within 2 weeks. Please be sure to submit your Diocesan collections in a timely manner. Thank you very much.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:**

Parish Office (304) 327-5623    Princeton Office (304) 425-3664    After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

**In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:** {Please consider, if Fr. Joseph out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**In case of Illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Joseph will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes & Hospitals:** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

# First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Communion Class on receiving their First Holy Eucharist!

**First Communicants:**

**Roxanne Ciaccio**

**Gianna Copolo**

**Proud Parents:**

**Gerry Ciaccio**

**Aaron & Ashley Copolo**

**Catechist:**

**Stacey Wright**



April 26, 2026



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY  
MAY 3



May  
Crowning

*Let us come together to honor the Queen of Heaven and Mother of our Lord*

## HELP RESTOCK OUR CLOTHING CLOSET



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FOOD**  
pantry

Let's help our brothers and sisters by **DONATING USED CLOTHES**

Our Food Pantry's Clothing Closet is need of restocking. We invite you to do a spring cleaning and donate all your gently used clothing! All ages and sizes welcome and appreciated!



# Dear Padre,

***Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.***

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●



VLADA KAROVICH / PEXELS

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:11–18	Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30	Acts 12:24–13:5a Jn 12:44–50	Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20	Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6	Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14	Acts 6:1–7 1 Pt 2:4–9 Jn 14:1–12



MARCO JACOBUCCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2025