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COMMENT

Peter told the people gathered that they had crucified Jesus, the one that God had made both Lord and Christ. Although the accusation was certainly general, its impact was sincerely felt by Peter's audience. They were sorry and wanted to know what they needed to do. "Repent," was the word Peter used. They accepted Peter's invitation and came to the waters of baptism.

Notice that Peter's audience didn't come back with, "Who? Us? We didn't do anything wrong!" No, indeed. Of course, Jesus did not die directly at their hands, but they went right past the accusation. They were "cut to the heart," and wanted to know what to do to make things right. The amazing things missing from their response were guilt, denial, and blame. The people gathered were open to forgiveness. That's why they were so eager to be baptized.

In Peter's letter, he affirms that we should bear what we suffer for our good deeds patiently. After all, Jesus did no less. He didn't do anything wrong. He was without sin. He didn't ridicule or berate others. Even when his enemies accused him of preposterous things, aren't we amazed at the patience Jesus always exhibited in his response? Haven't you ever thought, "I wonder if I could have thought that quickly," when we read some of his responses to his enemies? Peter confirms that Jesus is our model. Even if we stray and falter in following his example, he is the Shepherd and will continue to call us back. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

At the end of the day, shepherds would bring their sheep to a common sheepfold, leading them through a gate that was guarded during the night. Shepherds would give names to their sheep and call to them when daylight came, leading them back out to pasture. Because the sheep

recognized the shepherd's voice there was no mix-up with sheep that belonged to others.

The idea that shepherds had a name for each of their sheep brings home the difference between a good shepherd and a stranger. The good shepherd was concerned not only for the flock but for each sheep in it. He knew them and they knew him. "They will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers" (John 10:5).

There are two words in Greek for "good"—*agathos* and *kalos*. *Agathos* refers to moral goodness, as in being a "good person." *Kalos* refers to being "good at" something. Certainly Jesus is the Good Shepherd in both senses, but the word used here is *kalos*, emphasizing his being "good at" shepherding.

Jesus knows his sheep by name, leads them to safety when darkness falls, and returns them to pasture. He was willing to lay down his life for them. Most comforting of all, he came then and comes now so we might have life and have it more abundantly. This image challenges all who have been called to be shepherds in today's church, to be good shepherds and to be good at shepherding.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of April to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

- Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
- New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
- Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de abril para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

- Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
- Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
- preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
- Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

LADY IN BLUE – Historic Beginnings of San Angelo invites you to celebrate the remarkable history of Sor Maria of Agreda – The Lady in Blue. May 16, 9am-4pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Ministry Center, 20 East Beauregard Avenue, San Angelo. The day begins with coffee and pastries. Speakers include Bishop Michael J. Sis, historians, authors and artists from across the United States, with our beloved Jumanos.

Bishop Sis will celebrate the Cathedral's 4:00pm Mass and then lead a Rosary procession to the sculptures in Bart DeWit Park. * * *a lite lunch will be provided.*



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He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. — *1 Peter 2:24a*

Saturday, April 25th -

5:00-IHM – Maria Morales Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales, Carlos C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez

Sunday, April 26th –

8:00AM – IHM Por la Gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – IHM +Doug Conway; +Vicky Soto; Robert Soto’s well-being;
 In thanksgiving for Nellie Fontain’s birthday

Tuesday, April 28th st 9:00AM-HF

+Michael Salgado

Wednesday, April 29th 6:00PM - IHM

+Marcelina Martinez

Thursday, April 30th 9:00AM-HF

In thanksgiving for April Villa’s birthday

FIRST FRIDAY, May 1st 9:00AM HF

In thanksgiving for Melissa Montealvo’s birthday

Saturday, May 2nd -

5:00-IHM Guadalupanas living and deceased;
 +José Angel Zarate; +Juanita Morales
7:00PM – Roscoe – Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, May 3rd –

8:00AM – IHM +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Panchita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette;
 +Christopher Cardoza; +Margarito y Carlotta Gomez
11:00AM – IHM In thanksgiving for the birthday of Rotimi Falana; +Martina Herrera; +Vicky Soto

April 18/19, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$4,978.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,774.27
BUILDING FUND.....	986.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$7,738.27

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 2 - Guadalupanas May 9 – Jamaica

“2026 GRADUATES’ MASS” - High School and College Graduates’ Mass is Sunday, May 17th, 11 o’clock Mass, followed by a reception. Please call the office – 235-3318 – to be included. Deadline to call–May 2nd.
“WEAR YOUR CAP & GOWN!”

MOTHERS DAY – is Sunday, May 10th “Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance” envelopes will be available after the Masses this weekend. Please return the envelope to the office by Thursday, May 7th.

RELIGION CLASSES –

Sunday Classes 9:30 - 10:40AM

OCIA–Thursdays, 6:00pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM.

FIRST FRIDAY May 1st, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00pm until 10:00 pm at Holy Family. Confession is available

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, April 26th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, April 27th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 –13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

• **SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE** – The Guadalupanas are selling Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. Proceeds will go to the Guadalupana Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is April 30, 2026, @3:00p.m.

• **MANUEL & REFUJIA HEREDIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** –You must be a 2026 Graduating High School Senior and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sweetwater, Texas to apply. Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is May 8, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Evening Masses

May 15th -- Celebrating St. Isidore the Farmer

May 22nd--Honoring St. Rita

For more information, see back page



**Calling all Farmers, Ranchers, and those who
Work in Agriculture**

On Friday, May 15th there will be a special Mass in the evening celebrating St. Isidore the Farmer and which will be offered up for all farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers and their crops and livestock.

A novena will also start that evening in which participants will be invited to pray with St. Isidore for nine days for the same intentions as the Mass.

**Un llamado a todos los Agricultores, Ganaderos y a
quienes Trabajan en la Agricultura.**

El viernes 15 de mayo, por la tarde, se celebrará una Misa especial en honor a San Isidro Labrador, la cual será ofrecida por todos los agricultores, ganaderos, trabajadores del campo, así como por sus cultivos y su ganado.

Esa misma tarde dará comienzo también una novena, en la que se invitará a los participantes a rezar junto con San Isidro, durante nueve días, por las mismas intenciones de la Misa.



Also

On the evening of Friday May 22nd there will be another special Mass honoring St. Rita.

También

La tarde del viernes 22 de mayo habrá otra Misa especial en honor a Santa Rita.