

Pastoral Message for Sunday, May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Baptism,

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

I am grateful to Yazmin Mani and all who helped to make our May 3rd MAY CROWNING and Parish Family Night such a wonderful spiritual and enjoyable faith-centered experience.



On this **Good Shepherd Sunday**, which is also called **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**, we pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay ministries in our Church. Let us also pray for our seminarian, Anthony, all seminarians, our diaconal candidates, Frank and Flint, all candidates and especially for an increase of vocations to the service of Christ and our Catholic Church.

Kindly join me in praying for all our graduates and that all those seeking their vocation in life may spiritually advance in being true to their vocation; whether in priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious life, marriage covenant, or the single life. May they and all of us continue to respond to our unique call from God to live out our Christian life through the state of life God has called us and willingly follow Jesus in sacrificially offering our lives in active loving service to God and neighbor.

Please also pray for adults being confirmed this Sunday at our 12 noon Mass and also for all our students who will be receiving their First Eucharist on next Saturday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. Practice for First Holy Communion students will be this coming Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to have at least one parent or adult guardian participate in this practice.

Our 2017 **Vacation Bible Camp** will take place on June 5th through 8th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Please volunteer your help as a group leader, station leader, decorator, or in many other areas that are needed. Kindly call Yazmin Mani at 833-6433 ext. 104 to help bring Jesus' saving message to our precious children during our Vacation Bible Camp.

Our Catholic schools are holding registration at this time for new and returning students. Please call St. Anthony Cathedral School or Msgr. Kelly High School for information. Set up a tour, speak to the Principal, and pick up the necessary forms and information to give your child the best education possible, a Catholic education.



Easter love and prayers,

Msgr. Jerry