



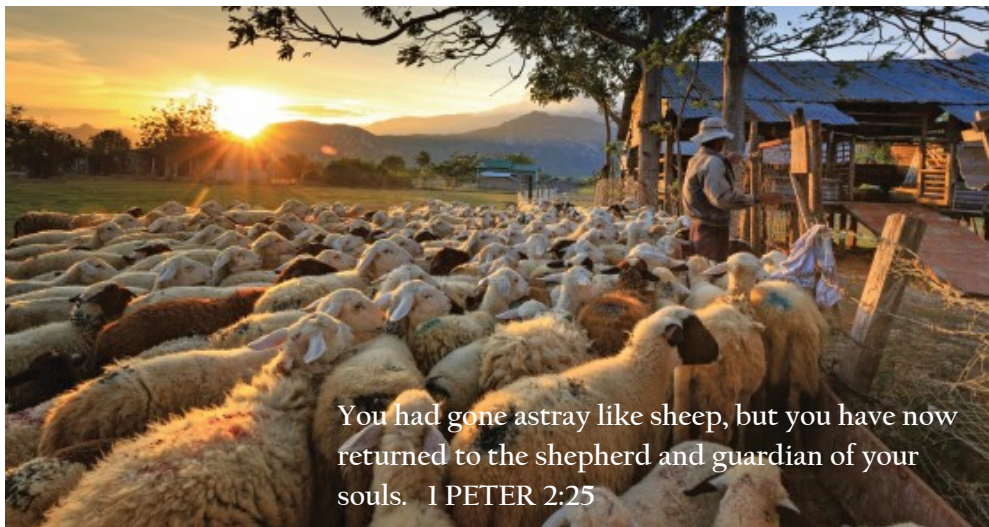
# Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mission- 1861*  
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**LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM**



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 1 PETER 2:25

April 26  
2026

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

### FUNERALS:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

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## Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It 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). ●

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

4PM † Magdalina Jayma  
(Lucy LeDressay)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

9AM Our Lady of Good Counsel  
(CWL)

11:30AM John-Pio Schilling  
(Peter Schilling)

8PM Thorimbart family  
(Tim & Louise Scatliff)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH

7PM † Mimi Olave  
(Olave Siblings)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH

10AM Thanksgiving  
(Daycare staff)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH

10AM † Merek Ring  
(Ring family)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

10AM Thanksgiving  
(Lucy LeDressay)

Please join us for the rosary starting at 9:30am  
on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the daily Mass.

# 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. ●

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



VLADA KARPOVICH / PEXELS

<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 IACOBUCCI 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**

# Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! April 19, 2026

Sunday Collection April 19 2026	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 8996.00	\$ 7636.00	\$ 1360.00	\$ 7278.37


Parish Debt collected—Apr.19'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Apr.19'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 260.00	\$ 1053.00	- \$ 793.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 991.67



**Bishop Velychkovsky  
National Martyr's Shrine**  
**Divine Liturgy with  
anointing for Healing**

**Wednesday May 6, 2026  
7:00 p.m.**  
**Confession available  
beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

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### A NEW WAY TO GIVE!

Check out the display board in the gathering space of the church. You can now donate with the tap of your card. Tax receipts can be issued by scanning the QR code with your phone and registering your card. Please be sure to follow instructions on the board.



### Catholic Women's League General Meeting

The next general meeting of the CWL will be on Monday April 27th at 7:00pm in the Vianney Room

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!  
If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!