



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.”

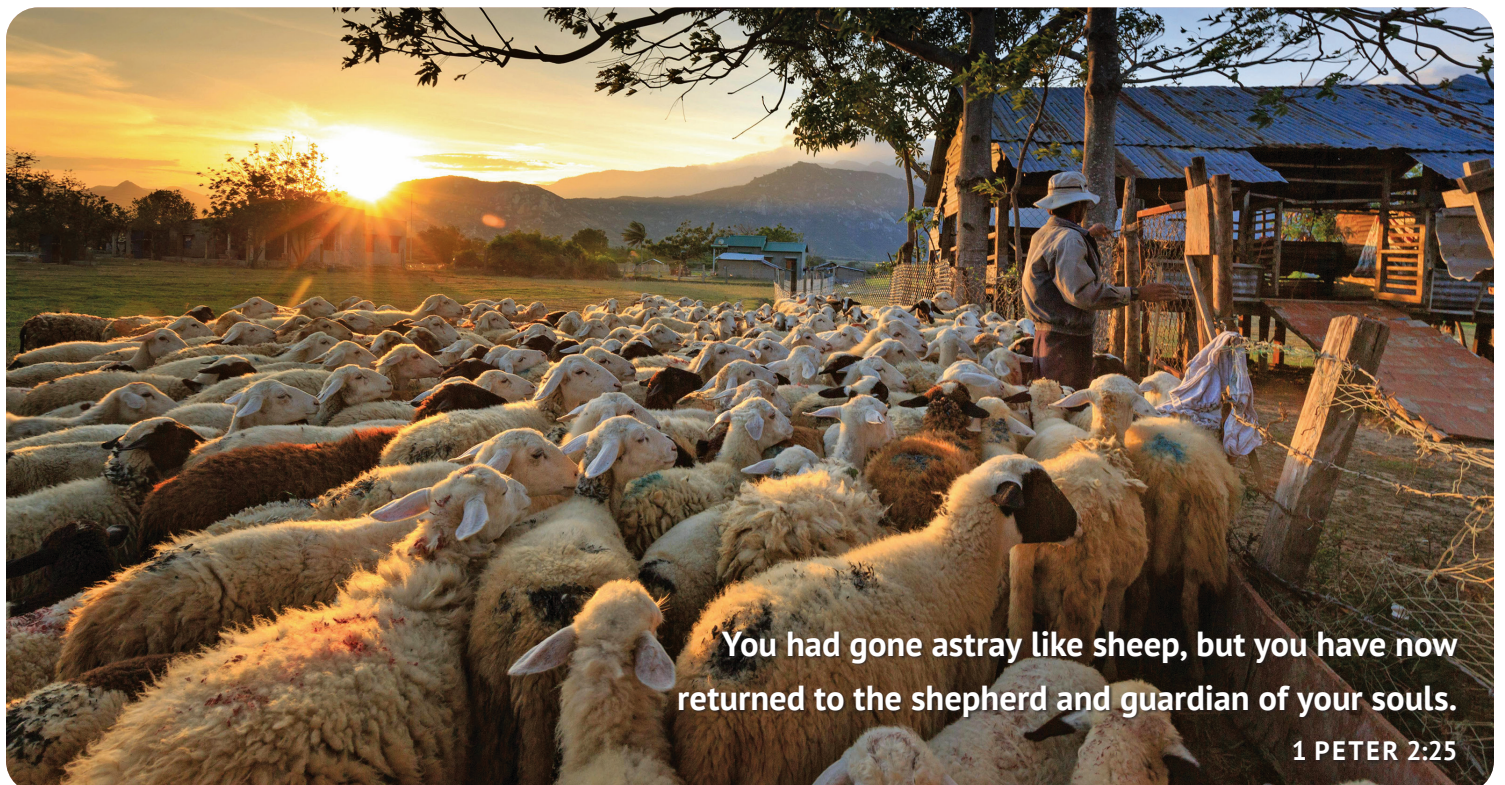
Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

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). ●

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.

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St. Anthony's Church

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

April 25	6:15 pm	Phyllis Sousa=
April 26	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado & Herminio Soares Furtado++
April 28	8:30 am	
April 29	8:30 am	
April 30	8:30 am	
May 1	8:30 am	
May 2	11:00 am	Filipino Mass
May 2	6:15 pm	Intention of Patricia Schrah (Liv)
May 3	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or
US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin –April 25/April 26, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

April 11/April 12 \$ 1,419.00

April 18/April 19 \$ 1,799.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection –first weekend of the month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting April 25: Annette and Steve

Counting May 3: Pat and Anna

Saturday - April 25, 2026

Lector: Jackie Tailford

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Rodrigues & Delia Mendonza

Collection: Alice Astwood Smith and Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday - April 26, 2026

Lector: Sylvester Augustine

Eucharistic Minister: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby and Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford and Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday May 2

Lector Alice Astwood Smith

Eucharistic Ministers Raynae Fleming and Levi Rodrigues

Collection: Alice Astwood Smith and Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday May 3

Lector Denis Thornhill

Eucharistic Minister: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby and Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford and Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Greetings from Rome, precisely 350 ft. from St. Peter's Square!

I am here to attend the Annual Plenary Meeting of our Bishop's Conference and also for so called ad limina visit.

An ad limina visit, is the required visit of Catholic residential diocesan bishops and certain prelates with territorial jurisdiction (such as territorial abbots) to the thresholds of the (tombs of the) Apostles Peter and Paul, and to meet the Pope to report on the state of their dioceses or prelatures. It is designed to foster unity, allow bishops to report on their dioceses, and receive counsel from the Pope and Roman Curia officials.

It is a formal trip usually made together by all bishops from a single region (an episcopal conference) to discuss with the Pope issues specific to their regions. It is separate from other trips a bishop might make to the Vatican, such as to attend a synod.

Bishops visit the four major basilicas (St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major). They also meet with various departments of the Roman Curia to discuss challenges and opportunities. The ad limina visit currently happens every eight years.

Before the visit, each bishop submits a detailed report on the spiritual, pastoral, and administrative health of their diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for our Diocese and I dare to ask your prayers for me and the bishops of our Episcopal Conference.

Have a serene weekend and a blessed last week of April!

Bishop Wes

Important Messages

Due to Bishop Wes' Ad Limina visit to the Pope and the Vatican Dicasteries from the 24th of April to the 12th of May 2026, there will be no Portuguese Mass at 9:00am at St. Theresa's on Saturdays, and at 7:00pm in St. Patrick's on Wednesdays, during the above-mentioned period.

The Saturday 9:00am Mass will resume on the 16th of May, and the Wednesday 7:00pm Mass will resume on the 20th of May.

On the 13th of May there will be a Mass at St. Patrick's for Our Lady of Fatima.

Summer Lunch & Movie Thursdays

Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a Summer Lunch & Movie Thursdays in St. Theresa's Hall. The event will take place on Thursdays in July and August, starting with the 2nd of July and ending on the 27th of August. This event will include lunch (soup + sandwiches/bread + ice-cream + coffee/tea) at 12:00pm, with the movie starting at 12:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organisation of the lunch. If you want to commit for the entire program time, or just for a part of it, please send an email to sttheresas@northrock.bm or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com

Feast of Santo Cristo

The Feast of Santo Cristo will be held on May 16 and May 17 at St. Theresa's Cathedral. On Saturday May 16 at 7:45 pm a Mass will be celebrated to commence the feast and to move the statue out of the chapel. On Sunday May 17 at 1:30 pm a Mass will be celebrated and the procession will follow after the Mass onto Dundonald Street, then to Laffan Street and then back to the Cathedral.

St. Anthony's Children's Club (CCD)

Are you passionate about helping children grow in faith, character, and confidence? Do you hope to make a meaningful difference in their lives?

We invite you to join a wonderful team of volunteers where you can nurture young hearts *and* deepen your own faith through teaching and fellowship.

We are seeking caring, reliable volunteers to help run our St. Anthony Children's Club next year. Our program offers engaging Bible lessons, hands-on activities, and fun games in a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment.

We would love to hear from you! Without our volunteers, unfortunately we will be unable to run it next year.

Please send me an email stanthonycdd@yahoo.com or call Anna Daniel at 236-2438. I would love to hear from you!

Anna Daniel, Parish Catechetical Leader



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



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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



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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.

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