

## Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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Confesión el Sábado:  
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María— 9:40pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

### Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

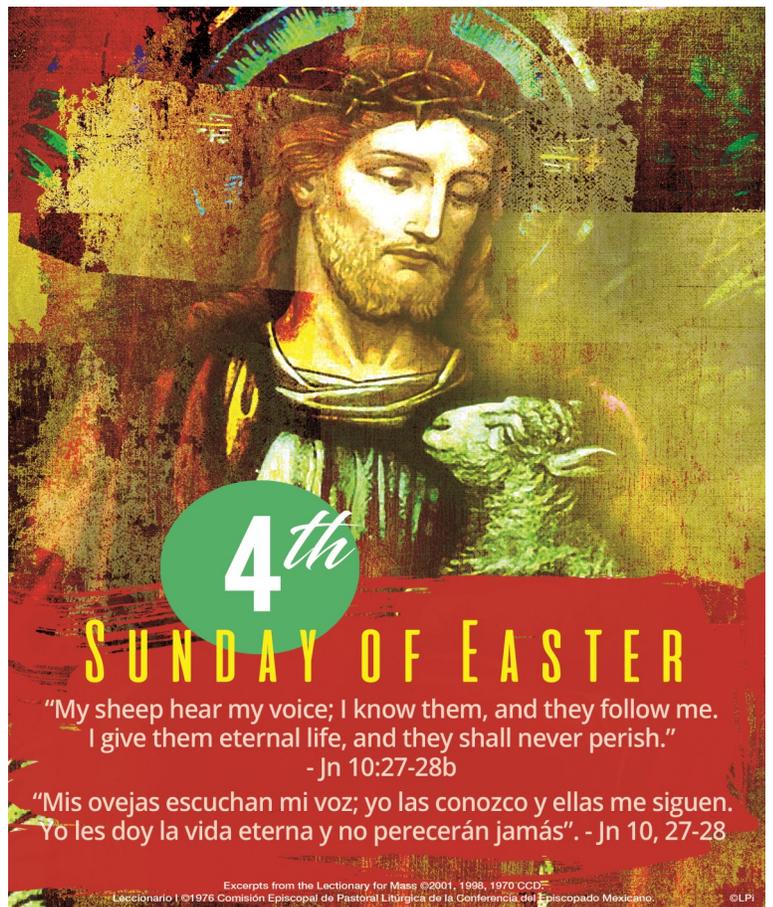
Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa  
9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la  
Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00am y  
6:00pm

Rosario Reina de la Paz con Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am  
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



## May 8th, 2022

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

### Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary:** And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary 3:45pm

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** English -4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Rosary:** Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:40pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

### Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

**Monday:** 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** Adoration 8:30am &  
Mass 9:00am

**Thursday:** Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am  
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

**Friday During Lent:** Way of the Cross 3:00pm  
concluding with Mass

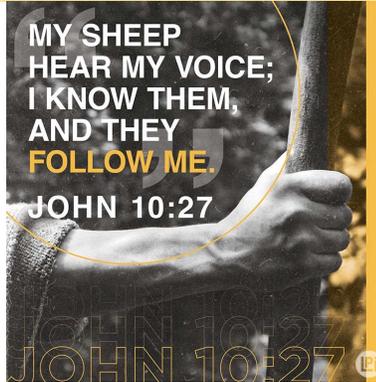
**Saturday:** Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.  
Mass in Honor of the Virgin Mary

When a friend describes a beautiful sunset, a picture is created in your mind. The words enable you to make meaning. When a parent reacts to a child's artwork, meaning is created between child and parent, which can affect the child's self-concept for a lifetime.

Likewise, when a lie is spoken, a false reality is constructed that, once discovered, can rupture relationships. For example, when Bill Clinton's inner circle believed his lie that he hadn't had sex with Monica Lewinsky, their minds accepted an "unreal reality." Their eventual discovery of the truth and resulting feelings of betrayal were probably more dramatic than those who hadn't believed Clinton in the first place. This power to affect one another is serious business. Our spoken words shape the reality of those with whom we interact.

Words. We use them all day long — through our speech and through our thoughts. They have the power to destroy and the power to create. They have the power to inspire and delude. They have the power to free and imprison. We hear empty words and encouraging ones, we use both of them as well. Words communicate meaning, and we form impressions and decide actions based upon the value of that meaning, either positive or negative.

Words are spoken by a voice. Some voices are shrill and high-pitched, while others are warm and soothing. The words spoken by that voice communicate meaning as well as emotion. We sense the emotion through the speed and intensity of the words used, not to mention non-verbal body language.



All this lead up is simply to ask one question: what does Jesus' voice sound like to you?

There are many voices that call for our attention throughout the day. We find ourselves being pulled in hundreds of directions trying our best to give our full attention to those voices and addressing their needs. Jesus' voice is that tiny, still voice that speaks in the silence of the heart, which is the organ to hear his voice, not the mind and not the ears. It does not demand our attention, but patiently waits for our attention to be given. His voice speaks nothing else but love, but our hearts drown out his voice because the other voices are clanging and clamoring, and our tendency is to go where the volume is loudest because it is certain, not where the volume is softest.

As one matures in the spiritual life, they discover the voices that call for our attention can be whittled down to three: the voice of the world, the voice of the Evil one, and the voice of God. It takes time to learn how to discern between these, but this skill is of utmost importance in order for us to navigate through the complexities of the modern world and of our daily lives. Having regular faith conversations with a men's or women's sharing group is certainly helpful, as is seeing a spiritual director regularly. But most importantly, this skill is learned in moments of personal prayer. For it is in these moments, when the heart finally seeks the Lord, He will speak. When you've listened, then act. Do what He tells you. Follow the example of Jesus who did the will of his Father.

Br. John-Marmion Villa

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

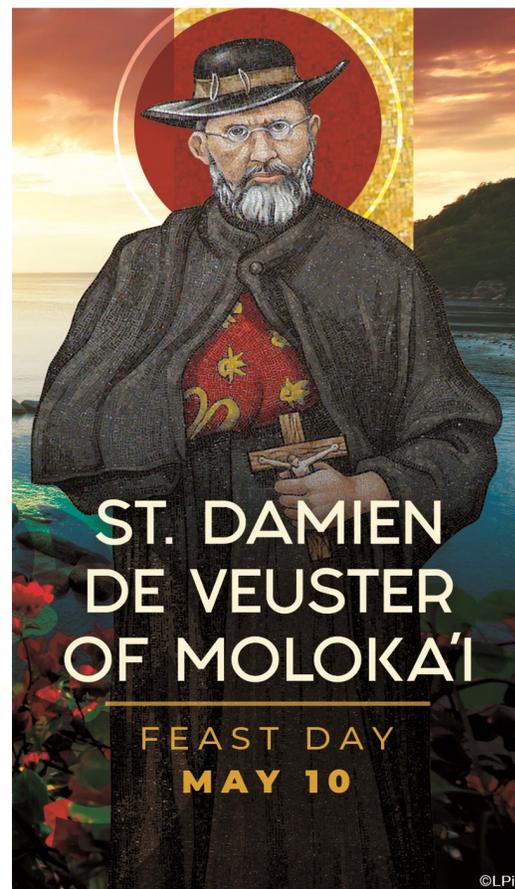
- Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
- Tuesday:** St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Thursday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Friday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Saturday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

For so the Lord has commanded us,  
*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of  
salvation  
to the ends of the earth."*  
(Act 13:47)



### PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
(Ps 100)  
Or Alleluia.



### SECOND READING

For the Lamb who is in the center of the  
throne  
will shepherd them  
and lead them to springs of life-giving  
water. (Rev 7:17)



### GOSPEL

"My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they shall  
never perish." (Jn 10:27-28)

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