

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter



the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear....The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

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Calendar

- Monday**
MAY 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday**
MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday**
MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday**
MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday**
MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday**
MAY 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday**
MAY 15
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27
Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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Fourth Sunday Of Easter

May 8, 2022



Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

Reverend Peter Kmiecik, Pastor

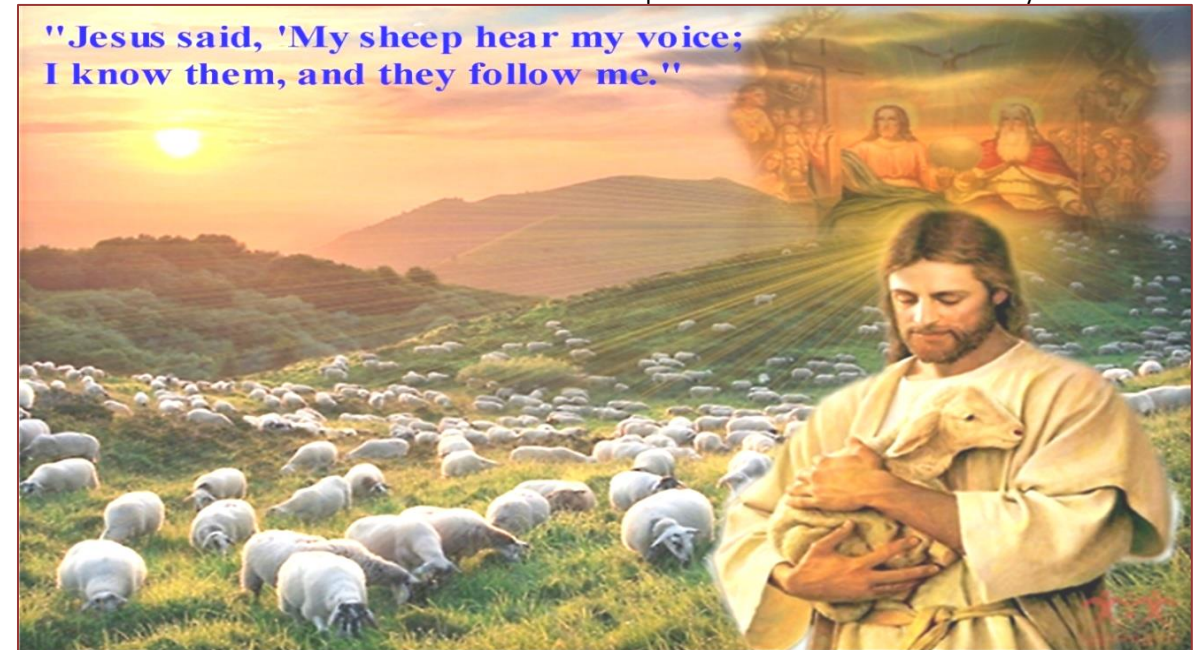
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"Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'"



Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 7 – May 13

- Sat 6:00 pm Brenke Family
Sun 11:00 am All Mothers Living & Deceased
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am No Mass
Tue 8:00 am All Mothers Living & Deceased
Wed 8:00 am All Mothers Living & Deceased
Thur 8:00 am All Mothers Living & Deceased
Fri 8:00 am All Mothers Living & Deceased

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 7 – May 13

- Sat 4:00 pm All Mothers Living & Deceased
Sun 9:15 am 1st Communion Children and their Families
Tue 6:00 pm All Mothers Living & Deceased

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm