

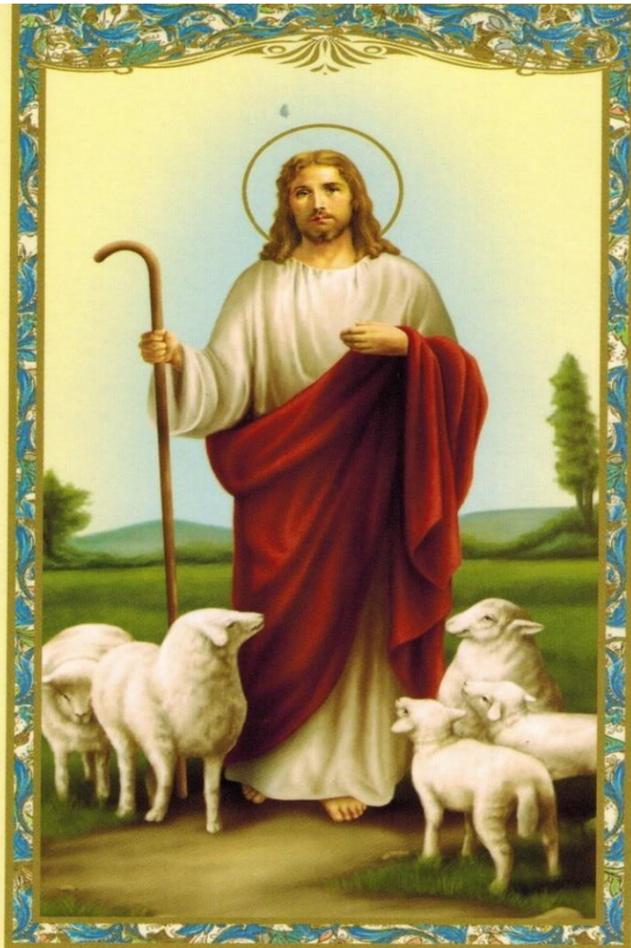
**4th Sunday of Easter –Good Shepherd Sunday May 3, 2020**

**Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green  
pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with  
me;  
Your rod and Your staff,  
They comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the  
presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my forehead with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.**

*"A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who ...  
raise their mind with humble confidence to God."*

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**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

**Family Connection**

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.  
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Bayeux, the first order to send missionaries to Canada-Quebec City in 1648. She work with poor through famine. The people of New France remembered her more for her kindness and her great love for them. She died in 1668 counted among the founders of the Canadian Church, she was beatified in 1989.  
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**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

(Thanks to our friends at CARFLEO for sharing this prayer with us.)  
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**"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."**

**-Blessed Pope Pius IX**

**May is the month of the Rosary devotion .**



**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41*  
Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 23:1-6*  
The Lord is my shepherd.

**Second Reading**

*1 Peter 2:20b-25*  
We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 10:1-10*  
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

We must love our neighbour as being made in the image of God and as an object of God's love.

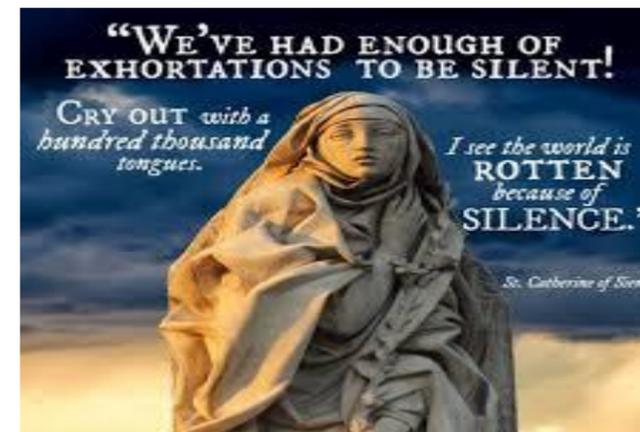
-St. Vincent de Paul

Christians, instead of arming yourselves with swords, extend your hands in prayer.

-St, Athanasius

God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. -St. Ambrose

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**Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, May 8**

Catherine de Longpre was born in France in 1632. At the age 12, she entered the convent of the Hospital of

**PRAYER FOR ANXIETY**

Today, I pray For all those who suffer from anxiety in the midst of this exceptional situation we are going through. May they get comfort, Lord, both in your unlimited Love and in the community. Holy Spirit, be our light so that we keep faith in the heart of our daily lives and in that way, we may transform fear into hope. Amen.

(Thanks to our colleagues at Prions en Eglise for sharing this prayer.)  
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