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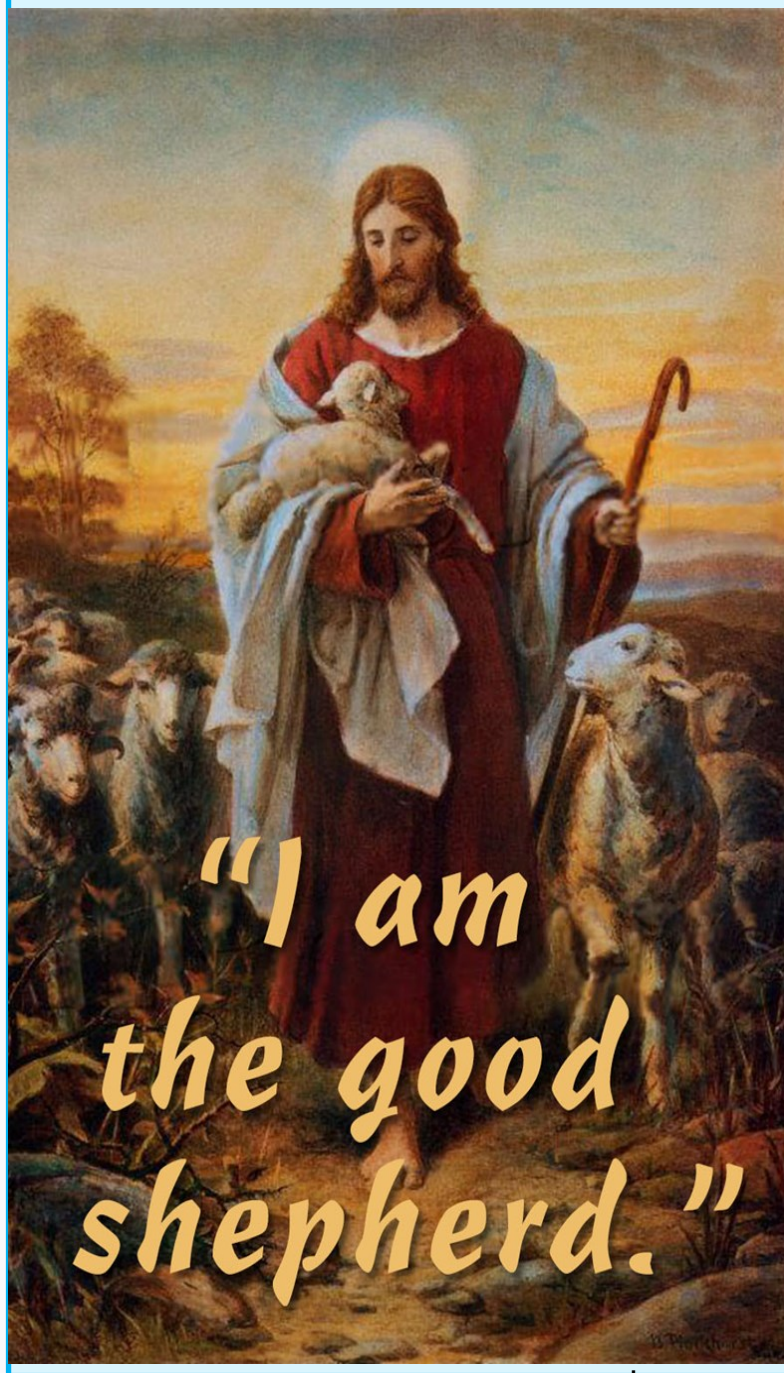
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**April 21, 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Masses**



**"I am the good shepherd."**

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: (Chapel)
- (Monday, Thursday, Friday (8:00am Chapel)
- Wednesday (5:30pm Chapel)
- First Friday :  
 (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart  
 Adoration 8:30 - 6pm

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 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
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TODAY'S READING'S

**Reading 1 Acts 4:8-12**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

**Reading 2 1 Jn 3:1-2**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Gospel Jn 10:11-18**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

**Reflections:**



Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31). His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father. In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17). Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7). Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd. In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7). Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

**What is the reflection of the Fourth Sunday of Easter?**

He laid down His life so that we, His sheep, might be able to live. But even in death Jesus did not abandon us. He is still with us (His sheep) as our good shepherd, leading us to where we need to be. Therefore, let us follow our good shepherd wherever He leads us.

**Why is the Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday?**

Say: The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus talks about what it means to be the shepherd of the sheep. He also compares himself to the gate that sheep go through to get into the sheepfold, the yard where they stay at night for safety.

<p><b>'The Rescue Project' bible study is every Thursday at 6pm in the parish hall</b></p>	<p><b>What is the prayer for the people on the 4th Sunday of Easter?</b>                  Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at his time. May they share the fullness of God's life promised by the Good Shepherd, who leads them home. Lord, hear us.</p>																																																																																													
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