

Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



April 25, 2021—4th Sunday of Easter

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

506 First St. S, Yelm, WA 98597

Parish Office

360-458-3031

Hours: Monday—Thursday

9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

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www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9:00AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: By Appointment

Confession: Fridays 4:00—5:00PM

The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer

Faith Formation

Offered Sundays before and after the
10:30AM Mass, depending on grade

RCIA: Tuesdays 6:30PM

Adult Education & Outreach

Contact the parish office for more information

Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30PM

Hispanic Prayer Group

Tuesdays 6:00PM

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays 7:00PM

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

Mission Office

360-264-2124

Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays

10:30AM – 2PM

gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM

Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

Adult Education & Outreach

Contact the mission office for more information

Bible Study Thursdays 10:00AM

MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.

For emergency assistance contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 360-458-1904. Please leave your name, number, and details of your need.

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME! Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

April 28—Hanna McDonald

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Joseph Waters, Jess & Jessica Nash, Maria Luisa Fregoso, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, Pam Henslee, Michelle Culler, Ruth Predmore, Patricia Wilkes and all those in harm's way.

Rest In Peace: Robert Portmann, Patricia Scott

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
April 18	\$3,896	\$1,287

From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, Pope

Christ the good shepherd

I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us *that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life forever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

Pax et bonum,
Fr. Dean.

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation



RCIA will resume in the fall for all inquirers. Registration remains open until classes resume.

Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.



Upcoming 1st-5th grade Faith Formation Schedule:

SPRING SCHEDULE:

May 2 Class
(May Crowning @ 10:30 Mass)

May 9 No Class
Mother's Day

May 16 Class

May 23 Last Class



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

This past weekend 3 children prayed 150 prayers.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

-Mark 12:30

Confirmation 2021:

PARENTS of second year Confirmation students: be sure to check your email for important updates and information on an upcoming retreat scheduled for May 8th.

All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks will be required. Those with a medical exemption will be seated according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
- ◆ Attendance is limited according to the most current guidelines.
- ◆ The cry room at St. Columban is limited to one family per Mass and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

Reservations at St. Columban: call the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

Reservations at St. Peter: call the mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.

Please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation

Important Things to Remember

- ◆ **Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass.** You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher. Seating is first come, first - served.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.
- ◆ Please do not sing along with the Cantor in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm or visit our website saintcolumbanyelm.org



All meetings and events postponed until further notice



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 17152

May 1st
8AM -1PM

Outdoor Sale
Parish Hall/Parking Lot



UPCOMING EVENTS	This Month
April 28 9:00AM	Daily Mass St. Columban
April 29 10:00AM 6:30PM	Bible Study St. Peter St. Columban
April 30 4-5:00PM	Confession St. Columban
May 1st 3:30PM	Seven Sisters Devotion Introductory Meeting @ St. Columban

The Archdiocese of Seattle has an opening for a paid **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Intern!** This intern will assist local CCHD archdiocesan staff in promoting CCHD in the archdiocese. Tasks will vary but may include: **providing anti-poverty education to schools, parishes, and community partners, creating digital and physical CCHD promotional materials for the Archdiocese, and connecting with potential local CCHD Grant applicants and confirmed CCHD National Grant applicants.** Internships will run for 24 weeks beginning this Fall, with 15-16 hours/week. For more information, contact Annual Campaigns staff at Eli-jah.morgan@seattlearch.org or 206-382-3484.



Spring Cleaning?

Donate your re-usable items to the



Annual Outdoor Sale

Saturday May 1st 8AM-1PM

Accepting items that are re-useable and in good/working condition.

Suggested Items

Tools

Gardening/Yard Equipment

Sports Equipment

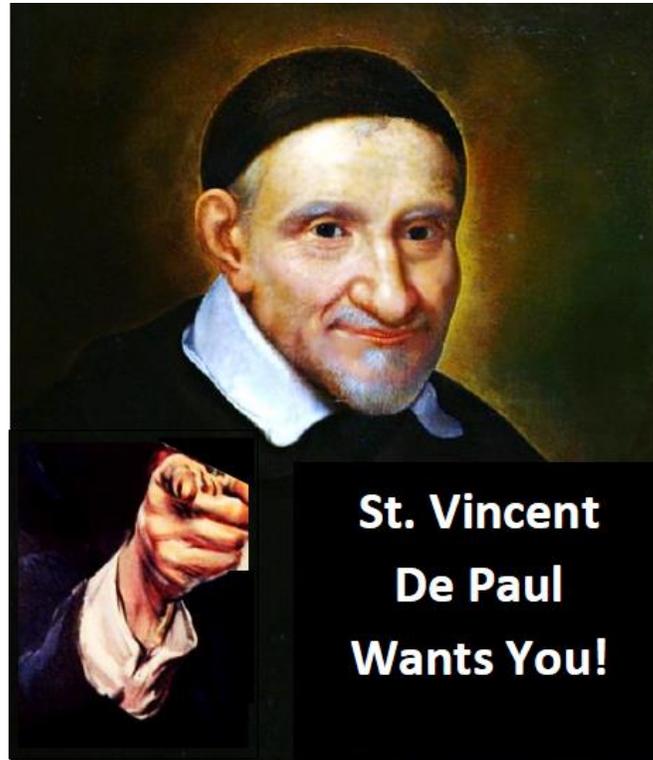
Indoor/Outdoor Furniture

Small Appliances

Camping Equipment

Please contact the parish office (360) 458-3031 to drop off your donations during office hours or contact John Scotto (206) 805-9279 to schedule pickup if needed.

MATTRESSES, PAINT, VEHICLE BATTERIES, TIRES, AND FLAMMABLE/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



For the past eighteen years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Columban Catholic Church has alleviated the needs of the poor in the Yelm area. However, some of our members have recently moved away or retired from active service. Therefore, we urgently need new active and associate members.

Active members participate in our monthly meetings, monitor our helpline, and visit the homes of needy families*. These activities have enriched our spiritual lives and given us a greater devotion to our Lord. We enthusiastically recommend this participation to all parishioners who wish to live their Catholic faith more fully.

Associate members participate in the Society activities by occasionally accompanying us on home visits or by providing, a few times per year, special services such as professional advice, computer guidance, transportation, or auto/home repair. They are also welcome to participate in our meetings as often or rarely as they wish.

Therefore, we ask you to prayerfully consider assisting us in fulfilling God's ministry to the poor. For more information, please contact us on our helpline at (360) 458-1904.

** During Covid 19, we have modified our services by maintaining an appropriate physical distance from our clients, meeting them outdoors, and wearing masks.*

May Crowning May 2 at the 10:30 Mass

May is Mary's month! And during May, throughout the Catholic world, special devotions honor the Virgin Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. Since medieval times, there has been a correlation between Mary and the month of May. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Our Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, lifted us right out of the last long, cold days of winter and firmly planted our hearts in the warm and promising soil of spring.

Every year, on the first Sunday of May all children who wish to participate can process at the beginning of mass with Father Dean to our Mary statue in the church and place flowers in a vase to enjoy for the month of May. Feel free to bring your own flowers. Some will be available for all who wish to participate.



Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



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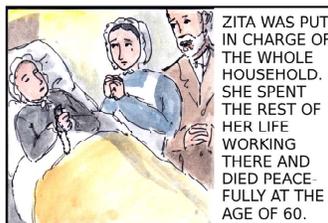
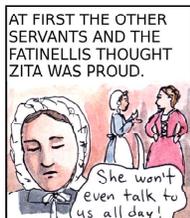
The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 25th, 2021



Help the sheep find the Good Shepherd and stay away from the hungry wolf!

Saint Zita April 30



SAINT ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

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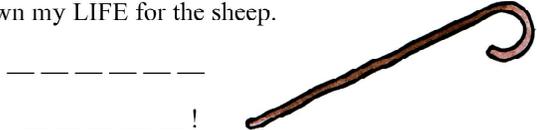
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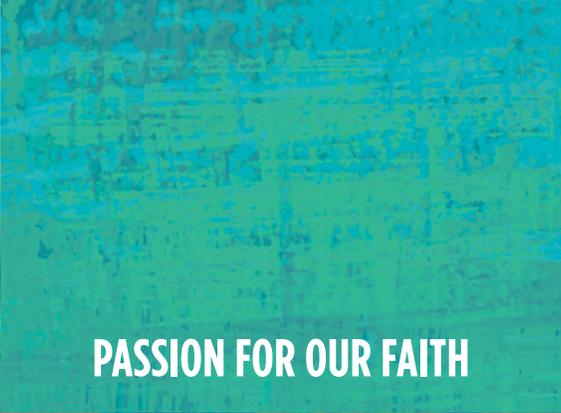


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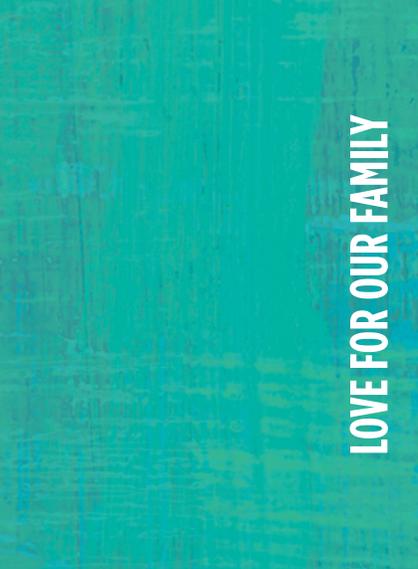
Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

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 them 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.

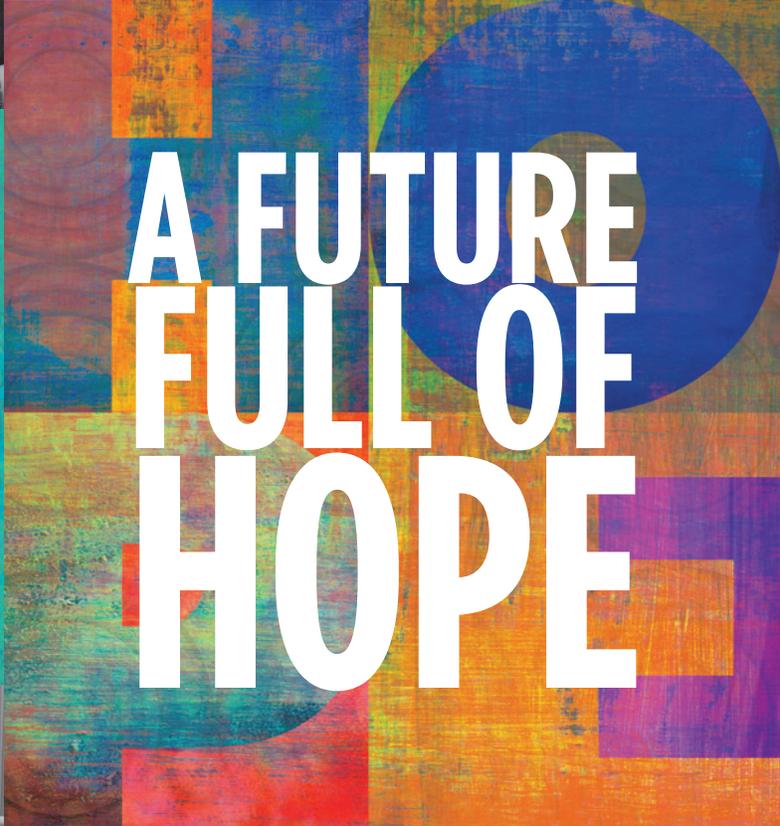




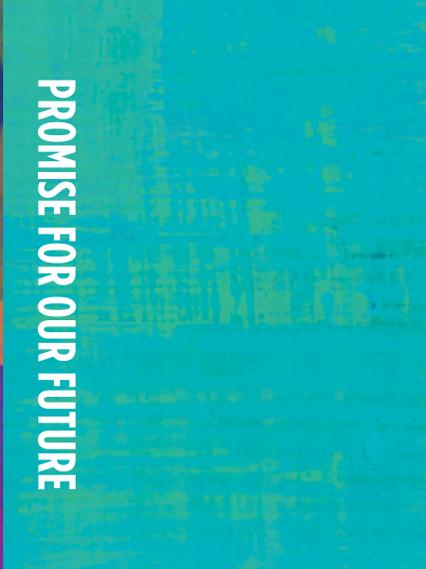
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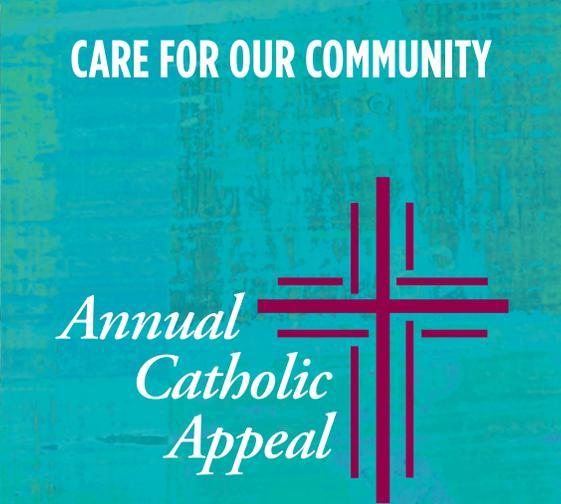
LOVE FOR OUR FAMILY



A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

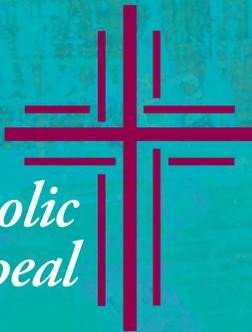


PROMISE FOR OUR FUTURE



CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

*Annual
Catholic
Appeal*



As Catholics we are called by our baptism to be missionary disciples, to “go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mk 16:15)

You can answer that special call through your generous giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. As we kick off the Appeal in our parish this weekend, take some time now to decide how you will show your support, and what your gift will be this year.

www.archseattle.org/acadonate



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UN FUTURO PROMETEDOR



CUIDADO POR NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

*Petición
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Anual*



Mediante nuestro bautismo, los católicos somos llamados a ser discípulos misioneros, a “ir al mundo y proclamar el Evangelio a toda criatura”. (Mc 16:15)

Usted puede responder a esa llamada especial a través de su generoso donativo a la Petición Católica Anual. En este fin de semana en el que iniciamos la petición en nuestra parroquia, tómese un tiempo para decidir cómo va a mostrar su apoyo, y cuál será su donación este año.

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April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch *Into the Breach*, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, *Into the Breach* challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020



FORMED NOW! WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

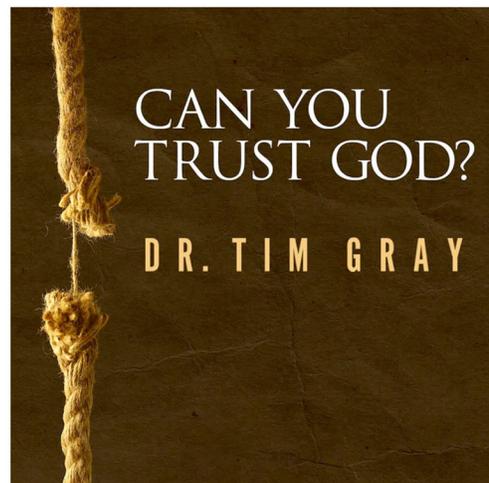
In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

LEARN

LISTEN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD? BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

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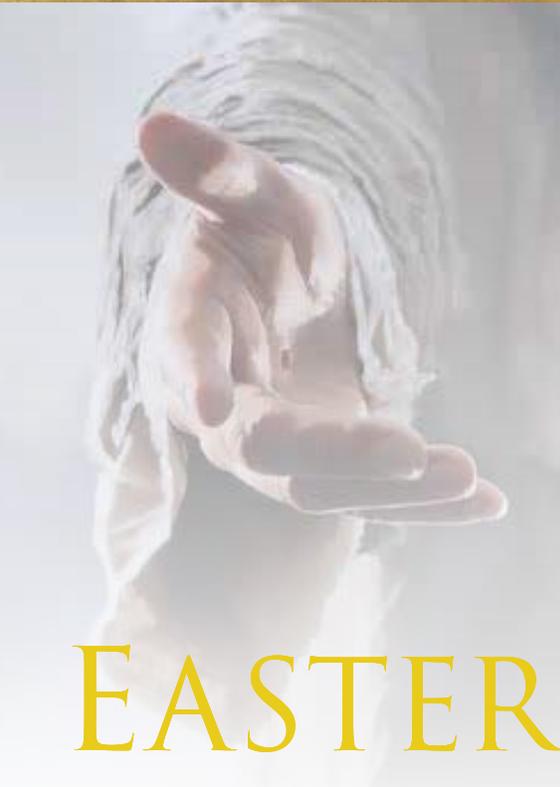


We are Children of God
April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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At Home with Faith

We need our children to understand their identity, first and foremost, as children of God. This is why he sent Jesus to us that we would return to him aware of how much he loves each and every one of us.



Our second reading shares with us something very important: “We are children of God.” We parents should repeat this so frequently that our children really see their primary identity as a daughter or son of God.

Part of the reason we need to repeat this message is that our culture that emphasizes our freedom to choose our identity by buying products, cultivating our image on social media, or affiliating with organizations. In this environment, we need to remind our children that God communicates our identity to us as well through the way he created our bodies, the parents he gave us, the promises made by Jesus and the guidance he will provide us when we turn to him in prayer.

Acts 4: 8-12

It is Jesus who has healed this man. It is by him we are saved.

Psalms 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1 John 3: 1-2

We are children of God now.

John 12:11-18

I am the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

EASTER
SEASON

Celebrate the 50 Days of Easter!

www.ArchSeattle.org/Easter

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Do these things to remind your child that they are a child of God.

- **Tell them that God created people because he loves us.** Let them know that, from the beginning, God created us because he loves having us as part of creation and that he delights in his creation.
- **Let them know how you realize you are part of God's plan.** Share with your children how you came to your faith and how you came to realize God is at work in your life. Share with them how your marriage and their birth has led you closer to God and been an occasion for you to participate in God's plan
- **Tell them God created them specifically and intentionally.** Let them know that God's plan is so great that he knew he would create them and that he delights in them. Let them know that you delight in them too.
- **Tell them that God has a plan for them and encourage them to ask him about it.** Encourage them to turn to God in prayer to find out more about that plan.



March 19, 2021 – June 26, 2022

CELEBRATE WITH YOUR FAMILY



“...the home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith . . . parents are the means that God uses for it (faith) to grow and develop. Hence 'it is beautiful when mothers teach their little children to blow a kiss to Jesus or to Our Lady. How much love is in that! At that moment the child's heart becomes a place of prayer.”

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #287

Whatever our children's age, we parents can help them become more deeply aware that they are a child of God. As Pope Francis describes, one of the things we can do is demonstrate and encourage an affection for God as we would have for a parent. Also, we should never tire of reminding them of God's deep love for them and how he delights in their expressions of love for him!

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

—Jn 10:14

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal 2021

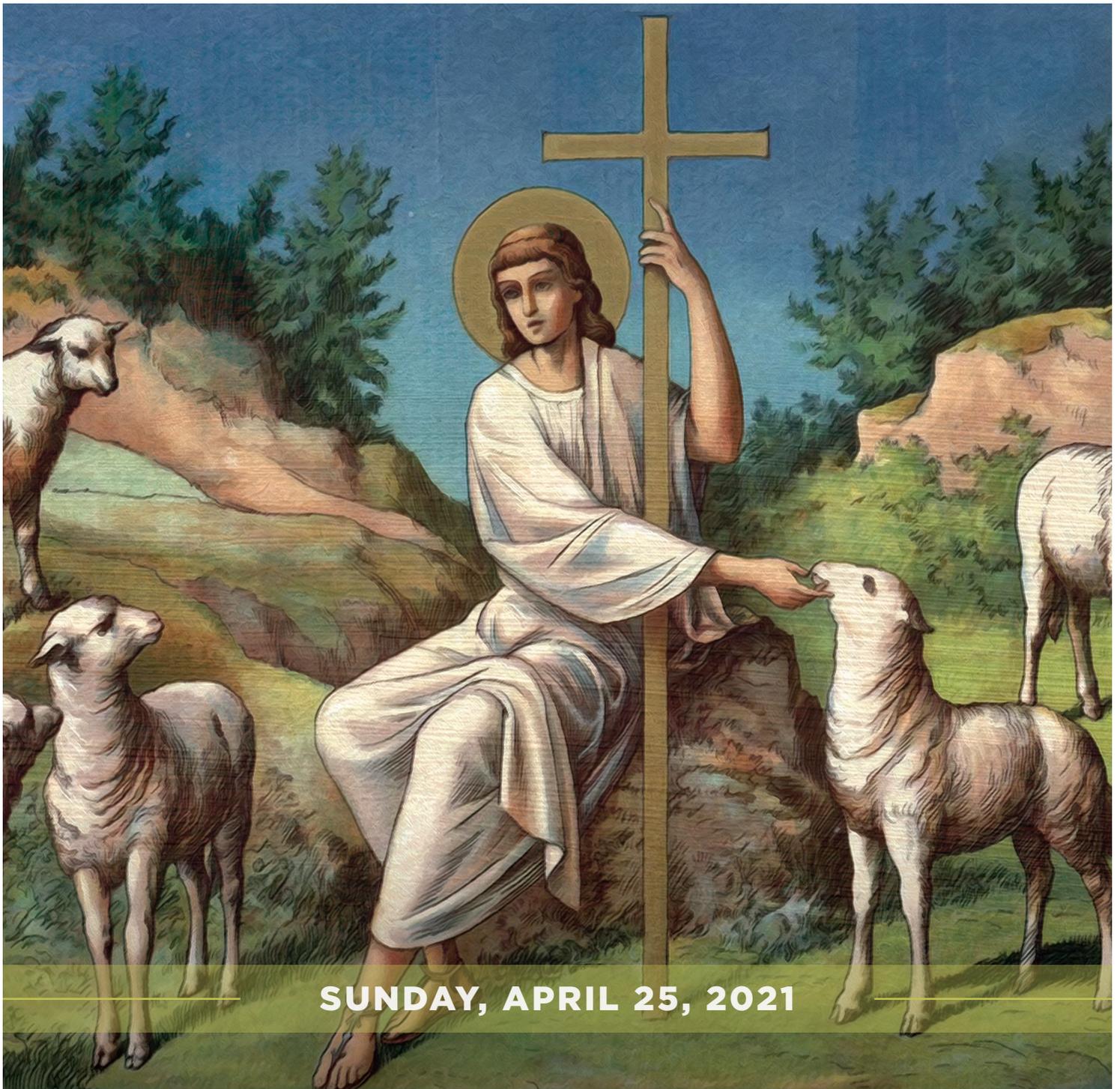
Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal strengthens the Church At Home. Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. **Prayerfully consider supporting the collection at this weekend!** More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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BULLETIN



SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“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.” - Jn 10:14-15

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

SUN 4/25	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MON 4/26	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
TUES 4/27	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/28	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/29	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 4/30	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SAT 5/1	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
SUN 5/2	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.



**ST. JOSEPH
THE WORKER**

*I am
the good
shepherd*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

"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." (Acts 4:12)



PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

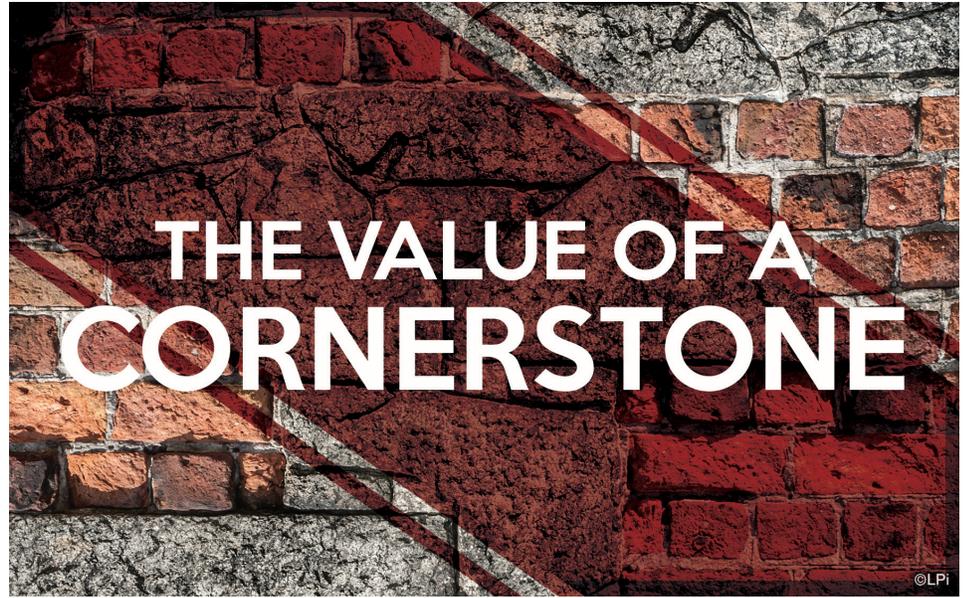
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)



GOSPEL:

"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." (Jn 10:14-15)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead “a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.” Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand’s godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese’s office liturgy and worship.

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"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." - Jn 10:14-15

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

Second Reading:

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

Gospel:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?



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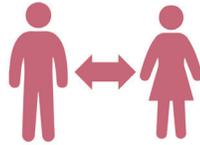


LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

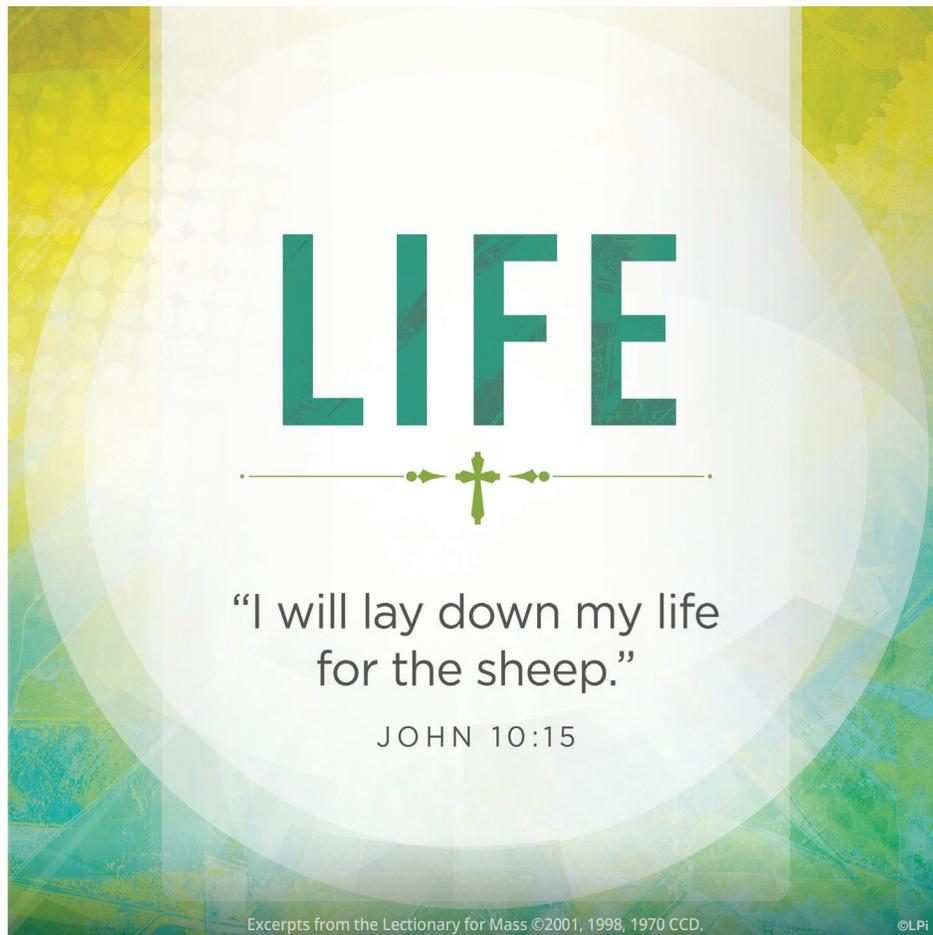
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



“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.”

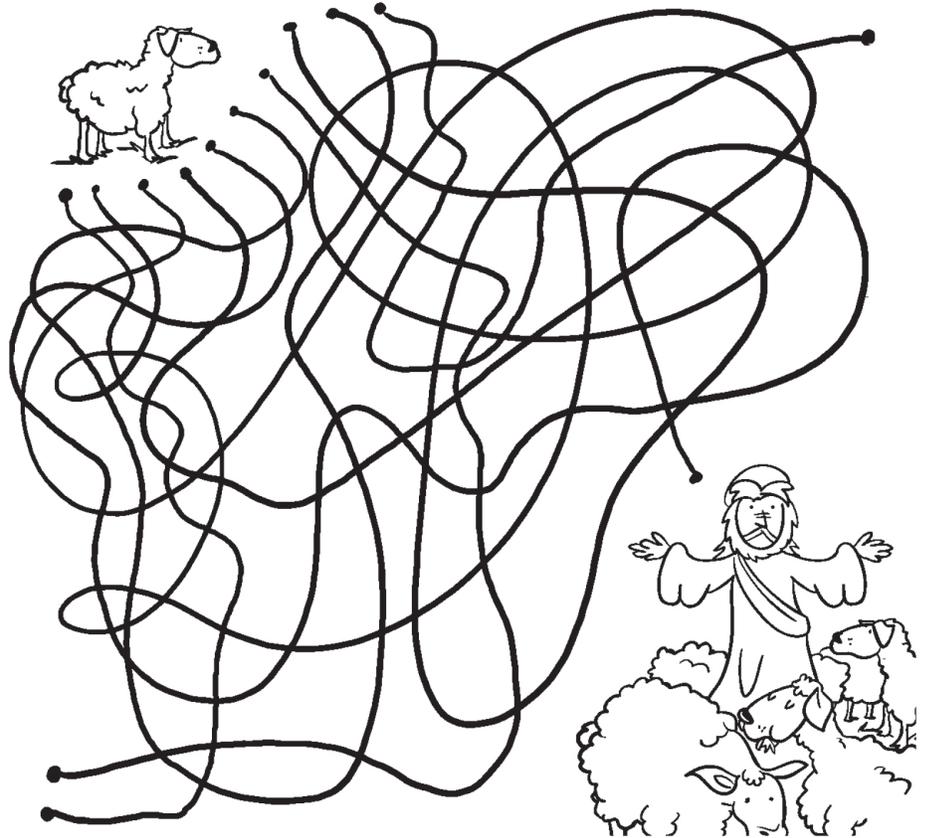
– Jn 10:16-17

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you.

Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

PRAYER

God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.





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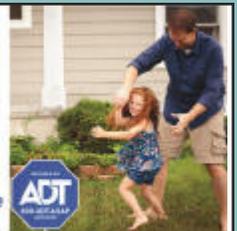
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