



May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

Our Shepherd's Voice

Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the word of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, "What are we to do?" The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps.

The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit's promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life.

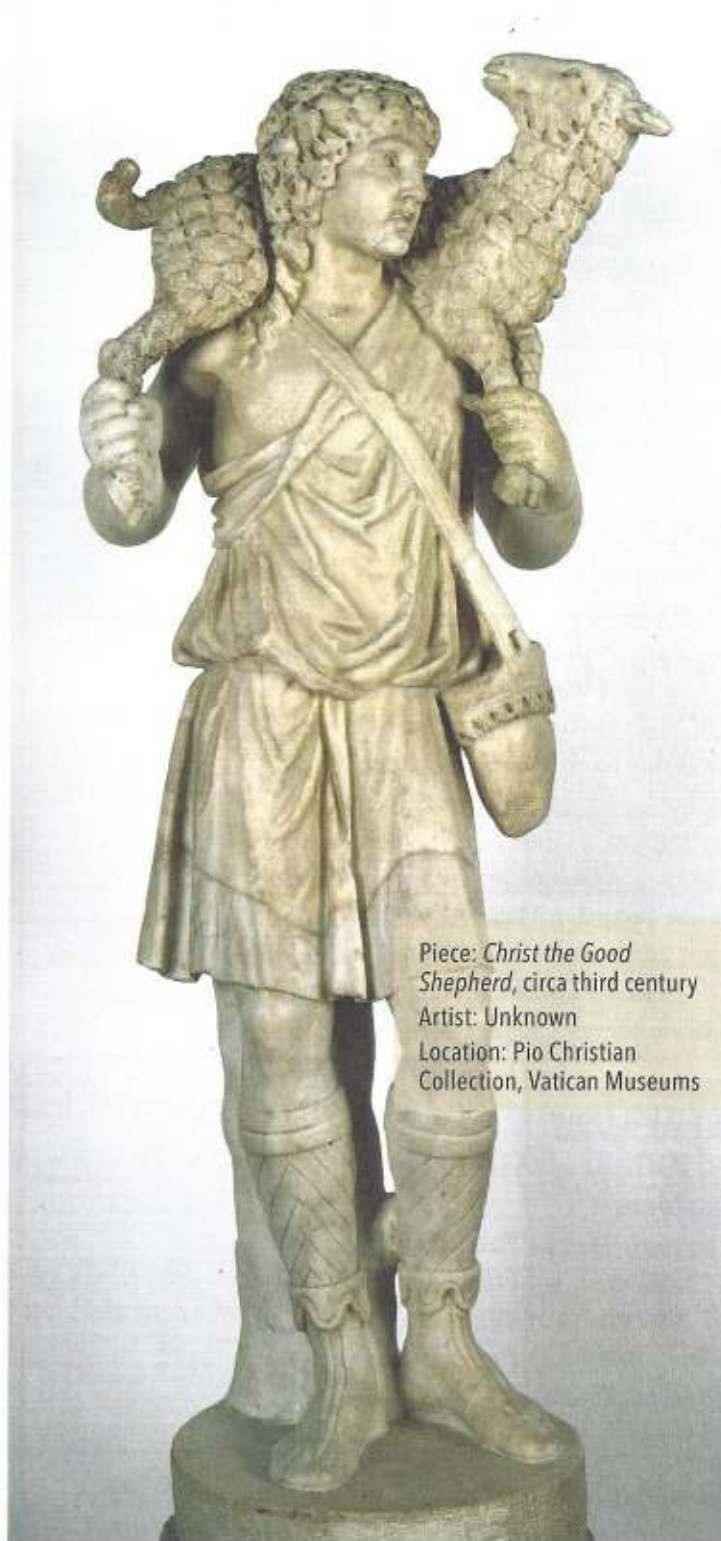
The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus' message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home.

How do we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don't align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd's path.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

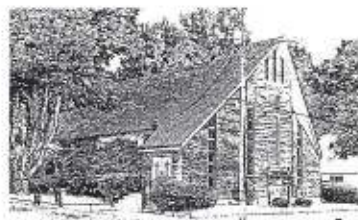
For Reflection

How often do I listen to the Good Shepherd over the other messages around me? How do I stay informed of what the pope and other shepherds of the Church are saying?



Piece: *Christ the Good Shepherd*, circa third century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Pio Christian Collection, Vatican Museums

"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).



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St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) -

4:00 PM

Sunday Mass -

8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:15 PM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass -

10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

****First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

****Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of May 8, 2017

Offered For

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fran Sarosinski

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Cecelia Wenzel

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 13-14, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ron & Lynn Raef

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Brad & Jackie Ratkiewicz

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Paul McDonald

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Mildred Downie

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Luke & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -
Need Decorations Removed

May 10 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy
Trinity - 5:30PM

May 11-13 - St. Thomas Community
Yard Sale in STM Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$993.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$643.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$954.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM (time change) will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of May. There has been a good turnout in Dalzell and the first week in Cherry. Father will drop going to the churches without good attendance, so please come! It started with 5 people and we hope to fill the church for Mary to see how much we want her to intercede with God to protect us from the growing evil in the world. A recent message from Heaven spoke of the need to pray more fervently against the evil which is being released on humanity in the days ahead. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend.

St. Thomas More
Community Yard Sale

Tables will be for rent for \$10/each to sell items. Lunch and snacks will be served all day. St. Thomas More will also be selling ravioli and noodles. The hours the STM Hall will be open are as follows:

Thursday, May 11 - 4 to 7pm

Friday, May 12 - 8am to 4pm

Saturday, May 13 - 8am to 4pm

Our Lady of Fatima
100th Anniversary

St. Patrick's in La Salle is remembering the 100th anniversary of the first vision of Our Lady in Fatima on Saturday, May 13th at 10:30am. Rosary and a talk by Fr. Jacob Rose, with confessions available, will be taking place. This is a great way to thank God for the love He has shown us through Mary!

Upcoming Area Events

May 13th** - Our Lady of Fatima Prayer/Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick Catholic Church, LaSalle - 10:30AM

For The Week

Being one of Jesus' flock is such a great gift that we may not always realize. Being a part of this great church that Jesus began with His apostles should always help us to know how much Jesus truly loves us through our reception of Holy Communion. Receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is, after Jesus' death on the cross, the greatest gift He has given us.

The first reading could very easily be about us during this time we are living in. We have seen the persecution of the Church through making Jesus' church accept the killing of the unborn through the instituted health care laws. And making Catholics, Christians subject to funding the killing of the unborn. Jesus surely can't be happy and His protection of our society will be minimal. May the Risen Christ always bless us with His Real Presence and help all of us live the "Truth" no matter how difficult! Have a Blessed Easter!

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

Dear Padre,

If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships.

For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The *Catechism* doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185).

However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be.

So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.



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A Word From Pope Francis

"[The] people followed Jesus because he was the good shepherd. He wasn't a casuistic and moralistic Pharisee... nor a contemplative from a monastery. He was a shepherd. [He] spoke the language of his people, he made himself understood, he spoke the truth, the matters of God."

—Morning meditation, June 26, 2015