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The Good Shepherd

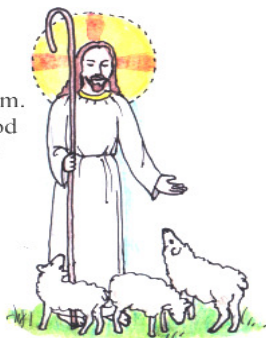


The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd.

In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the men who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

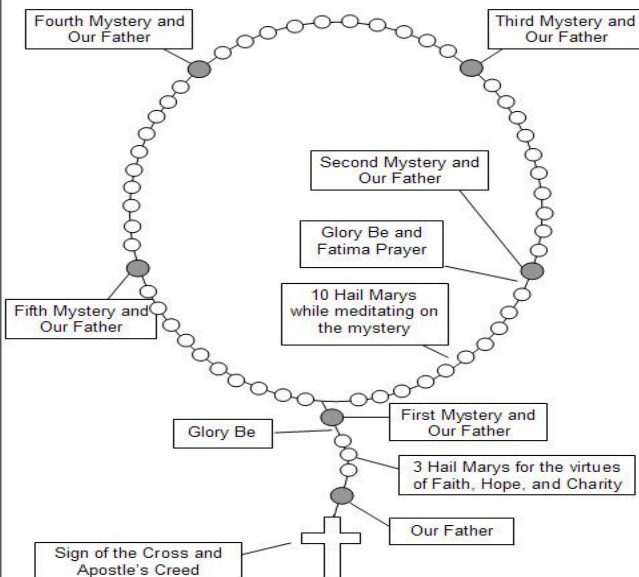
The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



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The Rosary



Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in **green** pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Prayer to Know My Vocation

I glorify You, God, in all that I do.
In mind, body, and spirit
I give my best to You.

Help me to follow your will
no matter the call:
sister, brother, or priest,
I promise my all.

If you call me to marriage,
I promise to love,
and to teach my own children
to seek grace from above.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Jesus, I trust in you!



St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 03RD MAY 2020 - YEAR A

Our Good Shepherd

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, as Peter preaches in the First Reading. He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand. And He is the Christ, the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel.

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls not only to the children of Israel, but to all those far off from Him, to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What must we do?" they cried.

We have been baptized, but each of us goes astray like sheep. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb, the verdant pastures of life abundant.

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First Reading

Acts 2:14,36-41

Second Reading

1Pet.2:20-25

Gospel

Jn. 10:1-10

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

12:30 & 6:00 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./7:00 p.m.



SUNDAY

G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



May - The Month of Mary.

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love” which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, “the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which took place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order, and from there it spread to the whole Church.

There are many ways to celebrate this particular devotion. Most churches have a daily recitation of the rosary. Some include the crowning of Our Lady’s statue; a statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of blossoms to indicate Mary’s virtues, virtues that are to be imitated by the faithful. The important thing is that Mary be honored in a special way.

How can we honor Mary this month?

Simple, pray the rosary. In all the hundreds of apparitions of Mary she has constantly called us to pray the holy rosary for the salvation of souls. This is an easy yet powerful way to honor her this month. It has been said that each time we pray the rosary, a rose is added to the crown of Mary. This isn’t something that needs to be done alone or in private. Pray it as a family and allow Mary to wrap her mantle of peace around all of you.

Pope Francis also encourages us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home this May, traditionally a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect.

Pope Francis says that contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Luvina Joseph
Mary Sonson
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Maria Joseph
Isidore Leonise
Junior Peter Felix
James Jean

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18
Jn.10:11-18



TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26
Jn.10:22-30



WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24-13:5
Jn.12:44-50



THURSDAY

Acts 13:13-25
Jn.13:16-20



FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33
Jn.14:1-6



SATURDAY

Acts 13:44-52
Jn.14:7-14



MASS INTENTIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Sun May 03 <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	MISSA PRO POPULO
Mon May 04	B’day: Neil Williams
Tue May 05	Dc’d: August Eugene, George Palmer Avery & Hilton Boxill, Holy Souls
Wed May 06	B’day: Bernadette Young, All Saints
Thu May 07	Dc’d: John Collins, St. John family
Fri May 08	Thks: Claudette Warner, Guid. & Success: Marva Wellington
Sat May 09	B’day: Mary Roach, Tessa Phillips Thks: Ethelina Hilaire, Nathalie Dusauzay

A Resurrection People (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

The season of Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a “Resurrection people.” This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore, not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives: “*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*”. But before the power of the Resurrection can take hold in our lives, we are called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do as He will with our lives.

Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary Magdalene did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better: the Risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God’s new ways of working in the world. That’s the power of the Resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news just as Mary Magdalene did: “*We have seen the Lord!*” Our awareness of the all-pervading, loving presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. We are inspired to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure. Our conviction that the Risen Lord is present in our neighbors and in all those we encounter should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share in the power of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations, but keep on trying to overcome them, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope, even when our hope seems unanswered, we share in the power of Jesus’ Resurrection.

In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our faith in Him. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

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