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### Remember In Prayer

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## April 30th Fourth Sunday of Easter

### .OUR PROTECTOR

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all.

### .OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### Vocations

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells us that he calls his own sheep by name and those sheep respond by following him. Unlike the early disciples, we do not have the benefit of hearing the Lord Jesus call us by name. Or do we? Through the centuries countless men, women, and children have responded to the call of the Lord and dedicated their lives to ministering to God's people. How often have we heard the phrase, "he or she 'has the calling' "? We need look no further than our own parish to find ways that the call of the Lord is manifested. The Lord Jesus is constantly calling out to us through the celebration of the sacramental life, through the proclamation of the living word, and through the example of those who have put on Christ in Baptism. Today the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, speaks to each one of us, the sheep of his flock. Let us listen for the call to follow him as his disciples. And on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray for others, as well, to hear and heed whatever God is calling them to do with their life as a baptized Christian.

**Adoration Wednesday May  
 3rd at 4:00 pm**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Tuesday: St. Athanasius
- Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer
- Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
- Saturday: First Saturday

### COUNTING SHEEP

Every person can tell how many goats or sheep one possesses, but not how many friends.

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### Prayer at the End of the Day

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake;  
 watch over us as we sleep,  
 that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,  
 and asleep, rest in his peace.

### HEAVEN

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18 or, for the memorial,  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### STOP COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep,  
 talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

**The annual fund raiser yard sale is June  
 23&24 . Please bring your items to the  
 church to be priced for the sale. .Items  
 will be put in the back room so every-  
 thing can be organized and priced  
 before the sale**

May 7th

Lector Mark

Servers Jesus & Carlos

Counters Ann & Anita

April 23rd, 2023  
 Sunday collection  
 \$1050.00