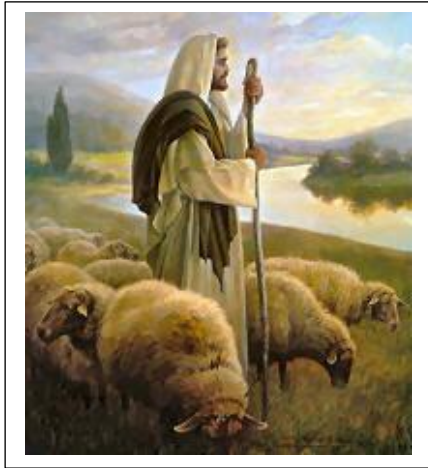


POST EASTER SEASON

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd

Acts 2:14, 36-41/Psalms 22/1 Peter 1:20-25/Jn 10:1-10

May 3rd 2020

Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life – and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger.

In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me' echo in your mind and heart.

Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you to work in your world.

MARIAN PROCESSION - COBARGO 3pm Sunday 3rd May

Our annual Marian Procession at Cobargo in the month of May will not take place this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. However, will pray together with other parishes from home online and our parish will have the opportunity to lead a decade. I invite and encourage you to join us all in this very special prayer devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary and patron, Mary help of Christians. You will receive a link soon to join in praying the rosary next Sunday at 3pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

WE CAN STILL PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE ACROSS OUR WORLD
'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love' (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

Through your generosity during Project Compassion in 2020, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Mindful of all the needs here locally in our own community perhaps we can give 'something small with great love'.

'We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community'. (Dorothy Day)

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DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

3 o'clock prayer - the hour of great mercy

Jesus said: Call upon my mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion.

Let us pray: O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in You.

THE SICK

As we journey with our Risen Lord through this difficult time let us remember in our prayers our family, parishioners and all those who are sick. May the mercy and healing power of God touch and give them strength and heal them.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the recently deceased in our parish community. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Lyn Matthews' mother and Mary Roberson.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Margarita Adecer, Manong Lapinig, Pedro Lapinig, Ruth Tarn Pike, Elwood Zimmerman, Heather Grimmett, Alona Oppus, Cornella (Malaque) Galleros, Rosario Malague.

*May all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Just a Note to those parishioners who may be in the process of rebuilding their homes following the recent bushfires, Blue Ridge Hardwoods, Eden are still selling timber to the public.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Acts 11:1-18/Psalms 41 & 42/John 10:11-18

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Acts 11:19-26/Psalms 88/John 10:22-30

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Acts 12:24-13:5a/Psalms 66/John 12:44-50

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Acts 13:13-25/Psalms 88/John 13:16-20

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Acts 13:26-33/Psalm 2/John 14:1-6

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Acts 13:44-52/Psalm 97/John 14:7-14



The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is the front door. Anyone else sneaking around, climbing fences, going through the back door, or doing anything in secret means trouble. Be upfront, do what you do in broad daylight, and it is usually the right thing. You are proud of what you do when it is the right thing. If you are sneaking because you do not want to get caught, you are probably doing something wrong! Doing the right thing brings abundant life! Doing wrong things can hurt your ability to enjoy life abundantly.

What is 'abundant life' or 'life to the full'? Do you think you can get it through Jesus? Do you think you can get it sneaking around, trying back doors, and climbing over fences? Why or why not?

Sheep pretty much follow the crowd. Not too many sheep are 'individuals'. Being an individual is fine, especially when the crowd is not a good bunch to follow. But following the crowd can be fine too, especially when the crowd is a fine crowd and is doing good things.

Are you usually an individual? Or do you prefer to follow the crowd? Give an example of when you have been either an individual or a crowd follower.

How can you tell if someone who wants you to follow them is really following the way of Jesus?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

I am the gate for the sheep

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus is our good shepherd and we know that we must follow him. What are some of the things our shepherd has told us to do?

A thief has stolen some letters from the passage of text below. Use these letters to discover something that Jesus said to his disciples.

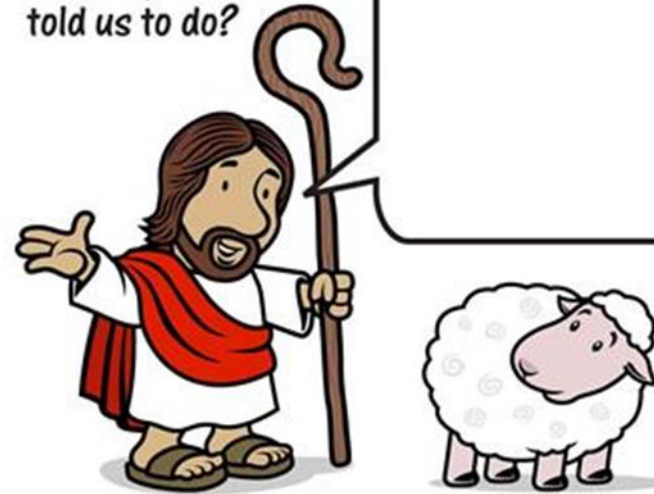
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"I _ _ T _ _ GAT _
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Help the sheep find its way to the gate. Keep a look out for thieves!

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THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

DICATED BY JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA, SEPT. 14TH, 1935

BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS
In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR FATHER xi

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is
in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY xi

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed
art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED xi

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of
heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only
Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of
the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the
third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father.
From thence He shall come to judge the living and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic
Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus I Trust In You!

ON EACH OF THE 5 "OUR FATHER BEADS" SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
Eternal Father I Offer you The Body And Blood,
Soul And Divinity Of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, In Atonement For Our Sins
And Those Of The Whole World.

ON EACH OF THE 50 "HAIL MARY BEADS" SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
For The Sake Of His Sorrowful Passion,
Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

FINAL PRAYER (REPEAT X3)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

