



A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult: when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

FR. BARRY WILL SAY A PRIVATE MASS FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS :

Sunday, May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mary Lou Fede from Sandy Gleason

Monday, May 4

William Clark from Jane Abraham

Tuesday, May 5

Mary Lou Fede from Diane and Keith Brown

Wednesday, May 6

Kathleen Hueneman from Bob & Tote Brodbeck

Thursday, May 7

Barry Savage from Julia Jackson

Friday, May 8

Lucille Hamilton from the Three Daughters

Saturday, May 9

Betty O'Toole from Frank and Stephanie

Sunday, May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ruth Ahaus from Elaine Ahaus

From the Pastor's Desk

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF OHIO EXTEND
SUSPENSION OF ALL PUBLICLY CELEBRATED
MASSES/LITURGIES THROUGH MAY 29, 2020

For your convenience here are some alternate ways for Mass:

EWTN has Masses daily at 8am, 12pm and 7pm
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

MARYTV.TV
<https://marytv.tv/english-mass-in-medjugorje-13/>
On-line only

Immaculate Heart of Mary 8am daily
<https://www.church.ihom.org/>

POST PANDEMIC INVESTMENT TIPS

For all of you with any money left after the pandemic is over, here are some of the next expected, proposed, mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks back.

Watch for these consolidations later this year:

1. Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W.R. Grace Co. will merge and become: Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.
2. Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers join forces and become: Poly, Warner Cracker.
3. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.
4. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa
5. Fed Ex is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP
6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell computers will become: Fairwelll Honey-child.
7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: PouponPants.
8. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!

This is Insider Information, so mum is the word!!!!

I CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. ~Phil 4:13

Reflection. By myself I can do nothing, but in union with God I can do all things. Out of love for God, I want to do all things! ~St. Vincent Palloti

Prayer. God of all might, grant that I may place myself in Your hands and never despair. Let me not shrink from even the hardest task—for with Your help I can do anything.

Prayer for Nurses and Doctors

O merciful Father,
Who have wonderfully fashioned man in your own image, and have made his body to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, sanctify, we pray you, our doctors and nurses and all those whom you have called to study and practice the arts of healing the sick and the prevention of dis-ease and pain. Strengthen them in body and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those for whose salvation your Son became Man, lived on this earth, healed the sick, and suffered and died on the Cross. Amen



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

We are now in the Fourth Sunday of Easter and this week we do not have a resurrection appearance story. The church gives us instead this parable or, in the words of the gospel, a "figure of speech" from Jesus himself. The images in this figure of speech are rooted in antiquity, or at least a different culture. A sheepfold, for example, is typically a small or low stone fence/wall that is open to the sky. The proper way to enter is via the gate. Thus, Jesus says the one who climbs over the stone wall is "a thief and a robber." The means to entry is the gate. Further, the sheep will hear the voice of the gatekeeper and follow him, but they do not recognize and will not follow the voice of strangers. Apparently, this imagery went over the heads of Jesus' audience so he said explicitly, "I am the gate."

The Fourth Gospel never uses the term "parable"; that is a term used in the Synoptic Gospels. As we saw above, the evangelist says that Jesus taught in a "figure of speech." Rather than parables, in the Fourth Gospel we might say Jesus speaks in "parabolic discourse." The difference might seem to be splitting hairs, but what it means is that rather than saying "the kingdom of heaven is like . . ." Jesus says, "I am . . ." So, for example, rather than saying, "[T]he kingdom of heaven is like a sheepfold and the gate through which the sheep enter and leave," Jesus says, "I am the gate." Similarly, Jesus will say in the Gospel of John, "I am the Good Shepherd," "I am the Vine," "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," or "I am the Resurrection." All of these are figures of speech and parabolic discourses.

We recall in this Easter season that Jesus is the gate through which we are saved. Jesus is the means by which we enter the sheepfold, paradise, heaven itself.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, you promise to be the gate through which the sheep enter the fold. You are also the Good Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep. Give us ears attentive to your voice so that we may follow you more closely in the midst of our daily activities, ever looking forward to entering the sheepfold at your direction. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• Jesus tells the Pharisees that his sheep will not follow a stranger, "because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." What spiritual practices help you attune your ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through
the gate
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a
robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the
shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the
sheep hear his voice,
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own,
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep
follow him,

because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger;

they will run away from him,

because they do not recognize the voice of
strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech,
the Pharisees did not realize what he was
trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to
you,

I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and
robbers,

but the sheep did not listen to them.



I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find
pasture.

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter
and destroy;

I came so that they might have life and
have it more abundantly."

Readings for the week:

4th Sunday

of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6
1 Pt 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
John 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5,
6-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6
and 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,
25 and 27
John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 15:26-33
Ps 26:7, 8-9,
10-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 15:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4
John 14:7-14

5th Sunday

of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,
18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9
John 14:1-12