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THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS
OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM.

~ John 10:3

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We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.

We trust that the message today will uplift you and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.

Please know that our doors and our hearts are always open to you.

May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

Sunday Readings Fourth Sunday of Easter**Reading 1 Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 1 Pt 2:20b-25

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.

Gospel Jn 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

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

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter A Lot of Nerve

Peter, the apostle who had denied knowing Jesus before he died, now comes out and accuses the crowd of killing Jesus, "using lawless men to crucify him" (Acts 2:23). Considering that he was outnumbered three thousand to one, it took a lot of nerve. So the Spirit gave him the courage to face that crowd. He asked them to repent, but not just profess a rejection of sin. What we call repentance, in Peter's time meant a change of heart away from sin and toward a new way of acting or believing. We too can make a change of heart. We can turn away from selfishness and begin to love as Jesus did. We can relinquish anger and begin to forgive. We can put aside fear and boldly proclaim our faith.

Peter also shows us another gift of the Spirit--the ability to suffer for doing good. That also takes a lot of nerve. It's hard enough to suffer for our sins. Yet that is just what Jesus did for us. Following the example of Jesus on the cross, we accept the suffering that comes to us. It may be ridicule for expressing our faith, the pain of losing someone we love, or the eventual pain of dying ourselves. We accept pain because we love the Lord and so love others enough to bear the pain of helping them. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us repent from selfishness to a new life of love for God and our neighbor.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 3, 2020

The shepherd calls his own sheep
by name and leads them.

John 10:3

THE ONE WHO KNOWS US BY NAME

Today's readings tell about the confusion and fear that followed Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. In Acts, the people ask, "What are we to do?" after they are reminded that they were part of the death of Jesus, who was Lord and Christ. In First Peter we are reminded of Jesus' innocence. He did nothing to deserve the suffering and death that he experienced for us. Both the psalm and First Peter introduce the image of Jesus as shepherd. John's Gospel talks about Jesus as shepherd but not in the usual way. We recognize this shepherd's voice because he calls each of us by name. The confusion and fear we too often feel is calmed by the voice of the One who knows us by name.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

The readings describe that time when confused and frightened followers of Jesus looked to the apostles to tell them what to do after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The answer seems simple. They must believe that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ, both God and human. They must acknowledge their complicity in his death and seek forgiveness. They must be baptized. In First Peter the standard for their behavior is Jesus' behavior. Jesus, though free from sin himself, bore our sins and returned no insult or threat. Peter introduces the image of the shepherd who is the guardian of us who have gone astray. The Gospel emphasizes not the shepherd's leadership but that we are called by name.

LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME

The emphasis in John's Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like "I am a doctor" or "I am a mother." Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do. If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me "forgiven" and "merciful" and "beloved." For this is my true name. This is my true nature.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1, 4a, 36–41
Psalm 23:1–6
1 Peter 2:20b–25
John 10:1–10



Please pray for the souls of
Rev. Anthony Talarico, Sr. Mary Mac Issac
& Frances Skalski

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Thanks to Fr. Anthony Talarico for his dedication to the Archdiocese of Chicago. May 13, 2020 is the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. We are grateful for his years of service to Holy Ghost, St. Mary, Queen of Apostles, St. Jude the Apostle and our newly formed Christ Our Savior Parish.

"O God, Thou did raise Thy servant, Anthony to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchisedech, giving him the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of men in Thine own holy Name. We beseech Thee to reward his faithfulness and to forget his faults, admitting him speedily into Thy holy presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of his labors. This we ask through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen."

FATHER ANTHONY + FATHER GOSBERT

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we read, **"for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die. A time to weep and a time to laugh."**

Today, in the safety of our homes, we give thanks and praise to God for the gifts so generously bestowed on Christ Our Savior Parish. Two Priests whom through their commitment to work hard to further God's reign on earth by giving of themselves did so at the service of the people of God. Both understand the proclamation, "I was dead but now I live."

For Fr. Anthony, who died on April 30th, he lives in the glory of God's eternal life. For Fr. Gosbert, who near death for more than a month lives and is back home at Christ Our Savior. Both men were and are not ME priests; they are WE (parishioner) priests. They live the mandatum that Christ leaves for all Christian clergy who claim to be disciples of Christ: "If I washed your feet, I who am teacher and Lord, then you must wash each others feet, as I have done, you must do." They do not seek recognition or prestige. While some clergy seek worldly acclaim and honor. Fr. Anthony and Fr. Gosbert serve as Jesus did, by loving deeply, walking humbly and serving whatever the cost. For they both know that in due time they will be exalted by God the Father in heaven. For Fr. Anthony the time is now and for Fr. Gosbert at a later time. So today we weep for our Fr. Anthony and are filled with joy for our Fr. Gosbert. This is part of the mystery of our faith.

Let us pray.

God of all glory and honor, you called Fr. Anthony and Fr. Gosbert to be Christ for others. Both having responded to that call, we Christ Our Savior Parish, come before you in thanksgiving, for all the good works they have accomplished for us. Continue to bless Christ Our Savior through word and sacrament in the memory of Fr. Anthony and the leadership of Fr. Gosbert. May the memory of Fr. Anthony and the leadership of Fr. Gosbert lead us every day to the reign of God's promised peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



THANK YOU

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends who are ill and recovering.

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Beth Handy	Margaret Pritchett	Ellen Voce
Ruby Ingram	Linda Powell	Debra Worthly
Robert Kelliher	John Roberts	Vicente Zamora
Mike Kelly	Barbara Ryan	
	Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura	

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, let us know. Please notify the rectory office when the name can be removed.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Fr. Gosbert thanks you for your prayers and well wishes. We continue to pray for his full and speedy recovery.



Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God. This is an opportunity to come together and pray for our hearts concerns. It is a time to ask God's help in our daily lives and praise God for the many blessings given to us. It is a means of coming closer to Jesus through the sharing of our faith and lives.

Participate in our "Prayer Partner" program.

If you wish to participate, we are asking you to submit your name and phone number through the website or leave a message on the office number (708) 333-3550. We will pair you with another participant from the parish. Once you receive a phone call with the name and phone number of your prayer partner, please call them and introduce yourself. Share the concerns that each of you might want to pray for. You and your partner can schedule a time to call and pray together. We encourage you to pray together at least once a week.

From the Files of Deacon Tim*Talking to Jesus*

*Talk to Jesus as you would your friend.
Jesus is your best friend.*

You can talk to Jesus about everything. Share what is in your heart, He is always listening.

Talk to Jesus about your family. Mention them by name and ask Jesus to bless each one of them and to help you love each other.

Talk with Jesus about your friends and ask Him to bless them and to help you be friendly and kind to everyone you meet.

Talk to Jesus about people you don't like. Jesus loves everyone; ask Him to help you love them too.

Ask Jesus to bless those who have taught you about God, and to help you continue to learn and to grow in wisdom, so you can make good decisions each and every day.

Tell Jesus about anything that frightens you and know that with Jesus you have nothing to fear.

Talk to Jesus about your life, what makes you unhappy and what makes you happy.

Jesus wants you to be happy and He will always help you.

Thank Jesus for all the good things He has given you in your life.

Tell Jesus how much you love Him and give Jesus your heart.

Quietly listen and let Jesus speak to you.

Always remember that Jesus loves you and that He is always with you.

Jesus is your best friend!

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

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