

FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 29th-30th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gospel reading

Jn 10:1-10

“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 he 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,
they 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.

Intercession

May we follow the good shepherd as he leads our parish through our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

Copy for bulletin announcement

In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes clear how different he is from other religious leaders: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

He is the good shepherd and our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* exists so that more might find comfort in His fold. We, His sheep, have His voice to guide us. In moments of darkness, He guides us. He gives us clarity, peace, and confidence as His peace is more potent than any earthly trouble. Please consider supporting our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* so we can help other souls gain peace.

Copy for pulpit announcement

This parish has the privilege of guidance from the Good Shepherd. This year, help our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* spread the word about how good it is to be in His fold. He is a leader who we can trust, and He wants our happiness. Please help others find the inner rest we have experienced through reliance on Him through your *Catholic Ministry Appeal* gifts, prayer, and kindness.

Social media post/content

Photo: A person on a cliff ledge watching the sunset.

Header: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” – John 10:10

Sub-header: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Copy: Jesus gives us the most profound gift: peace. We can rest when he is our shepherd.

May He make our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* successful in attracting souls to the nourishment which He provides. Please help us help others find this place of inner peace! God bless you for it.