

This Sunday is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday

*The readings for today are:* Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
1 Peter 2:20b-25  
John 10:1-10

### **Family Chat:**

Before you read the Gospel, talk with your family about what they know about sheep and shepherds; try to find out how a shepherd cares for his sheep. While someone reads the Gospel, have everyone think about why would Jesus use the idea of sheep and shepherds to teach about God's kingdom.

Sheep will distinguish the voice of their shepherd from all other voices. They trust their shepherd will lead them to safety and keep them in good health. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and we are his sheep. Jesus loves each of us and call us by name. If we follow him, he will guide us to eternal happiness. If we heed his voice amid the noise of other voices, we will never be lead astray.

Next, ask your family members who are good shepherds who lead us in faithfulness. Perhaps some of their answers would be Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul or Fr. Dave. Others may think of Pope Francis or our Archbishop. You might point out that the Pope and bishops carry a big stick. A better name for what they carry is a staff, something similar to what a shepherd carries.

### **What to do Next:**

There are some activity pages on the website for use on this Sunday. One of the images is that of two sheep. Have your children cut them out and glue cotton balls on them to make them look like fluffy sheep. You could also use these sheep for the activity suggested on the page, Activity for the Easter Season, if you don't have stuffed sheep.

For older students you might encourage them to investigate others within our Church who serve as shepherds such as saints, sisters, monks and other church workers who help build the Kingdom of God. Some suggestions might be Dorothy Day, Sister Thea Bowman, Bishop Robert Barron, etc.

Have a great Sunday!

