

STEWARDSHIP

April 15th.....\$ 2,321 St. Vincent De Paul.....\$622

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

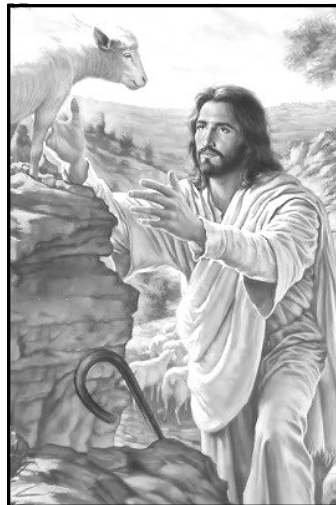
One of the main characteristics of the Gospel of John is the evangelist's use of the phrase "I am." This is why the Gospels for Lent and Easter often draw from this Gospel. Its understanding of who Jesus was in the early community of faith is fitting for us as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery today. The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because each year a portion of John 10, Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd is proclaimed. This discourse takes place at Hanukkah, the feast of the dedication of the Temple. A central reading at this feast was taken from the prophet Ezekiel 34, which condemned the false shepherds of Israel. The image of the shepherd is common in the Old Testament. Abraham,

Moses, David and Amos were all shepherds, not only because of the work they did, but because they were called by God to guide the people. As shepherds seek out their flock when they are scattered, so does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, seek out those who are lost. The metaphorical "wolf" is present in every age in persons or issues that impede our appreciation of God's everlasting love, and the hired men may reflect the Pharisees. In this Gospel, the passage follows the story of the man born blind in chapter 9, which ends with an attack on the Pharisees. The Pharisees did not recognize Jesus, but the people of God, symbolized by the blind man, did. Today's reading continues the theme of attack on the "blind" shepherds of Israel.

Today's reading offers three significant messages:

- Jesus stands in contrast to the sinful religious leaders who did not take care of their people.
- Jesus revealed God as good and loving, not as a wolf that traps and scatters the sheep.
- The laying down of the shepherd's life is unique to Jesus. That is why he is the "good" shepherd.

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

4/22- Seminarians/Priest Education & Formation

4/29- Mexico and Appalachia missions

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

The Sisters of St. Francis' missioners will be speaking at our weekend Masses next Sunday April 29th. The Sisters serve those who are poor, with foreign missions in Mexico and home missions in Appalachia. In remote areas of Mexico they work to build faith communities where there are no priests for regular Sunday Masses. Sisters also give children living in extreme poverty the opportunity to obtain an education plus emergency outreach of food, clothing, and shelter for the poor. Please help make a difference in the lives of people suffering from poverty with your prayers and financial support.

CHALLENGE WEEK

May 6th – 13th

Formerly Matching Gift Week
Accept the Challenge!

Make your most generous contribution during this week!
Our goal is \$50,000!



Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Wisdom. Mail to 100 Concho St. San Marcos, TX 78666 or drop them in the collection basket on May 6th!
Online: <http://bcl.txstatecatholic.org/donate>

ASHES TO EASTER BOXES
TIME TO RETURN your full boxes and please continue to pray for the Missions.



WOW ANNIVERSARY
Congratulations Women Of Wisdom on celebrating 5 years at Our Lady of Wisdom!

Join us in celebrating them on Sunday May 6th at the 10am Mass. Members will host light refreshments after Mass. Thank you to the Women of Wisdom for the enormous support you have given and continue to give to our community!

Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@txstatecatholic.org
Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.
Deadline for submissions is Wednesdays by 5pm

Wait Patiently for the Lord, be brave and Courageous.

-Psalm 27:14