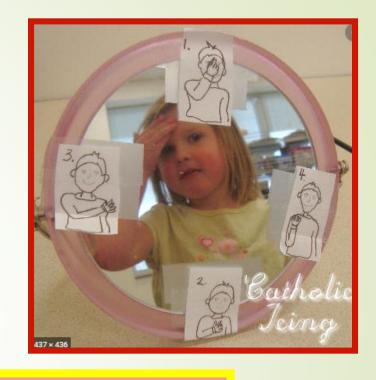
Good morning everyone!

Let us start our worship this morning by each one of us making the sign of the cross.





The Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Welcome

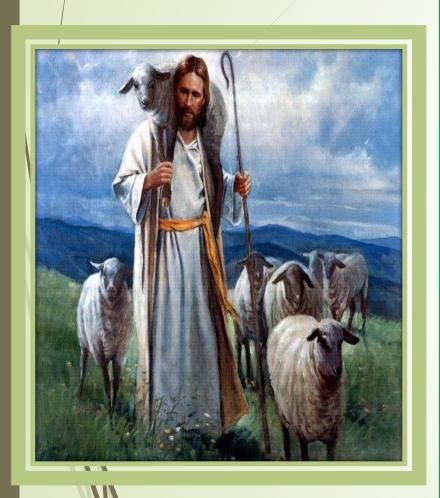
Today we are going to hear Jesus tell a story.

He calls himself the good shepherd, who cares for his sheep.

This story shows us that Jesus knows and cares for all people.

Let's think about how we can care for all people too, no matter where they are in the world.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

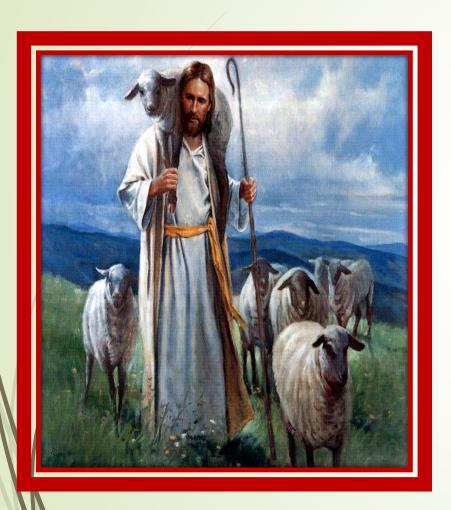


"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them.

The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd.

As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

Gospel: John 10:11-18



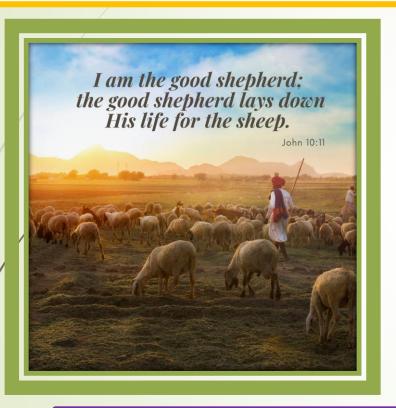
"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again.

No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back.

This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

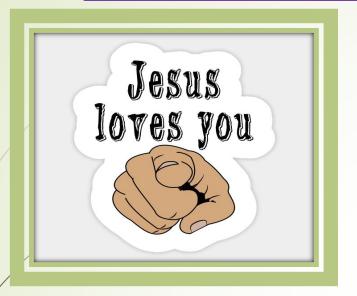


Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, who carefully looks after his sheep.

Why do you think Jesus calls himself a shepherd?

Who do you think that the sheep are that Jesus talks about in this story? When he says sheep, Jesus means us, because he cares for us and for all people around the world.

Gospel reflection



How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves and cares for you that much? If a wolf came to attack the sheep in a field, someone who did not care about them would run away, and the sheep would scatter.

But Jesus loves his sheep so much he is prepared to die to save them from danger!

Sometimes it can be very difficult to stop someone or something that we do not like or that we know is wrong. We might be afraid that we will be hurt or laughed at.

Gospel reflection

Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from.

And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult.

He wants us to stand up for what we believe and know to be right.



Let us pray



You know us and care for us.

Help us to remember that all people are loved by you no matter who they are, and to care for others in the world as you do.

Amen.

THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU ALL TO STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT AND SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR EVERYONE THIS WEEK.

