

Liturgical Living: Good Shepherd Sunday

On the fourth Sunday of the Easter season, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. This particular Sunday has always coincided with the following passage from the Gospel according to St. John:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

The exact verses may change each year, but they all revolve around Jesus calling himself the "Good Shepherd." It is a day to focus on Jesus' role as shepherd of souls and our role of following His voice wherever He goes.

The Church is Christ's sheepfold, and He is the gatekeeper. He opens ... and closes. The sheep hear His voice and follow Him. In gathering His people as a flock and keeping them in a sheepfold, the Good Shepherd does not suppress their freedom. The Good Shepherd and the Gate guarantee the safety of the sheep, so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

To celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, you can find some [fun craft ideas here](#).

For dinner, why not have [Shepherd's Pie](#)? Though technically, this recipe uses ground beef which makes it cottage pie (ground lamb is traditionally used in Shepherd's pie).

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. ~ Psalm 23