



4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

- Peter tells the crowd, "you crucified [him]" (v. 36). While this was directed at that crowd, how do we, through our sins, participate in this, and how should that realization impact our approach to the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation?
- Peter urges them to "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation" (v. 40). What are the "corrupt" aspects of our modern culture that Christians are called to stand apart from today?

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

- When do you feel "God's presence" more tangibly: in the dark valley or on the mountaintop?
- What challenges exist in daily life that prevent you from being so content in God that you can say, "I lack nothing"?

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

- What is your initial, gut-level reaction when faced with suffering: patience or restlessness? Why?
- How does Jesus' Passion help us to understand the Catholic perspective on redemptive suffering?
- What is one specific situation where you need to choose, like Christ, to not return evil for evil?

Gospel: John 10:1-10

- What does it look like to practically discern Jesus' voice from other voices (e.g., culture, media, fear) in your daily life?
- How have you seen the "thief" (the devil) try to ruin aspects of your life (e.g., peace, joy, relationships)?
- What does an "abundant life" look like from a Catholic perspective? How is it different from a worldly definition of a good life?



PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Amen.

