



# Good Shepherd Sunday

(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

04/26/2026



**OPENING HYMN: #368 (MI)**

## SHEPHERD OF SOULS

ST. AGNES



1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,



1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

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## GLORIA (Sung--Heritage Mass)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*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. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.*

PSALM 23: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

**R.** The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

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- 1.) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul. **R/.**
- 2.) He guides me in right paths for His name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for You are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R/.**
- 3.) You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R/.**
- 4.) Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R/.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20b-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII

**R.** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**>>** *I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. R/.*

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10



**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him

all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow)

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PETITIONS**



### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Loving God, You have made us in Your image and likeness,  
and for this we shall praise You forever.

Through Baptism You invite us to serve as Your Son, Jesus served. We call to mind the Priests and Consecrated Religious whose lives have been instruments of holiness.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift and inspiration each of them has been, proving that Your steadfast love endures forever.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Saints Peter and Paul, we pray to You, Lord Jesus, that more men and women will open their hearts to Your loving plan.

We pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the Church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters, and Brothers.

Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship.

Bless our families, Lord, that we may become instruments of Your holiness and peace. Let us give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: #591 (MI)**

**Verses 2 & 3**

**LIKE A SHEPHERD**

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart, lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final

Verse 2

2. I \_\_\_ my - self \_\_\_ will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-dened, and take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

to Refrain

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*



**COMMUNION HYMN: #519 (MI)**

**THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your  
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant  
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der  
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and  
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.  
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!  
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

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**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**



## HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!*

*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,*

**R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**



*St. Joseph, the Worker, Pray for us.*

*Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, Pray for us*



**CLOSING HYMN: #425 (MI)**

# Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

**D.C.**  
dark - ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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