



Fourth Sunday of Easter Gospel Guide: Sunday, May 3, 2020

Welcome & Prayer (5 mins)

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

Open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Our Father

Icebreaker-Food Chomp

Everyone sit in a circle. In the middle place some food to eat that your family enjoys, optional fork and knife, along with three items of clothing: gloves, scarf, and a hat. Each person in the circle takes a turn at rolling the dice, keep rolling until they get a six. When a six is rolled, they run to the middle of the circle, put on the items of clothing and try to eat as much food as possible. If you use a fork and knife, they must eat it using those utensils. As soon as the next person rolls a six, that person runs to the middle of the circle, put on the clothing, and take over. Continue until all the food is gone.

Check In

How did we do on last week's commitment? Did we accomplish it?

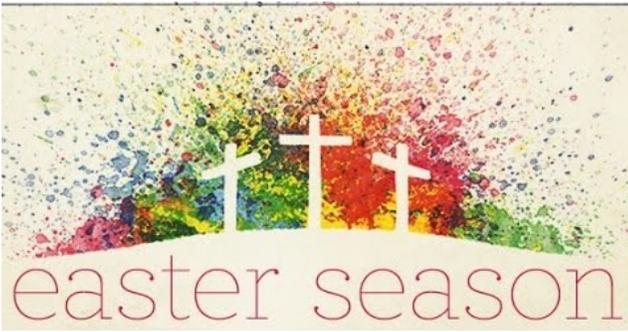
Proclaim Gospel: John 10:1-10 (10 mins)

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Silence, let people reflect, Wait some time here & watch the Video on Formed.org

Proclaim Gospel again followed by silence



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Questions (20-25 mins)

1. What does this passage/reading say to you? Or what struck you?
2. How does Jesus compare himself to a Shepard?
3. How do you recognize God's voice? How do you know God is talking to you??
4. What does it mean to have life and more abundantly?
5. How are you going to grow or improve yourself this week?

Commitment (5-10 mins)

Make a commitment that your family can do together this week or individually.

Examples: Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a family, Research the role of a shepherd boy, Eat together as a family and break open scripture over a meal, Pray over your kids, Clean out a closet and donate the stuff you don't want

Closing Prayer

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

MARY, Mother of Jesus, Intercede for all our needs.

Say your Intercessions

Hail Mary... Glory Be...