

Proclaimers please speak in a louder than normal voice! Thank you!!!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A, Sunday, May 15, 2011

Readings: 1) Acts 2:14a, 36-41 2) 1 Peter 2:20b-25 3) John 10:1-10

The focus for today's Mass is that like a Shepherd, Jesus leads us along the way to eternal life in heaven.

In Today's Liturgy of the Word,

The first reading tells how Peter, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaims the Risen Christ and calls those present to repentance and Baptism. In the second reading, Peter exhorts the early Christians to imitate Christ by being patient in the face of suffering. The Gospel reminds us that we are to follow Christ, as he is the gate to eternal life.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With joy at Christ's rising from the dead, let us turn to the Father in prayer, trusting he will hear our petitions.

**For the shepherds of our Church,
as they continue to model their lives and ministry after Jesus,
the Good Shepherd.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all who dedicated themselves to God,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all suffering from the effects of war, social unrest or natural disasters.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the sick,
Especially Theresa Wilkes**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died,
Especially, Adelina Esposito and Dianne Rodrigues Armand.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our parish,
as we reach out to those who have no faith or who have lost their faith**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause),

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Almighty and eternal God, we ask you to hear our prayers and to draw us ever-closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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