



Small Groups

Parish Community of Saint Helen

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Cornerstone and Keystone Week 1

Opening Song: [Raise A Hallelujah ~ Saint Helen Band](#)

Opening Prayer

Prayer For Vocations:

*Heavenly Father,
bless your Church
with an abundance of
holy and zealous priests,
deacons, brothers and sisters.
Give those you have called to the married state
and those you have chosen to live as single persons
in the world, the special graces that their lives require.
Form us all in the likeness of your son so that in him,
with him and through him we may love you more deeply
and serve you more faithfully always and everywhere.
With Mary we ask this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

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A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd
and whose sheep are not his own,
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,
and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.
I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.
This command I have received from my Father."

Reflection: [Msgr. Tom's Sunday Message](#)

Discussion Questions

1. When reading today's Gospel, we hear the phrase "good shepherd" several times.
 - a. What do you think of when you think of "shepherd"?
 - b. What does good shepherd mean to you?
 - c. Why do you think Jesus chose to use this image?
2. Whom are you "shepherding" in your life right now and who "shepherds" you?
3. In what direction is the Good Shepherd calling you at this time in your life? Do you believe you are called by God? How can we discern his voice from all the voices that vie for your attention?
4. How does it make you feel to think of God caring for you as the Good Shepherd?

Closing Prayer

Ask for the group intentions ~ *Lord hear our prayer* after each

Glory be to the father,
and to the son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Closing Reflection Song : [Follow Me ~ Danielle Rose](#)