

Sunday, April 30, 2023

**Feast of St. Joseph the Worker:** Although March 19 is St. Joseph's primary feast day, he was given another one by Pope Pius XII as a memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Joseph was a carpenter, whose job required hard, manual labor. He also was faithfully obedient to God and uncessingly provided for and protected his family. He is a role model for all of us in our daily work and an intercessor for those seeking employment. This feast day is celebrated on **May 1. St. Joseph, Pray for us!** (*ref. EWTN.com*)

"Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily."

- St. Padre Pio

Gospel: John 10:1-10



## **FAMILY TIME**

At the dinner table, in the car, we talk about our faith, wherever we are!



This week's Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the gate for his sheep.

**LITTLE ONES:** The shepherd knows and cares for his sheep, so the sheep trust him and follow him. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He knows and cares for us. We are the sheep. We trust and follow him. We can pray: "Jesus, thank you for being our Good Shepherd. You know us by name, and you love and care for us. Amen."

**BIGGER ONES:** What makes a good, Christian leader? Christian leaders are sometimes said to model themselves after the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Having heard today's Gospel, what can you add to our list of traits of good Christian leaders?

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd & his sheep is like that of a parent & child. How does your family protect each other? (ref. Loyola Press)

## Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."



Play this puzzle online at : https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5494722/

## Let us learn...

"This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd." (loyalapress.com)



## The Little Lost Lamb

Miss Grethchen's new puppy aims to be a sheepdog, but it'll take a visit to the Big Ol' Barn & the wisdom of Shepherd Sam to teach us all the faithful care of the Good Shepherd. 20 min. Kids' Show on Formed



Five Ways! Here are five ways to help your family make prayer a priority! Read this handy list from Loyola Press.

**PRAY & DRAW:** "Repent and be baptized, every one of you" Today's First Reading tells of Peter and the other apostles proclaiming God's word and then baptizing 3,000 people who accepted Jesus Christ in one day! Can you create this image below as you picture this