

## Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3 (Good Shepherd Sunday) Alleluia!

Liturgical Color is White 1st Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41 2nd Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

Ps 23:1-3, 4-6 Gospel Jn 10:1-10

The Gospel of John is known for the seven "I am" statements which two are heard today: "I am the Good Shepherd" and "I am the gate for the sheep." (John 10). John tells Jesus' message to help us know Jesus as our Savior who laid down his life for us and who is our loving protector. When we put our trust in Jesus, we do not live in fear, worry or anxiety. It is fitting to memorize and pray "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want".

This day is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations.Use the prayer on the side with your family to pray for religious vocations as well as all vocations that serve God's people, especially the poor, the sick and the vulnerable.

## Celebrate @ Home Activities

Play a game of follow the leader.

Make a sheep craft.

Play "Find the Lost Sheep". Print the sheet of sheep, cut as many out as you would like to hide around the room or house. Have family members find the lost sheep Visit <u>vtaide.com</u> for the Teaching Kids about the Good Shepherd

Begin a discernment journal. Reflect on what your vocation might be. You may ask yourself - What am I good at? How do I best help others? What is God calling me to be or do in and for the world?

## Children's "Prayer to Know My Vocation"

God, my Father, you created me with a specific purpose for my life; this is my vocation. By following Your plan, I will be happy on Earth, earn the reward of Heaven, and help others do the same. Please help me to hear, understand, and follow Your call with my whole heart, especially when it seems most difficult. Mary, Mother of God and my Mother, pray for me to know and accept God's will for my life. Amen.

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## Links for More Ideas and Activities

Catholicicing - Ideas for lamb desserts.

Youtube - Make your own Journal.

Youtube video : What's My Vocation? Fr. Mike Schmitz. Ascension Press.



Thanks to the Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Syracuse for sharing these great ideas for families! Our website <u>RCfaithquest.syrdio.org</u> has many ideas for this holy season!

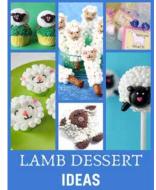




GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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**Cathedral with Bishop Lucia** 

and Fr. Jason Hage at 2pm



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World Day of Prayer for Vocation Awareness

