

The Good Shepherd

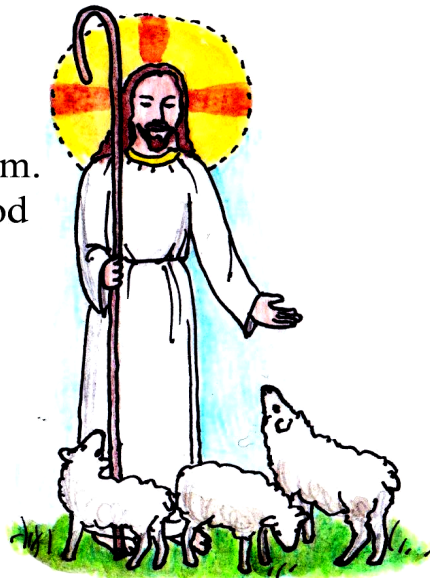


The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep

grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the men who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

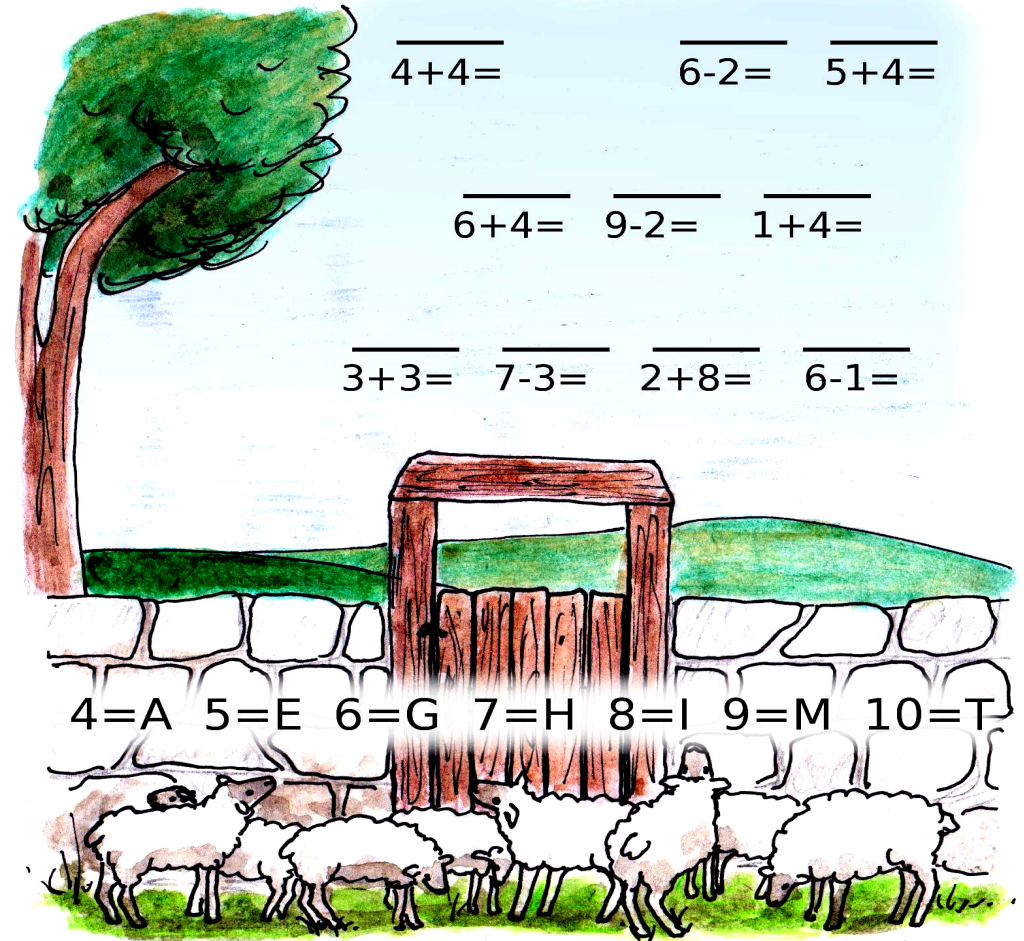
Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
know his voice.



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 2020

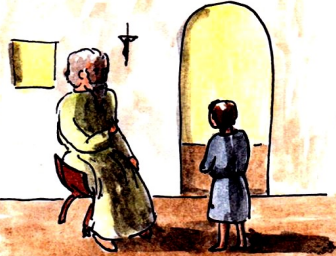


What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Saint Hilary of Arles

May 5

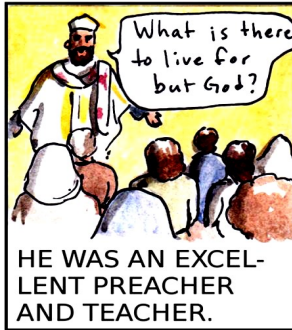
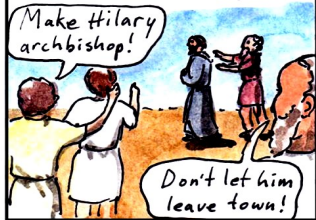
HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.



ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.



WHEN THE ARCH-BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.



EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANY BISHOPS.



HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.



ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

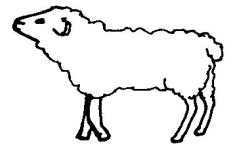
Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER
REALIZE
SPEECH
ENTERS

HIS
WILL
YOU
AMEN

THIEF
DRIVEN
CLIMBS
VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ¹²□, I say to ⁹□, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but ¹¹□ over elsewhere is a ⁵□ and a robber. But whoever ²□ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹□ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰□ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸□ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³□. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴□ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷□, the Pharisees did not ⁶□ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12