Our Good Shepherd

This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

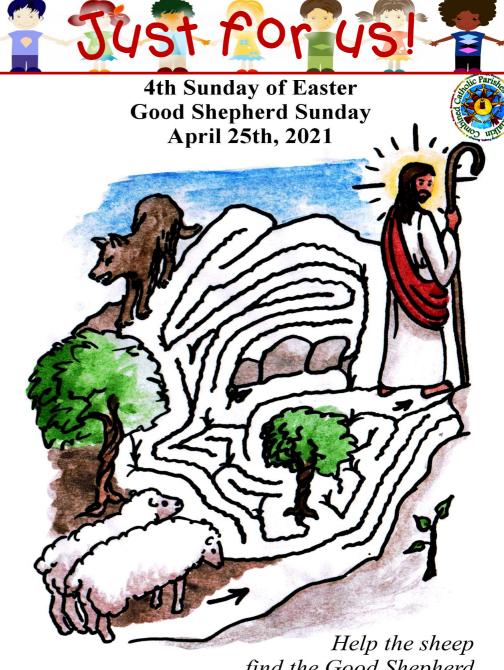
When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.

Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do.

Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be

happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!

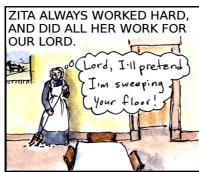
Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus



Help the sheep find the Good Shepherd and stay away from the hungry wolf!

Saint Zita April 30





AT FIRST THE OTHER SERVANTS AND THE FATINELLIS THOUGHT ZITA WAS PROUD.

She won't









ZITA WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD. SHE SPENT THE REST OF HER LIFE WORKING THERE AND DIED PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 60.

SAINT ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

Good Shepherd Word-Find



FOCONCERNLM
SCATTERSGLA
FJTLAYSNOTN
AECSOWHWOLF
TSHEPHERDEW
HUEEAIEUMAO
ESSSYRPNIVR
RJLIFEESNEK
SKNOWDUSESS

Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. 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 them 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.