

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD:

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



REFLECT

This week we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, also called Vocations Sunday. Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd. A shepherd looks after his sheep, keeps them safe, and knows each one by name. The sheep follow him because they know his voice.

God is like that with us. He loves us, cares for us, and calls each of us in a special way.

In the Bible, shepherds walked in front of their sheep, showing them the way. Jesus walks in front of us too, guiding us and helping us make good choices.

Today we think about vocation, which means the special way God calls us to live. God calls everyone: some to be priests, some to be sisters or monks, some to be married, and some to live as kind and generous single people. Everyone is called to use their gifts to help others.

God's call is not a secret we have to find. It is something deep inside us – where God's love meets the things we enjoy and the gifts we have.

Jesus wants us to be happy and to live life to the full. When we follow the path God dreams for us, we find real joy.

Let's take a quiet moment now. Think about this: How might God be calling you to live and love today?

LET US PRAY

Loving Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
You call each of us by name and lead us with gentleness.

Thank you for watching over us, guiding us,
and keeping us safe.

Help us to listen to Your voice in our hearts and
to follow You with trust and joy.

Teach us to care for one another, just as You
care for every one of Your sheep.

Bless our school today and always, and help us
walk in Your love and peace.

Amen.

MISSION

Today, we remember that Jesus knows each of
us by name.

He calls us every day to follow Him with love.

We will listen for God's voice,
use our gifts to help others,

and try to live the way Jesus teaches us.

We promise to be kind, caring, and ready to serve,
because God has a plan for every one of us.