

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

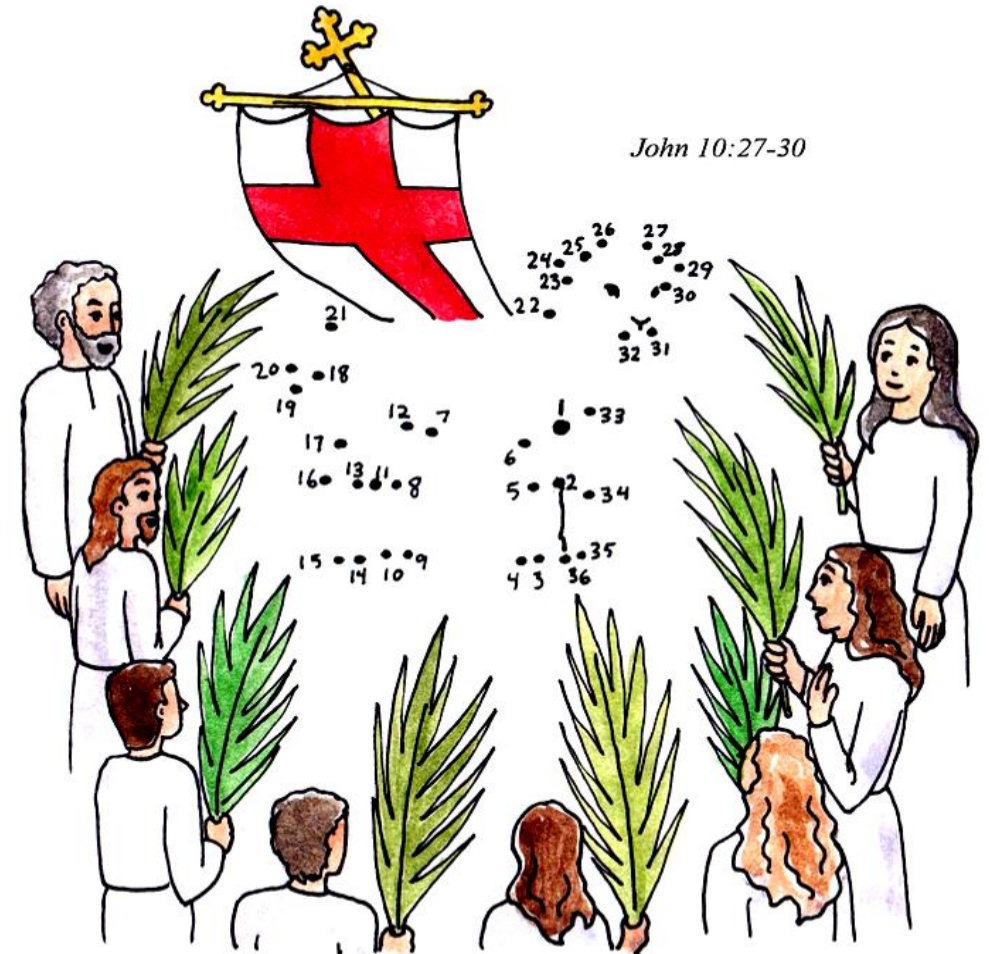
Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8th, 2022




In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.


Saint Damien of Molokai

May 10

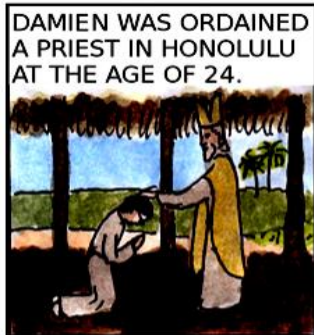
ST. DAMIEN WAS BORN IN BELGIUM IN 1840. HE HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AT 13 TO WORK ON THE FARM. EVERY DAY HE PRAYED IN FRONT OF A PICTURE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON OF MISSIONARIES.



HE JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT SICK, HE TOOK HIS PLACE ON A MISSION TO HAWAII.



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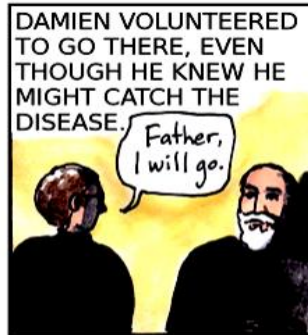


AT THAT TIME PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY WERE QUARANTINED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.



DAMIEN VOLUNTEERED TO GO THERE, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE MIGHT CATCH THE DISEASE.

Father, I will go.



HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE AND BUILT CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS. HE MADE LIFE MUCH BETTER FOR THEM.



FATHER DAMIEN GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND.

I'll come out this afternoon if I can.



ST. DAMIEN KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOLOKAI NEEDED GOD, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE DECIDED TO GO THERE EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE DEADLY DISEASE OF LEPROSY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE POOR OR SICK TODAY?

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.
Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus _____⁴ *John 10:27-30*
 "My sheep hear my voice;
 I _____³ them
 and they _____² _____⁷
 I give them eternal life;
 and they shall never _____⁸ _____.
 and no one can take them out of my _____¹².
 My Father, who has _____¹ _____¹⁰ them to me,
 _____⁵ _____⁶ than all,
 and no one can take _____⁶ _____
 out of the Father's hand.
 The _____⁹ _____ and I _____¹¹ one."

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| <i>FOLLOW</i> | <i>ME</i> | <i>FATHER</i> |
| <i>GIVEN</i> | <i>SAID</i> | <i>KNOW</i> |
| <i>PERISH</i> | <i>IS</i> | <i>HAND</i> |
| <i>GREATER</i> | <i>THEM</i> | <i>ARE</i> |

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