

St. Lawrence Faith Formation Newsletter

Sharing Faith... Home to Home



Pope Francis: The 'Greatest Reality' is God's Love for You, Not Past Disappointments

Pope Francis celebrates Mass on April 21, 2020. Hannah Brockhaus/CNA. In his homily, the Pope spoke about the restlessness of the heart, which thirsts for encounter with God. He said, "Here is the turning point: to stop orbiting your own ego, the disappointments of the past, the unfulfilled ideals, and so many bad things that happened in one's life. Move from thoughts about one's self to the reality of God," he urged. "Go on looking at the greatest and truest reality of life," he encouraged. **"Jesus is alive, Jesus loves you. This is the greatest reality.** And you can do something for others. It is a beautiful, positive, cheerful reality! According to Pope Francis, it is important to move past the "what ifs" of the past and thoughts like: "what if God had listened to me, if life had gone as I wanted, if I had this and that other thing..." Move to "yes," he urged: "yes, the Lord is alive, he walks with us! Yes, now, not tomorrow, and we are back on the road to announce it. Many times, we have heard that Christianity is not just a doctrine, it is not a way of behaving, it is not a culture," Francis stated. "Yes, it is all of this, but more important and first, it is a meeting. A person is Christian because he met Jesus Christ, he allowed himself to be 'met by him.'"

Pope: Letter and Prayers to All the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

"Rediscovering the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in May"
This is the reason that prompted Pope Francis to publish a letter and two prayers to Our Lady today to suggest to the faithful the devotion to Mary in the month of May, traditionally dedicated to the Mother of God. (Entire letter and prayers found at link below)

<http://asianews.it/news-en/Pope:-Letter-and-prayers-to-all-the-faithful-for-the-month-of-May-2020-49919.html>



Bishops of U.S., Canada will consecrate their nations to Mary on May 1

The U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops May 1 at 3:00 p.m. (EDT) in consecrating the two nations to the care of the Blessed Mother under the title "Mary, Mother of the Church." Each year, the church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. "We seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic," said Archbishop Gomez. The bishops are invited to join in from their respective dioceses and the Archbishop asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation.

Taken from Catholic News Service



PRINTABLE GUIDE To PRAYING the ROSARY

Want to pray the Rosary with your family? Try starting with a decade a day!

<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf>

50 Reasons why 50 TEENS PRAY with MARY— 3-MINUTE YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zPIKHLIYUM>



31 CRAFTS to Honor MARY and have some FUN!

<https://catholicprouts.com/31-crafts-for-mary-2/>



Create a Small Mary Garden

May 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
"Shepherd Me O GOD"

3-MINUTE GOSPEL
Reenactment YouTube Video



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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/050320.cf>

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

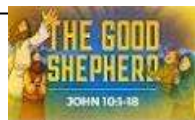


Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). There is a personal relationship between Jesus and his

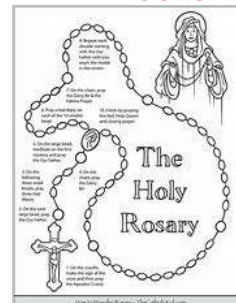
followers. Jesus knows each of us by name. On the other hand, we respond to his voice and do not follow the voice of strangers who may lead us to harm. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Unlike a hired hand who flees to save his life, Jesus saved his flock from the wolf even though it meant sacrificing his own life. The image of shepherds is that they are kind, loving, patient, strong, and self-sacrificing. And sheep, who can be rather foolish creatures, are a good symbol for us! † The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want! † Taken from LOYOLA PRESS /The Good Shepherd

FOR KIDS!

I Am The Good Shepherd 3-Minute YouTube Video
<https://youtu.be/ar732X9uO3I>



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<https://maryworksheets.com/free-printable-rosary-worksheets/>



<http://www.freefunestor.com/wp-content/uploads/FNF-Easter-Coloring-PG19.pdf>