

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 people 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!

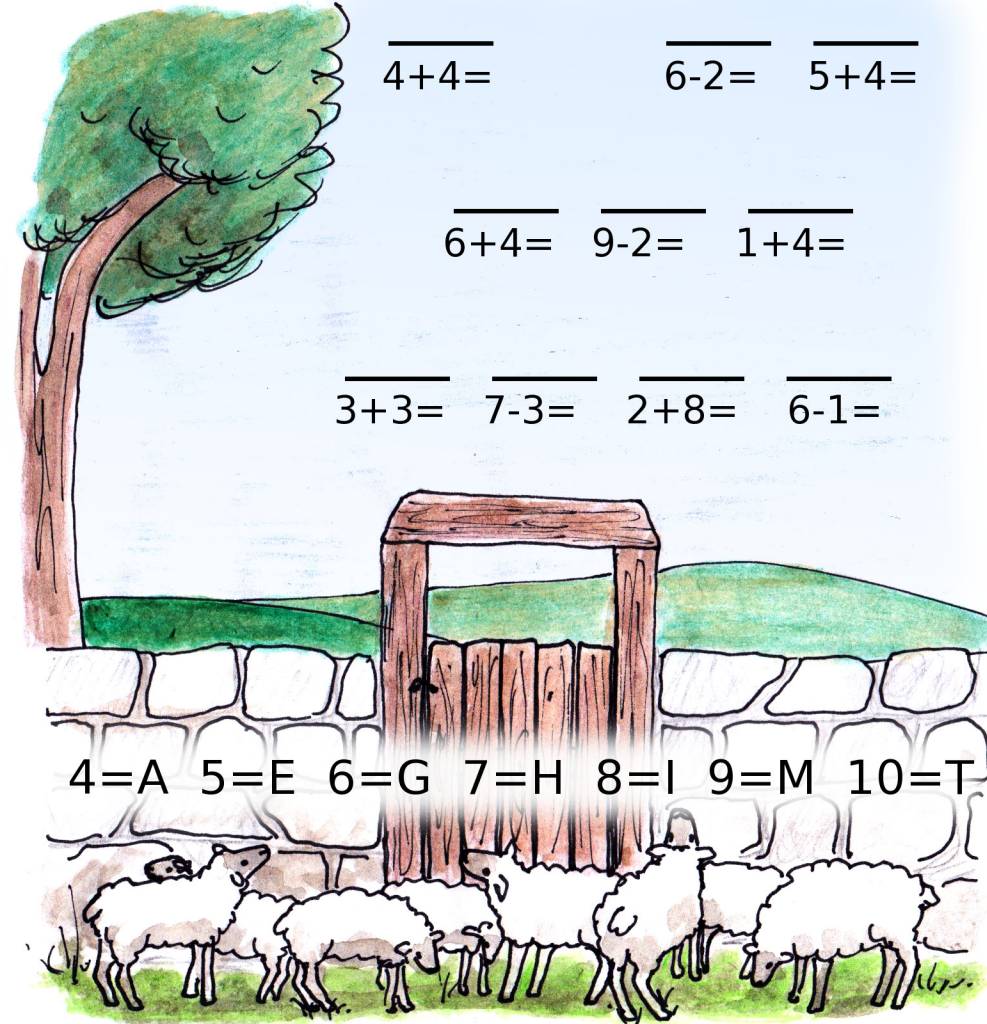
Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



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

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2026



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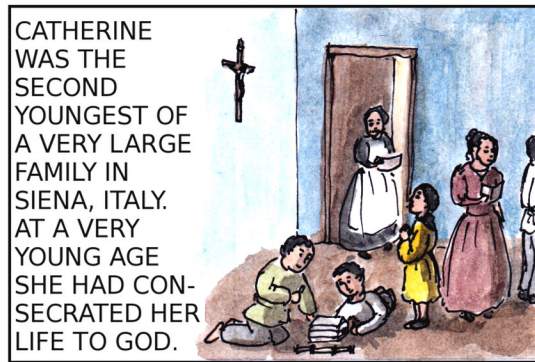
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4=A 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=M 10=T

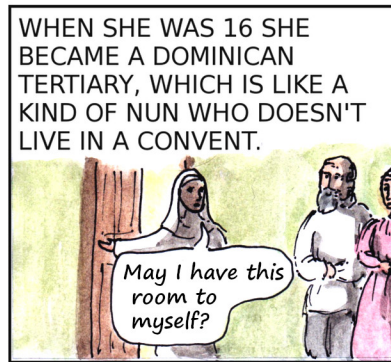
What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Saint Catherine of Siena

April 29



CATHERINE WAS THE SECOND YOUNGEST OF A VERY LARGE FAMILY IN SIENA, ITALY. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE SHE HAD CON-SECRATED HER LIFE TO GOD.



WHEN SHE WAS 16 SHE BECAME A DOMINICAN TERTIARY, WHICH IS LIKE A KIND OF NUN WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN A CONVENT.

May I have this room to myself?



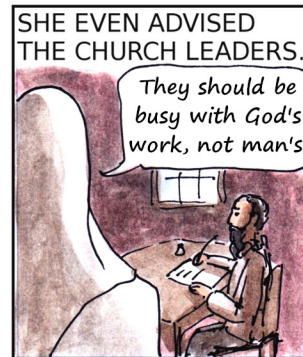
SHE RECEIVED MANY VISIONS OF JESUS AND THE SAINTS.

I want you to be my bride.



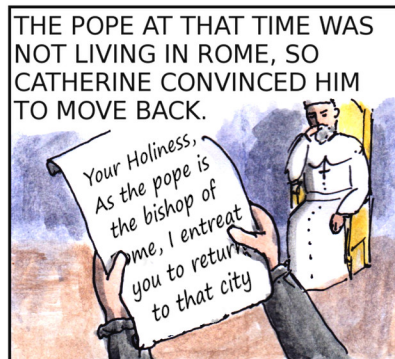
God is not pleased with this constant war.

CATHERINE BEGAN TO ADVISE PEOPLE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE PEACE IN ITALY.



SHE EVEN ADVISED THE CHURCH LEADERS.

They should be busy with God's work, not man's.



THE POPE AT THAT TIME WAS NOT LIVING IN ROME, SO CATHERINE CONVINCED HIM TO MOVE BACK.

Your Holiness, As the pope is the bishop of me, I entreat you to return to that city



Here! You shouldn't be sleeping in the cold!

THE POPE CALLED HER TO HELP HIM IN ROME, SO SHE WENT. THERE SHE ALSO CARED FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR. SHE DIED THERE AT AGE 33.

CATHERINE ALSO HAD GREAT PHYSICAL SUFFERING. OFTEN SHE LIVED ON ALMOST NO FOOD OTHER THAN HOLY COMMUNION. SHE RECEIVED THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST AND ASKED GOD TO LET HER CARRY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER AND DEFEND HIM.

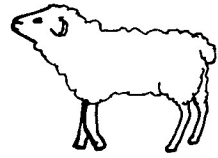
Fill-in-the-Blanks

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