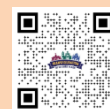
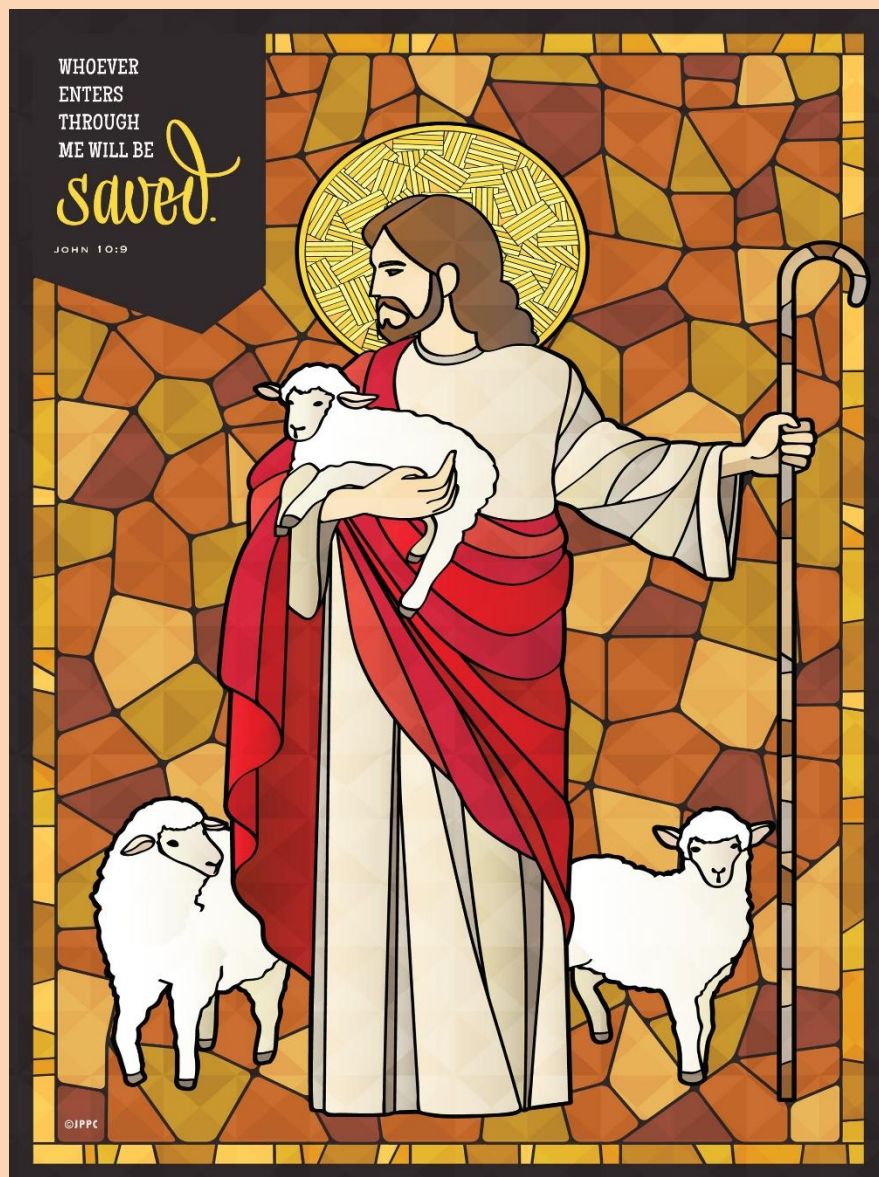


Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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Saint Mary Cemetery

Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent

Towne Street

North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760

(508) 695-1173 or email ripco@comcast.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service
Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/vsfaxatv>

Parish Office

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April 30 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	April 29 – Vigil
4:00 pm	Joseph Smith
Sunday	April 30
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	April 30
9:30 am	Lou Abdou
Sunday	April 30
11:00 am	Michael Croke
Monday	May 1
4:30 pm	Gene Pion
Tuesday	May 2
8:00 am	Bernice Prendergast
Wednesday	May 3
4:30 pm	Lynn Hawes
Thursday	May 4
8:00 am	

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May 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 6 – Vigil
4:00 pm	Mary & Charlie Sedlak
Sunday	May 7
8:00 am	Joseph Dery
Sunday	May 7
9:30 am	James & Patricia Bradley
Sunday	May 7
11:00 am	Claire & Alfred Benson

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Parish Contributions

Collection for April 15/16: \$9,877.19

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Monthly Adoration is offered on the *first Friday of every month (May 5 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with ending at 6 p.m. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Respect Life Group

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, *June 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mark rectory. Please note there is no meeting in May.* We hope you will join us as we implement our respect life vision in the parish. Please email or call Joanna Wissler wissler5@verizon.net or 508-243-5307 for more information. All are welcome!

Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day weekend, May 13/14, the Respect Life Committee will be offering silk roses to honor Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and all we love as Mothers. Roses will be available at the doors of the churches at each Mass. You may keep the rose or you may place it in a vase by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the remaining month of May. Each church will have a vase near the statue of the Blessed Mother for this purpose. A donation of \$1 is greatly appreciated to help support Mass Citizens for Life and to support mothers and children.

Rosary for Life

The Respect Life Committee of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life before the 4:30 pm Mass in Saint Mary church.

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

Learning to make friends and how to be a good friend are foundational skills taught at our Catholic schools. Our students are also taught how to develop a relationship with God as well - the most



important friendship we will ever need! Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School's Kindergarten is a child-centered program designed to establish a strong foundation for learning in the early years. SMSH provides a caring, Catholic learning environment – one that promotes cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development of all children. We invite you to learn more about our school's strong curriculum by visiting our website www.smshschool.com. If you want your child to attend a school that balances faith with education, consider joining the Saints community of learners.

Please Pray for our Deceased

Barbara Linfield

Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest always in the loving arms of God

Women's Guild Meeting

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. All women of the parish are invited to join us at the Lafayette House, 109 Washington St (Rte. 1) in Foxboro, for our Closing Banquet starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., the menu includes: Rolls and Butter, Garden Salad, Baked Stuffed Chicken or Baked Scrod, Potatoes, Vegetables, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$36 per person, please RSVP your dinner choice to Karen Smith (508) 212-7377 ksmith715@comcast.net or Diana Gray (508) 695-1143 dgraysix@yahoo.com on or before Friday, May 5, 2023. Hope to see you there!

Free Concert - Sunday, May 7 - 3:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Join early music ensemble *Le Note Diverse* as they present a program of vocal and instrumental pieces by women composers from 17th-century Italy. The program will feature works by Francesca Caccini, Isabella Leonarda, Barbara Strozzi, and Maddalena Casulana. The performers are Agnes Coakley Cox, soprano; Juan A. Mesa, keyed lyre; and Hideki Yamaya, theorbo and Baroque mandolin. This concert is free and open to all and is partially funded by a grant from the North Attleborough Cultural Council.

Abundant Hope

Did you know... A woman in an unplanned pregnancy needs tremendous love and support to make the brave decision to keep her child. Showing her that you will be there for her could make the difference in her decision to parent. If you or someone you know thinks she may be pregnant, please contact us at 508-455-0425 for compassionate and nonjudgmental care. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com



First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School is hosting a Clothing Drive sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation New England. Donations of clothing/shoes/linens can be dropped off outside of the Sacred Heart Church Rectory on May 6th & 7th from 9:00-11:00am. For a list of acceptable items, please visit epilepsynewengland.org/donations-center/acceptable-items. Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School thanks you for your support and donations!



Healing Mass

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is having a Healing Mass, sponsored by the Respect Life Committee, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 am. It will be held at Sacred Heart Church which is fully handicap accessible, including elevator. This Mass is open to all parishioners and their families who are in need of healing be it a physical, mental or emotional need. Jesus healed all maladies.

Those in need of assistance can be dropped off in the circle and use the ramp on the side of the church. We will also provide light refreshments after the Mass. We hope to see you there.

Find Your Vocation

Work in a Catholic school

The Diocese of Fall River Catholic schools are looking for committed people to be teachers, aides, nurses, and substitute teachers. Working in a Catholic school brings about great joy and satisfaction as each child develops his or her God-given talents. We encourage you to open your heart to these wonderful children and offer your time and talent.

*To find your next calling,
please go to*

**[catholicschoolsalliance.org/
job-opportunities](https://catholicschoolsalliance.org/job-opportunities)**

or call (508) 687-7301



82ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

“Do This in Memory of Me” – The 82nd Annual Catholic Appeal begins May 1.

“Do This in Memory of Me” is the theme of the 2023 Catholic Appeal. Feed the Hungry. Shelter the Homeless. Visit the Sick. Comfort the Sorrowful. You can practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and help our brothers and sisters in need, through your generous support of the 82nd Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal offers much-needed support to tens of thousands throughout our diocese: from Mansfield, Easton and the Attleboro’s, through the Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford areas, and extending all the way to Cape Cod and the islands. Where there is great need, our parish community can offer great hope. Please consider making your gift online by visiting www.GiveFRDiocese.org. You can also mail your gift or use one of the contribution cards located in church. Your gift of any size will make a difference for so many.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO “CATHOLIC APPEAL”.

Please do not make the check out to the parish. Please indicate “*Transfiguration of the Lord Parish*” on the donation card on the line “please credit the following parish with my gift”. This will enable your donation to be counted as a donation from our Parish. The Catholic Appeal Office will handle all contributions, and you are asked to mail your contribution directly to:

The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River
P.O. BOX 237, Kensington, CT 06037-0237.

Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent **unopened** to the address above.

Mark your calendars for these Diocesan events

For young people ages 14-17

**July
26-27**

Pro-Life Bootcamp

"Perhaps you were born for a time such as this" - Esther 4:14

Location:
LaSalette Retreat Center: 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703

\$150 per person includes:

- Two Day, One night Stay
- Meals and Snacks
- Speakers and Activities
- Closing Mass with Bishop da Cunha

RSVP by June 15th
dledoux@dioc-fr.org

For Parish, Catechetical, and Ministry Leaders,
Catechists and Volunteers

**September
9**

**Parish Leader
Convocation**

Bishop
Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. | Special Keynote

9 AM - 2 PM
St. John Neumann
East Freetown

Speaker & Registration
Announced Soon!

St. Julie's Catholic Women's Conference

On Saturday, May 20th at St. Julie Billiart Church,
North Dartmouth, the St. Julie's Ladies Guild is

hosting a Women's Conference from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. The Conference will feature speakers Laura Phelps, Jean Revil, and Liz-Cotrupi-Pfunder, morning

pastry, lunch, opportunity for Confession, Mass, Adoration, Living Rosary and Vendors.

Tickets are \$30. Access registration by clicking

<https://www.saintjulies.org/womens-conference/>

"And the Angel said to Her, Do Not Be Afraid" - Luke 1:30

St. Julie's Catholic Women's Conference

May 20, 2023 • 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. Julie Billiart Parish, Slocum Rd Dartmouth MA

Featuring:

Laura Phelps
Author & Speaker

Jean Revil
Parish Leader & Speaker

Liz-Cotrupi-Pfunder
Parish Leader & Speaker

Mass • Sacrament of Reconciliation • Adoration & Benediction
Living Rosary • Vendors

Register Online www.saintjulies.org

Price \$30.00 includes morning pastry and lunch
Complete program and information on speakers online

Hosted by St. Julie's Ladies Guild

*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

We Welcome!

On Sunday, April 23 we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: **Gabriella Maria Custodio**, daughter of Jessica & Evan Custodio and **Tatum John Foster**, son of Madison & Ryan Foster. Congratulations to Gabriella, Tatum, their parents, godparents, families and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

BAPTISM

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart Church (58 Church Street) Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor? If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Ciryak after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us! **Call for Assistance** If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information

Knights of Columbus

Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the rectory of St. Mark church. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net with any questions.



May 1 - 6

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH SFX & SECRETARIAT EVANGELIZATION

Mens MEAT N GREET

Team Events
Giant Cornhole (bags to be thrown with a catapult), Giant slingshot and potato cannon target shooting and a tractor pull.

Ticket price \$15.00

DINNER
Pulled Pork, Burgers, Hotdogs and Bacon*

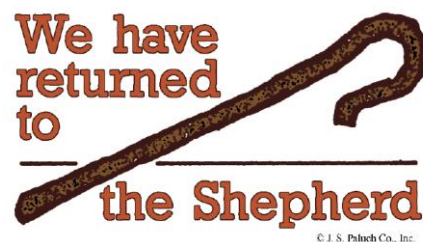
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Cathedral Camp
E. Freetown, MA
5-8pm

Special Guest
Tyler Rowley

In Need of a Shepherd

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

First Reading

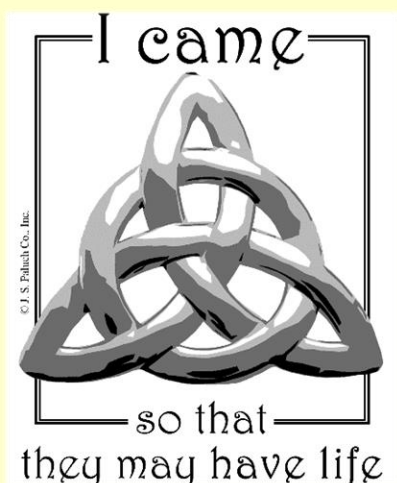
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives
me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD
for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

alleluia!
ALLELUIA!
alleluia!

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

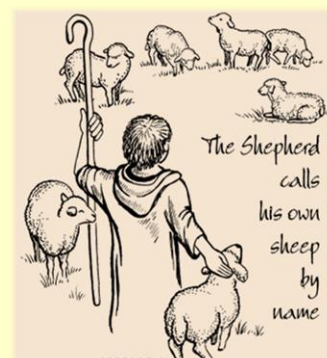
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



April 30, 2023 † Activity Page
"The Lord is My Shepherd"

