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The third of the three who call "Jesus the Good Shepherd" is the author of the gospel that refers to this shepherd figure in the parable of the lost sheep. The Good Shepherd is the one who enters through the gate to save his sheep. He knows his sheep and his sheep know him. They hear his voice and follow him. He is the effective leader of them because he is the voice of God. Jesus says that the shepherd is the one who is the gate. He not only enters in, he also leaves through that gate. Jesus is the only one who can lay down his life for his sheep. He is the only one who can go to sinners and seek and save that which was lost. Jesus is the only one who can enter into the fullness of eternal life. He is the one who can take us back into the fold, into the fold of God. 

Thus he gives that entrance into the presence of goodness and kindness. He calls each of us by name, knows our hearts, knows the intentions of our heart, and can guide us to do what's right. The Good Shepherd goes out of his way to protect and to care for us. We are his sheep, his flock. He knows his sheep. As his sheep he listens to the voice of the shepherd. He loves us and calls us back. It's a very joyous experience to travel to Italy and Ireland with Bishop Cumming, that several have already signed up for the third trip. The complete itinerary for our March/April trip is now available. With Bishop Venal and our Father Doug Lucia, we should be going to an amazing adventure! 

How can your parish and you welcome the sheep who need protecting? 

Reach out to someone who may be a silent person in need. Invite someone from our community. In vs. 7-10, the parable is further developed to show that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the only access to eternal life. But only in deep intimacy of love with the Good Shepherd, we enter through to share in "the pasture" of His divine life, the gift of salvation. 

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A CATHOLIC MUSIC GUY

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By Cindy Wooden
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In the beatification proclamation, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, said the late pope was "capable of giving his life for the faith like him," but also who helped Catholics be "more spiritual, more biblical and more centered on the word of God."

"Finally, we thank the Lord for having given us a pope like him," Cardinal Bertone said.

Many others in the crowds shared personal stories about Pope John Paul. "His example of prayer gave me so much confidence," said Sister Tobiana Sobodka, who ran Pope John Paul's household.

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Two months after the pope died, his condition worsened. "I felt something had changed in me, and I was hurt," she said. The crowd was carried in procession to the altar by Polish Sister Tobiana Sobodka, who ran Pope John Paul's household.

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Parsons, Joel Fontana, BreAnna Wright, Sheila Young, Ailica Nikka Sison, Killian Duc, Noah Murrock, Kayla Blair, Father Steven Murray, Deacon Michael Allan and Deacon Ed Miller.

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Blessed John Paul

By Cindy Wisdom
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Bishop announces new assignments for priests

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FR. MARK P. MCALPINE, current pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Indian Lake, has been named pastor of St. Paul’s Church in Black River and St. Rita’s Church in Deferiet will be taking a leave of absence due to health.

FR. STEPHEN H. GURKAT, current pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Plattsburgh, has been named administrator of St. John’s Church in Lyons Falls and St. Mary’s Church in Plattsburgh.

FR. JOHN A. MUNARES, pastor of the Church of the Visitation in Southwick, Mass., has been named administrator of St. Mary’s Church in Indian Lake with its mission of St. John’s Church in Lyons Falls.

FR. ALAN R. MULLEN, pastor of St. Paul’s Church in Inlet, has been named pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh.

FR. STEPHEN A. LYNCH, current pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh, has been named pastor of St. John’s Church in Plattsburgh.

FR. LAWRENCE J. DEMON, currently pastor of the Maltese Catholic Parish in Malone, has been named administrator of the Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph in Plattsburgh and不断完善雅典娜神庙。 currently pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Old Forge and St. Anthony of Padua Church in Inlet and St. Lawrence Parish, has been named administrator of Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh.

FR. ANTHONY D. RAYNER, currently pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Plattsburgh, has been named pastor of St. John’s Church in Plattsburgh.

FR. FRANCIS P. POLICAN, currently pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Plattsburgh, has been named pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Wells and St. James Major Church in Lake Pleasant.

FR. RONALD W. TERRALLO, currently pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Plattsburgh, has been named pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Lake Pleasant.

FR. DONALD M. MCWILLIAM, currently pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Plattsburgh, has been named pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Lake Pleasant.
The merry month of milestones

Welcome Spring

Today’s Gospel is a fusion of two parables. In the first parable (1:1-3a), there are two pastors who in order to try to entice the thief and the shepherd. In the second parable (1:5-16), the shepherd is the one who guides the sheep through the gate. In the first parable, there is an attempt to reach the thief through the gate of faith. In the second parable, the thief is guided by the shepherd through the gate of trust. In both parables, there is a message of salvation through faith and trust in the Lord. In the first parable, theGate of Faith allows entry into the church. In the second parable, theGate of Trust allows entry into the kingdom of heaven.

The second parable is the Gate of Trust. In this parable, the shepherd is the one who guides the sheep through the gate. The sheep, who are the people of God, are guided by the shepherd, who is the Lord, through the gate of trust. The gate of trust refers to the false shepherd who leads the sheep astray. In this parable, the shepherd is the one who guides the sheep through the gate of trust.

Today, the gate is the entrance to the kingdom of heaven. The Lord has opened the gate of trust to all who believe in Him. The gate of trust is the entrance to the kingdom of heaven, where the sheep, who are the people of God, are guided by the shepherd, who is the Lord, through the gate of trust. The gate of trust refers to the false shepherd who leads the sheep astray. In this parable, the shepherd is the one who guides the sheep through the gate of trust.
This Easter was different

By James Franke

“O happy fault, o necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer,” A refrain from the Book of Genesis, “from the Book of Exodus,” from “Baruch,” and so on. Standing in St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, these all too familiar words echoed through me, recalling the love story of salvation which we were all a part of. God came to meet us, redressing us from sin and death.

“This Easter is special because you made Lent special”

The reading then paused, and a single bell rang, followed by the final victory of the cross. The bored children roused up and looked about, their eyes trained on the crucifix, the melody grew louder and louder. The walls of the Cathedral were soon the only thing that seemed to be containing the majestic and mighty sound that can only be described as the musical equivalent of D-Day, the sound of heaven finally breaking through the veils of space and time.

As what to be the pinnacle of this heavenly sound, the angelic voice of the cantor began to sing, “Give glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His people on earth!”

This Easter was special because this Lent was different. It was different than any other I had ever experienced.

I was soon finishing an announcement that I realized just why this year was different than the rest, why it was special. With Christ dwelling within, I heard him say “This Easter is special, because you made this Lent special.”

Having been taught the importance of the Lenten season, it was only now that this learning was taking root in my heart from the core. In what had been without a doubt the most difficult Lent of my life, I was now seeing His Divine Wisdom behind it all. I had learned to begin as a simple prayer of wanting to live a radical Christianity, like that of the Apostles and Saints, became a six-week, life-changing Lent special.”

I had prayed that He would enter and radically change me, that He would enter my life, enter my heart in that same way. I prayed that He would enter and radically change my heart the way that He radically changed Jerusalem, changed the world, changed eternity! I would not be me anymore.

Jesus answered me, “Be a palm. Lay yourself down, and true will you find.” I responded, “Lord, what more can I give you?” The words, spoken thousands of years ago, are still true for the desert, through me. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Fearful, but fortified by Him, I began the week of Lent living on the Word of God. When I do not share the Scriptures were my food. When I was tired, the Eucharist kept me going. When I was in pain and suffering, wanting to quit, the glorious cross was my comfort and consolation. One week, water and the Word.

Physically empty but spiritually overflowing, everything was changing. His voice was louder as my ears were now fully His. His presence more clearly seen as distractions were being removed from my sight. His love stronger as my heart was no longer divided.

A Mastering of bodily sensations, of my passions, of my very being, was allowing me to freely and fully give of myself to the One who has deserved all of me for so long, to my Jesus. These Last Week took a few days of prayer and reflection, however once realized, I understood that He had entered my heart, my life, my heart, my very being, was allowing me to be emptied of myself, be utilized for so long... me, all of me, myself, and I authorized everything, everything.

I no longer had to do anything with nothing. The angelic voice continued through the veils of space and time, “For my house shall be filled with all a hungry man, and of every one that desires to!”

I was in pain and suffering, wanting to quit, the cross was made clearer, emptying oneself freely and fully give of myself to the One who desires to! A mastering of bodily sensations, of my passions, of my very being, was allowing me to be emptied of myself, be utilized for something greater than the self, a life lived for others, as Pope Benedict XVI said.

In being taught to master myself, my passions, my heart, of my soul, only this time, when I answer, we have room enough for Him to enter. In being taught to master myself, my passions, even my needs, I was able to draw closer to him, to make Him my passion, Him my only need.

In being taught to master myself, I was able to not do and not recommend this fact, of any kind, to anyone: as only God Himself can tell us what He desires of each of us, what we are able to bear, I do however share this with you: Do not fear.

Do not be afraid if the Lord calls you to some thing difficult, for it only means that He has something great in store for you. Never think that His will is to be great, to bear, for nothing is too great for Him.

Christ will be with you on the very step of your life, even running for comfort, for it is in our weakness that He is strong.

Now that this Easter is here, I will of course feast with the rest of my brothers and sisters in the resurrection of our Lord! He is risen and He is living! A cause for the most joyous of celebrations! However I know that when the Lord comes knocking again, which He will. He always does, I pray that I again have the strength to lay it all on the line, to put myself in, in order to be something that will continually draw me deeper and deeper into Him and His will.

Be His, completely His, and come to the new- born King of sinners and saviors, Happy Easter to you all.

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Why we pray...

Pope Benedict’sdm, who also is the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Ogdensburg, announced changes in assignments for 13 priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Under a banner of Blessed John Paul II still hanging on the walls of St. Peter’s Basilica, Pope Benedict launched a new initiative of aud ience talks about prayer. "The pope exported to Rome to learn more intensely our relationship with the Lord" through prayer, "I said. Even those very advanced in the spiritual life feel a constant need to look at ourselves in the school of Jesus to learn how to pray better.

Pope Benedict began the session by explaining that the answers of prayer can be found even in classical pagan cultures.