



April 29, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

Hello St. Mary's Family,

Bishop Doyle has continued the suspension of "at Church worship" for the time being. Check your email for your copy of the readings for this Sunday, and tune in on our website, www.ourstmarys.org Sundays at 10:00 AM for live worship services. (Click on "Worship" tab then "Live Media"). We will continue to keep you updated!

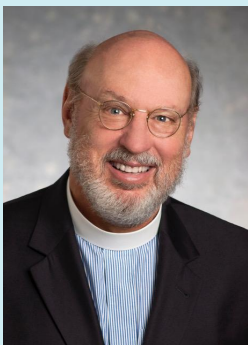
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020*

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

From Your Priest:



"Jesus As Gate"
John 10:1-10

We are taken back many centuries to the sheep-herding culture of the Middle East for Jesus's image of himself as "the gate." John tells us that Jesus used this 'figure of speech' but 'they' did not understand what he was saying to them. It might even be harder for us today, as we are long removed

from the days of the sheepfold. Still, there is a beauty and a power in the image Jesus provides for us.

We live in a time when our safety is on everyone's mind. We walk through enclosures with caution, wary of what is inside, or out. And we have not been able to come through the doors of the Church for some time. Doors, gates, ingress and egress have rather new meaning(s). So, might there be an opportunity to hear with our lesson with open hearts and from a new perspective?

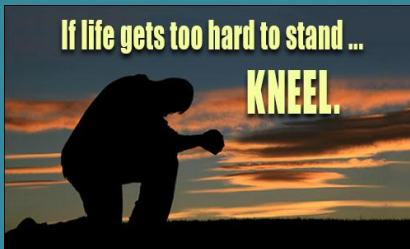
THINK ON THIS:



"Are you living life abundantly? You should be. That's why our precious Jesus came!" - Bill Shropshire , Poet Laureate, Friendswood, Texas.

"He is not the great 'I was.' He is the great 'I am.' He is not only a fact, but a living fact." -Abbott. Mrs. Charles E. Cowman, *Streams in the Desert*, 1925.

"I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly." **John 10:10**



Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen



Prayer List:

Larry & Becky Hart, Ricky Gilmore, Anne Brown, Jim & Pat Anderson, Alec Richardson, Katherine Mezger, John Smith, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy, & Rebecca.

May we remember that Christ came that we might have life.

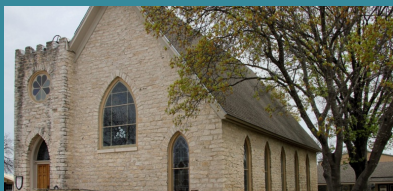
My sheep hear My voice, I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of My Hand. **John 10:27-28**

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