

## The one and only Good Shepherd

In order to better understand the Good Shepherd discourse in John 10, it behooves us to know the four things that a shepherd does: to watch, protect, feed and care for the sheep.

Why do sheep need to be watched? Sheep have a tendency to follow the leader and gather together for safety, but they can also wander off and become lost. Therefore, a shepherd has to watch and guide the sheep to keep the flock together.

Why do sheep need to be protected? Sheep are easy prey for predators like wolves and coyotes. When there is looming danger, a shepherd alerts the sheep and guides them to safety.

Why do sheep need to be fed and watered? Like other herd animals, sheep need access to green pasture; for the same reasons above, sheep in particular need to be led to pasture and be moved to new pastures as needed.

Why do sheep need to be cared for: Sheep generally require a higher level of maintenance than other livestock. For example, the sheep's wool need to be sheared regularly to prevent overheating and other problems.

The Good Shepherd discourse in John 10 is a continuation of the conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees which resulted after Jesus' miraculous healing of the man born blind on the Sabbath. The Pharisees gave no help to the man born blind, and after he was healed, they would not accept his testimony that it was Jesus who healed him. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27) The



Pharisees heard the voice of Jesus, but they didn't believe in Him. Jesus said to them, "You do not believe, because you are not among my sheep." (John 10:26) On the other hand, the blind man heard the voice of Jesus; he believed in Him and he followed Him.

In the Good Shepherd discourse, Jesus likens the Pharisees to hired hands who have no concern for the sheep (cf. John 10:13). The comparison between the Pharisees as hired hands with Jesus who cares for the sheep with an owner's devotion is clearly illustrated in how the blind man was treated. Jesus treated the blind man with compassion, but the Pharisees talked down on the blind man and expelled him from the synagogue.

The Good Shepherd discourse steps up to another level when Jesus reveals that He is not only one of the good shepherds, but that He is the one and only Good Shepherd. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:14-15) No shepherd, no matter how good, could offer a sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins like Christ. But Jesus, the one and only Good Shepherd, has done this by dying for our sins as the Son of God. The reason for this ultimate sacrifice is, in the words of Jesus, so that the sheep may never perish and have eternal life. (cf. John 10:28)

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, May 11th, we will celebrate the Mass for the feast day of Our Lady of China. At the same time, we will honor our mothers on this Mother's Day with a special blessing and a beautiful rose.

Attention to our newly baptized brothers and sisters: we will have our Mystagogia class this Sunday at 12:30pm.



The date for our Spring Garage Sale will be on May 24 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Please check if you have clothes, household and gift items in good condition to donate. You may start bringing donated items any time before May 17. Please sign up with Daisy if you can help during the garage sale.



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Our church will hold a week-long Eucharistic Renewal event from June 18 to June 24, 2025. Our invited guests include Most Reverend John Lee Juo-wang, Bishop Emeritus of the diocese of Tainan, Taiwan and Fr. Francis Ching of the Companions of the Cross based in Toronto, Canada, as well as a Chinese band led by Mr. Jianren Zhu from Los Angeles. Come, participate and make the most of that week with our special guests. They are coming to Atlanta especially for you, in order to inspire and deepen

your devotion to the Eucharist!

### We have a new Pope!

On May 8, Cardinal Robert F. Prevost was elected as the new pope in the Vatican. He is the 267th successor of St. Peter and he took the name of Pope Leo XIV. He is the first Pope from North America.



A native of Chicago, he is an Augustinian friar who served much of his life as a missionary and bishop in Peru before he was appointed as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome.

His first words were: "Peace be with you all!" He also said, "We have to seek together to be a missionary church. A church that builds bridges and dialogue." He then quoted St. Augustine: "For you I am a bishop; but with you I am a Christian."

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		