



# CONSOLATA SHRINE

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### FIRST READING

**Acts 4:8-12**

*“There is no other name by which we must be saved.”*

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Peter filled with the Holy Spirit said, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 118:1. 8-9, 21-23. 26. 28. 29**

**R. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone**

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in man;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you, for you have answered,  
and you are my saviour.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. You are my God, I praise you. My God, I exalt you. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. **R**



\*Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.' John 10:11

## SECOND READING

**I John 3:1-2**

*“We shall see God as he is.”*

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint John**

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



**Alleluia, Alleluia**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own, and my own know me.



**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

**John 10:11-18**

*“The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.”*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

At that time: Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father.”

### **Reflection: The Shepherd’s Voice by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.**

Jesus, in today’s Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood. His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel. And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father. In today’s First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church. Peter tells



Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple, that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church. Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks, and forgives sins, and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that will continue

until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd. In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them. Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

### **Announcement**

1. During Easter we normally give Easter dues, due to the current situation you can channel your Easter dues through:
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  - or Bank account no: 002215001004856 – ABC Bank, purpose Easter dues.

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