Our Gospel Value this week is Courage

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Our Virtue this week is Fortitude



We gather together to love, value and respect each other within our Catholic family, to nurture each individual's talents and skills as Jesus taught us.

Everyone matters and is loved by God.

Peace be with you and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world

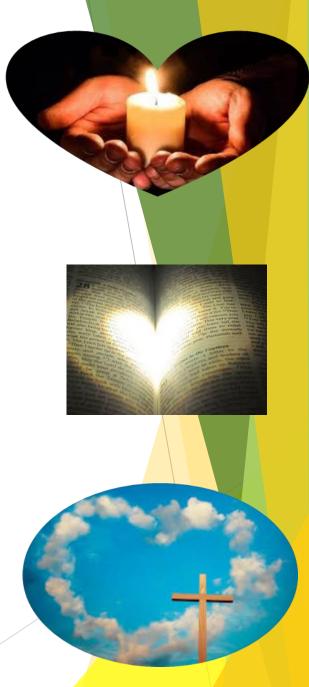
... shine brightly in our lives

Jesus Christ God's living Word

... speak to us your truth

Jesus Christ God's love revealed

... dwell among us



Our lit candle reminds us that we are in God's presence as we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

We Say Sorry

You call us to love one another Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You make us all children of God Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You invite us all to call God our Father Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Today we are going to hear Jesus tell a story.

He calls himself the good shepherd, who cares for his sheep. This story shows us that Jesus knows and cares for all people.

Let's think about how we can care for all people too, no matter where they are in the world. Loving God, you know us and care for us. Help us to remember that all people are loved by you no matter who they are, and to care for others in the world as you do.

Amen

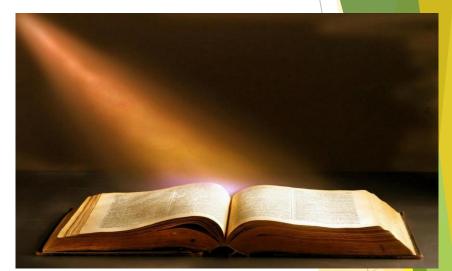
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We listen to the word

Gospel according to John 10:11-18

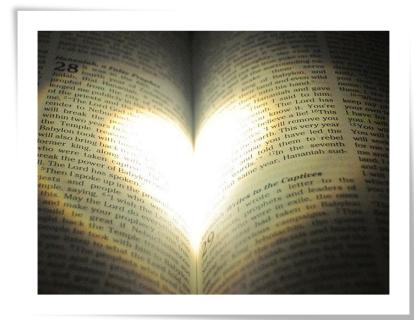
May the words of Jesus be
On my mind
On my lips and
In my heart

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



What do you remember from today's reading?



Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, who carefully looks after his sheep.

Why do you think Jesus calls himself a shepherd?

Who do you think the sheep are that Jesus talks about in this story?



When he says sheep, Jesus means us, because he cares for us and for all people around the world.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves and cares for you that much?



If a wolf came to attack the sheep in a field, someone who did not care about them would run away, and the sheep would scatter. But Jesus loves his sheep so much he is prepared to die to save them from danger!



Sometimes it can be very difficult to stop someone or something that we do not like or that we know is wrong. We might be afraid that we will be hurt or laughed at.

Have you ever felt like running away and hiding instead of standing up for someone? What happened? What did you do?

There are many things that happen in the world that are not right. Can you think of some?



There are people around the world who have been forced to leave their homes because of fighting.

There are people who do not have enough food to eat or clean water to drink.



There are children who have to work and earn money to help support their families instead of going to school.

Do you think this is fair?

How does this make you feel?



Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult.

He wants us to stand up for what we believe in and know to be right.

Jesus loves everybody the same amount, no matter where in the world they are from.

How do you think we can do the same and show our love for everybody throughout the world?



In silence, pray for each other - that God will be with all of us.



We know that Jesus is our shepherd who cares for us and listens to us, and so we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may follow Jesus' example of love and care for their people.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer We pray for all members of our global family: that we may see that God loves us all equally and treat each other as we would wish to be treated.

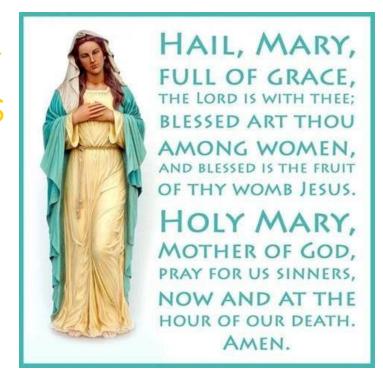
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our school, parish, families and friends: that we may not run away when things are hard, but instead look for what we can do to make the world a fairer place for everyone to live.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer We take a moment now to pray for our own intentions

We ask Our Lady to intercede on our behalf as we say together



Loving God, help us to love and care for all your people throughout the world and to work together to make the world a better place.

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

you follow Jesus this Meeks

In the week aheadlet's ...

- stand up for what you know is right
- show your love for your global family

Jesus, I offer my day to you Jesus, I offer my day to you Jesus, I offer my day to you

Let us go in peace Thanks be to God

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