

Dear Padre,

Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?

Biblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.

Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



Calendar

- Monday**
APRIL 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday**
APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday**
APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday**
APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday**
APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday**
MAY 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday**
MAY 2
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18



*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead...
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.*
JOHN 10:16

The Good Shepherd

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and

deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?*
- ★ *Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?*



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because "pastor" means shepherd. As shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep, the people of the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd — the one whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. In today's Gospel Jesus introduces himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort — Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us — and a double challenge: to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and *good sheep* in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is *the Priest* in the full sense because He is the *one* mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
04/26	Monday	No Mass Today		
04/27	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Mike Wrage
04/28	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
04/29	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Albert & Mary Lou Weitzel
04/30	Friday	11.00 AM	Bayard	Funeral Mass of Vincente Raco
05/01	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For the grand kids of RJ & Kate Waite
05/02	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Mary Turek
05/02	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Graduation & May Crowning

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

Confirmation - Retreat

May 2, Sunday,
4.00 PM – 8.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$395.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$116.00
SUBTOTAL	\$511.00
CATHOLIC HOME MISSION	\$10.00
RICE BOWL	\$152.64
TOTAL	\$673.64
WEITZEL MEMORIAL	\$300.00
HEAT/AC	\$50.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

Stations of the Resurrection

April 25, Sunday,
5.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$460.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$35.00
SUBTOTAL	\$495.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$495.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$2915.00
BALANCE	\$1,992.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

May Crowning

May 01, Saturday,
5.30 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$715.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$147.35
SUBTOTAL	\$862.35
MASS STIPEND	
EASTER	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$962.35
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6434.00
BALANCE	(\$298.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

