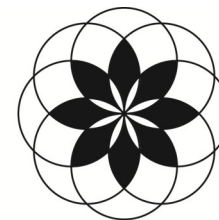


**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

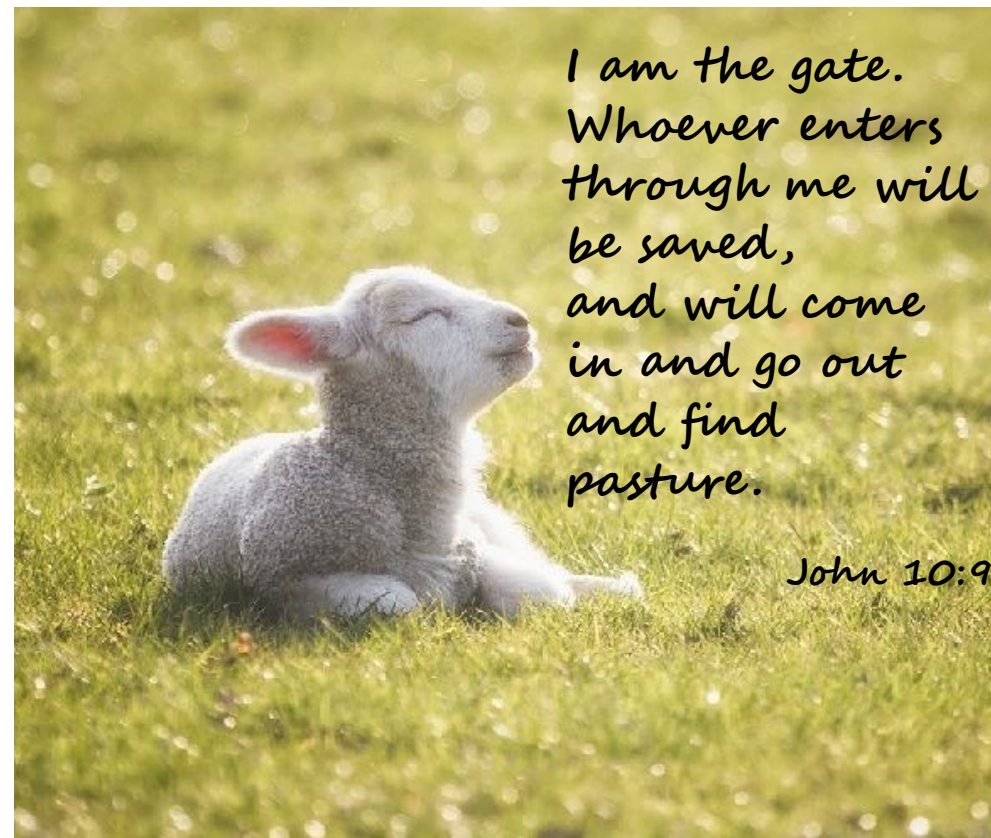


**ST. ANN'S**  
COMMUNITY

*at Cherry Ridge*

*“Love transforms you  
into what you love.”*

~St. Catherine of Siena (Feast Day Apr 29)



*I am the gate.  
Whoever enters  
through me will  
be saved,  
and will come  
in and go out  
and find  
pasture.*

*John 10:9*

**Pastoral Care Team for Cherry Ridge**

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| <b>Rose Callea – Pastoral Care Director</b>               | <b>697-6446</b> |
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| <b>Jack Ruppert – Spiritual Care Advocate</b>             | <b>697-6447</b> |
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| <b>Jennifer Abdalla – Per diem Past. Care Coordinator</b> |                 |
| <b>Father Ted Auble – Resident Priest Chaplain</b>        |                 |
| <b>Deacon Mark Bovenzi</b>                                |                 |



**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
**Week of April 26th, 2026**

**Sat. (Apr. 25th) Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**4:00pm** Carmella & John Carlevatti  
and Mike & Rose Giannavola  
—Daughter, Patty

**Sun. (Apr. 26th) Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**11:15am** Barbara Ferguson on the Anniv. of Her Birth  
—The Family

**Wed. (Apr. 29th) St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor**  
**10:30am** Bernadette Stebler—John

**Sat. (May 2nd) Anticipated Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**4:00pm** Rita Scheg— Bernie Lasher & Family

**Sun. (May 3rd) Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**11:15am** Rev. John B. Crowley



Dear Friends,

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his story about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling us that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep.

*In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that there is only one way to abundant life and that way is through him.*

*Have a Blessed Easter Season! ~ Rose*