

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Readings: 1) Acts 4:8-12 2) 1 John 3:1-2 3) John 10:11-18

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: It is in and through Jesus alone that we can attain salvation.

Our world often tells us that we should be strong, secure and self-sufficient on our own.

We may be able to do this in certain areas of our lives, but not when it comes to salvation.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is our strength, our protection and our salvation.

In the first reading, Peter says, *there is no salvation through anyone else* but Jesus. In the reading from the First Letter of John, we are called children of God. In the Gospel, Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd, and he will lay his life down for us, his sheep.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Knowing that Jesus is the Good Shepherd,
let us bring before him our prayers and petitions.**

For Pope Francis and all leaders in the Church,
may they continue to witness with the heart of the Good Shepherd.
We Pray to the Lord.

For the work of civil servants may be blessed and
bring benefit to the people they are called to serve.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those sick in body, mind or spirit,
may they be graced by the gift of courage.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all our beloved dead;
may they enjoy eternal rest along with the saints and angels in heaven.
We Pray to the Lord.

For this worship community,
may we model the love, mercy,
and compassion of God to all whom we meet.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions,

**PRIEST: Lord God, you never abandon us or lead us astray.
Please provide for us today by answering our prayers,
for we ask them through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**