



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

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Dear Parishioners,

When we were children, we played games. One such game was “follow the leader.” One person was designated the “leader” and the others “followed.” There were few other leaders in our circle of friends than “the one” we tried to emulate. As adults, we see many leaders: mayors, governors, senators, congress people, religious leaders, medical experts, and so on. Who do we look to? In this time of pandemic, it can be particularly confusing when some of those leaders disagree with one another.

But we are an Easter people who celebrate that we have been baptized into the Body of Christ, the Church. Just as in the secular world there are many who “shepherd” and some who “follow.” There are also those who “scatter” as they clamor to shepherd but do not know the pasture of God’s grace. Who do we turn to? There are some who turn to the voice that sounds soothingly good and doesn’t challenge or call for growth. There are some who follow the prevailing thought with no basis in wisdom. There are some who remain lost either by choice or by being lukewarm, unable to choose, ever standing at the buffet of free will. And, those who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and choosing to follow, feeling secure even when alone, isolated or confined.

In our journey we can become imprisoned by our own thoughts or confined by our own limited understanding of grace. The Good Shepherd leads us through these times, but we need *to listen and hear* His voice. In a world of many competing voices: **WE** must *listen and hear* His voice and follow Him. Be comforted and **know** the Good Shepherd!

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark

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