

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36–41 † 1 Peter 2:20b–25 † John 10:1–10



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The image of a shepherd is very consoling in these challenging times. A shepherd cares, loves, searches and returns lost sheep to the flock. Many of us feel separated from each other and from our “normal life.” We long for the day when we can be back together in the flock!

“I will give you shepherds according to my heart
who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”
—Jeremiah 3:15

Pope Francis has a tremendous responsibility and concern in being our chief shepherd during this pandemic. In his homily for Divine Mercy Sunday (2020), he addresses the danger beyond sickness and death from the coronavirus.

He warns of a worse disease, that of selfish indifference. “The thought that everything is better if it is better for me and everything will be fine if it is fine for me.”

May the image of an inclusive flock, all loved and cared for by the one loving, true shepherd, be our consolation and may we “suffer” from an excess of loving and caring.