



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Weekly Reflection



Fourth Sunday of Easter SAINT PETER: EXAMPLE FOR ALL What an extraordinary example we have in the person of Saint Peter. On this Good Shepherd Sunday it is fitting that the first reading draws our attention to the "rock." The scene depicted in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles contains an example that can be useful to all of us, whether ordained or lay. Notice that after the miracle of the curing of the crippled person, Peter immediately turns everyone's attention not to himself, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we are called to do when we experience the presence of God in the struggles of our own Christian journeys. Like Saint Peter, we can let other people know that it is only through the power of Christ within each of us that we are able to embrace the cross and experience the power of the Lord's resurrection. ROOTED IN BAPTISM Today gives us the opportunity to take the time to pray for those who lead us in ordained ministry. In this time of crisis in the Church, our bishops, deacons, and priests need our support as they continue to embrace their vocation to do as Saint Peter did-to point others to the Lord. Since all vocations are rooted in the sacrament of baptism, it is good for us to remember that it was at the moment of our baptism that we became Christ for others. Each of us is called to become more and more like the Good Shepherd as we learn to live out our baptismal call. As we make our way along the Christian journey, we need nourishment and guidance from those appointed to be our shepherds. We need to pray that God will strengthen those who have become weary. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray especially for the ordained and all those called to point us to the Lord.

