

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

In the Kingdom of North Philadelphia

"The Kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21

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"The Lord is my Shepherd" ... Psalm from Mass today



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A word from 2340...

We are not a very trusting country right now. Our country is very divided. There are even serious divisions in our beloved Church. All the messages on TV, in the movies, in music, in newspapers, magazines, social media, - they all tell us to be suspicious and careful. They tell us to expect that someone is out to deceive us, trick us, rob us, manipulate us, exploit us. Don't trust. Then there is Jesus in today's readings, telling us he is our shepherd. He wants us to trust him. That can be very hard. He even uses the image of sheep, who follow their shepherd without even knowing where he is taking them, they trust him so much. Trust Jesus? Of course. This is the One who was dead, but came back to life. This is the One through whom everything was made. This is the One who healed so many people of illness, disabilities, even evil spirits that dogged them. This is the One who walks on water, is transfigured on the mountain, who touches hearts as no one else can, and forgives sins. Of course, trust Jesus. Even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, it is especially important to trust Jesus. These days we often hear that God is trying to tell us something. Maybe his message is tailored for each one of us: but also, maybe there is a message for all of us: we have all learned how much we depend on one another's kindness, and how much control we do not have, that we thought we had. So, indeed, it is time to trust Jesus, more than before.

Join Father Thorne on ZOOM for Bible Study...Monday, May 4, 2020, 6:30 pm

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