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Dear Parishioners

The gospel this Sunday hopefully reminds us that, even in this pandemic, Jesus is still our good shepherd and will be with us, no matter what. John 10. 1-18 is so tender as he says, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full... I know my own and my own know me." If we could sit quietly with these words, I'd wager that our anxiety level would decrease and we might, at least sometimes, actually feel ourselves held in the arms of our Good Shepherd. As today's gospel reminds us our Shepherd knows us and, amazingly, loves us as we are. Psalm 23, which we hear so often at funerals also offers us much comfort in times of stress.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6. 1-7 relates the choosing of the first deacons. Their first task was the equitable distribution of food to those in need in the community. Isn't that the task of most mothers, even though now in many families, such tasks are divided more equally between both parents of young ones? And in this time of the pandemic, isn't the distribution of food a major concern with so very many adults unemployed? Food is obviously a necessity and also a great sign of love and concern. Witness the response of corporations to the sight of some produce being destroyed due to distribution difficulties while food banks were running out before serving those in need.

Communities have always responded to need and our Church, state and city officials have as well. If you or someone you know didn't receive the City of San Bruno Special Covid-19 Resource Guide, it can be found at sanbruno.ca.gov/Coronavirus. Our Community Foundation can be reached at community@sbcf.org.

You can find the scripture readings for each day at www.usccb.org, the website of our National Bishops' Conference and the publishers of Give Us This Day, a monthly reflection booklet with the daily readings are offering them for free online at GUTD.org. Meanwhile, let us pray for each other, greet our neighbors from a social distance and keep in touch with those who may be lonely or having difficulty at this time. God will be with us as always.

Sr. Sheral