

**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John
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HOLY GATE



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus speaks about a gate. That image might remind us of the doors of our churches, for like a gate, they let people in and out. Sadly, at the present time those doors are shut tight.

Those doors normally allow people to enter the church so they can pray with their fellow Catholics. Those same doors let people exit so they can go forth to glorify the Lord by their lives of love and service.

The doors of our church are not only functional. They can serve as powerful reminders of the one who

brought us into the church, and the one who sends us out through those doors to share his Gospel with all people.

As Jesus explains, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

Jesus is the gate that brings us into a new relationship with the Father, and the gate that can lead us to a richer life today, and eternal life tomorrow. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The next time we pass through the doors of our church, which we pray will be soon, we might remember the words of Jesus, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved."

May the Risen Lord continue to bless us with his presence and peace during this Easter Season!

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