

# Sister's Spin

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During this Easter Season (yes, it is still the Easter Season) the Church focuses on the Resurrection for 40 days and not too much emphasis is on the saints of these days. But for some odd reason, my mind has been on lambs. Now, being a city girl, even after all these years working in rural places, I don't know much about lambs. But at Easter, lambs seem to abound all over the place. I remember how my mom would buy a "butter lamb" to put in the Easter Basket along with all the special foods we had blessed on Holy Saturday. I always wanted her to buy one of the Lamb Cakes that were in the bakery windows--not so much for the cake, but for the delicious white fluffy frosting that covered these cake animals, but she never did--they were on the expensive side. In researching lambs, I found out they are gentle, have fluffier wool than sheep, and stay close to their moms. Lambs feature in the Scripture, too. John the Baptist calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and Jesus tells Peter "Feed my lambs". At Mass we are invited to "Behold the Lamb of God" to accept the invitation to the "...supper of the Lamb..." just before we walk up to receive Holy Communion. It is a lamb that the Good Shepherd goes out to find and rescue and carries home on his shoulders. Thinking about lambs can be a good thing when one realizes that Jesus was called one and seemed to have a great love for them. While I never got to enjoy one of those lamb cakes, a better memory is that I am one of those lambs God cares about--not just in the Easter Season, but always.

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