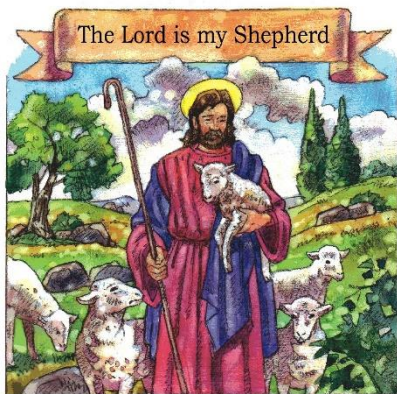


Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020



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He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
— 1 Peter 2:24a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm — Psalm 23

Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel — John 10:1-10



Teresa Kemp, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, John Laughlin, Helen Machost, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith, Brenda Williams, Alexander Young **5/3**; Steve Kennedy, Bill Singletary, Roger/Vickie Venable and Family, David Alcorn, William Gipson, Gabriel Rigby, Gwen Roberson, Terrance Ruhland, Barbe Trudeau **4/26**; Eva Jean Davis, Jodie Lencock, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Frank/Linda Develle, James Doddridge, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Lindsay Harwood, Steve Musil Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie **4/19**; Glynn and Tonya Long, Rita Reed, Betsy Carraway, Eugene Humphery, James Lee, Jr., Charity Long, Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Bill Rush, Lillian Stachura, Epigenia Tartinez, Vince/Sissy/Codi Warren, Wendy Williams **4/12**; **Homebound/Nursing Homes**: Rosemary Anderson, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Kenny Evans, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich; **Priests/Religious**: Brian Carroll, Dan Gallagher, Sam Messina, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will appear for one month.**

PRAYERS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDS, PT'S AND ALL THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES CARING FOR ALL WITH COVID-19!



Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P.

Collins, Nathan Darnell, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Linding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman and Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on our military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly \$6,000.00

Due to unforeseen illness, will have 2 weeks' worth of \$ breakdown this coming week.

Thank you for your understanding.

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May Month of: Our Mother Mary

DAILY READINGS:

Saturday, May 2 – *St. Athanasius; First Saturday*

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter;**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;

Jn 10:1-10

Monday, May 4 –

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5 – *Cinco de Mayo*

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6 –

Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7 – *National Day of Prayer*

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 –

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 – Connor Pollard Birthday Intention

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter** –

Billy Hutchins

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

—Anonymous

Please pray for the repose of the souls:



† *Ursin Oubre, Jr.* – brother of Liz Coleman

† *Vince Graef* – former parishioner and husband of Connie Graef

May they rest in peace, and may

their families find comfort and consolation in the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Question of the Week:

How is the Good Shepherd calling me?
For what do I need to seek forgiveness so
I can be reunited with the flock?

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Picture a lush meadow with a large flock of sheep enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. This first Sunday in May, situated right in the middle of spring, may lend itself to such daydreams. But this is no daydream for we indeed are part of a flock with a devoted shepherd, one who calls us each by name and invites us to have life and have it more abundantly. Let us join together today in prayer, joy and gratitude.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

The image of sheep dominates the readings today. The early church was just a fledglings flock when Peter's testimony inspired thousands to "repent and be baptized." Later, Peter commends the sheep for returning to the care of the shepherd after they had gone astray. In the Gospel, Jesus begins the story of the Good Shepherd. "The sheep hear his voice," he says, and follow him. Let us listen for this voice in today's readings.

ENTRANCE

How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in? —*Oscar Wilde*

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

May 3

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). —*Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*



May Prayer Intentions of

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis



Universal Evangelization: for Deacons –

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and to the poor, may be an invigorating sign to the whole Church.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:

***Vaccine and Cure for the Coronavirus-19
and Peace in the World!***

MUCH-NEEDED LOVE

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it. —*Anonymous*