## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

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

### **Mass Intention**

Saturday: May 2nd

9:00AM Parker & Taylor B, Healing

4:00PM Thomas John Kenney, Deceased

Sunday: May 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 AM Andrew & Christopher Ross,

Intention

11:00 AM John Borkowski, 88th Birthday

Monday: May 4th

8:00 AM Donald Vasta, Deceased

Tuesday: May 5th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday: May 6th

8:00 AM Donald Vasta, Deceased

Thursday: May 7th

8:00AM Phyllis Green, Intention

Friday: May 8th

8:00AM Phyllis Green, Intention

Saturday: May 9th

9:00AM Matt & Tori B Healing

4:00PM Philip & Carol Streff, Deceased

Sunday: May 10th

9:00AM Bernadette Heath, Deceased

11:00AM Margaret Settelmeyer, Deceased

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

#### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;

Joh 10:11-18

### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-7; John 10:22-30

## Wednesday:

Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

John 12:44-50

## Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;

John 13:16-20

## Friday:

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

## Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14

## Sunday:

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

1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Living Our Faith Through Acts of Charity

Our Parish goal this year is \$41,340.00. To date \$37,863.00 have been received, 124 families have made a pledge to participate, which is 92% of our goal. We have 298 registered families. We hope everyone will help us achieve our goal. Please consider the worthiness of the Annual Appeal.

#### IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they werecontrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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#### Parish Offertory \$5,008.98

Last Weekend

Thank you for your generosity—Fr. Ricky

# 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).

#### **COUNTING SHEEP**

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

—Anonymous

#### **ENTRANCE**

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

#### **MUCH-NEEDED LOVE**

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