



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

***“I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”— Acts 13:47b***

### SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today’s Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: “They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.” But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus’ flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis’s cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. “Easter duty” means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your “Holy Mother Church” is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

### MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

*St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church presents...*

*Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery with Optional 4-Night Jordan Post Tour Extension*

**April 18 – 26, 2020**

Hosted by Father Anthony Onyekwe

If you are thinking about traveling to Israel or have any questions about the trip or concerns about the safety of traveling in Israel,

Sawyer Shoates, from Collette Tours, will have a presentation at the Church, **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm**

He will be able to answer any questions you may have. Collette Tours has been in business for 100 years and they value the safety of their customers.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday: St. Matthias

Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer

Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day

### MOTHER BLEST

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.



May 26th is the date for our parish picnic. The church will provide the hot dogs ,hamburger, and buns . This is going to be an outdoor event . Plan on bringing your favorite food for a picnic.

May 19th  
Lector Jeff

E/M Anita/Peggy

USHERS Michael/Jesus

Server Ty

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### Remember In Prayer

Michaëlle Box, Fr Robert Ponticello ,  
Emanuel Milligan, Charley Therrell,  
Leonard Humble , Louis Humble Sr.  
,Martha Jo Neuenschwander, Shelia Sigler ,  
Harold and Joyce Brown ,

Offertory 5/5/2019  
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