

EPIPHANY



April 30, 2023

"I am the gate
for the sheep"

Fourth
Sunday
of Easter

WELCOME to Epiphany

According to Paul, the first person Jesus came back to see after Easter morning was Peter. What he said and what Peter said nobody will ever know, and maybe that's just as well. Their last conversation on this earth, however, is reported in the Gospel of John.

It was on the beach, at daybreak. Some of the other disciples were there, and Jesus cooked them breakfast. When it was over, he said to Peter (only again he called him Simon, son of John, because if ever he meant business, this was it), "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" and Peter said he did. Then Jesus asked the same question a second time and then once again, and each time Peter said he loved him—three times in all, to make up for the other three times.

Then Jesus said, "Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep," and you get the feeling that this time Peter didn't miss the point. From fisher of fish to fisher of people to keeper of the keys to shepherd. It was the Rock's final promotion, and from that day forward he never let the head office down again.

The Shepherd And the Sheepgate



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Apr 30, 2023

What are we to do?

Discernment of our direction is not just a task for young adults. Throughout our lives, we're challenged to consider the course we're following and the consequences of our choices. The apostle Peter called his generation corrupt; in fact, it's a fair assessment of every generation that seeks personal profit at the expense of the common good. Our mutual vocation is to respond to God's call in every hour, with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Pray that you know the role you're called to play and have the courage and passion to live it out.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS; FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). "[Peter] was exhorting them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'"

Monday, May 01, 2023

In praise of those who do good work

Religious Brothers Day is celebrated annually on May 1, which is also the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker as well as International Workers Day (known as Labor Day in some countries). The common theme is that they honor the often low-profile work of keeping church, family, and society running. The men and women who take up these tasks deserve more than one day of thanks—even though they're usually the type who never expect it. Maybe you're blessed to be one of them, who humbly serves and sacrifices and asks for little in return. On this day, and every day, let our gratitude be shown and felt for all the workers who dedicate their lives to making our lives better.

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279) or Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559). "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Tuesday, May 02, 2023

Everything everywhere all the time

Thank Saint Athanasius upon reciting the word "consubstantial"—which used to be "one in being with the Father"—the next time you say the Nicene Creed. Athanasius, as deacon, did the theological homework for his bishop, Saint Alexander I, at the Council of Nicea. Together they resisted Arianism. Prior to the council, the central idea of Arianism had been slowly gaining traction among church leaders: that Jesus wasn't God, wasn't co-equal and co-eternal with the Father as taught by the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. As Athanasius insisted of Jesus and the Incarnation, "there is no part of creation deprived of his presence; together with his Father, he fills everything, everywhere, at all times."

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). "The Father and I are one."

Wednesday, May 03, 2023

What remains is the legacy

Today the church celebrates the feast of two of the 12 apostles, Philip and James, a peculiar pair of martyrs not otherwise associated with one another in Christian history or tradition. James (also called James the Less) is regarded as the first Bishop of Jerusalem, while Philip was said to have preached in Greece,

Turkey, and Syria. The pairing of their feast days is related to their shared reliquary in the Church of the Twelve Apostles, following a secret move from the Roman Catacombs. Thereafter lost to history for some time, their relics were rediscovered in the church crypt in the 19th century. On this holy feast, let's all remember the sacrifices of the church's first teachers and model their lives of holiness and faith.

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561).

"[Jesus] was raised on the third day . . . After that he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles."

Thursday, May 04, 2023

We are a people with a history

When asked to speak at a gathering of the Jewish community in the early days of the church, Paul gives a history lesson. He recounts the liberating activity of God throughout Jewish history and ties God's activity directly to the arrival of Jesus the Messiah and the opening of salvation to all humanity. Our God is the God of history, and our human stories—personal and collective—are part of a much larger historical project of salvation. Play your part in the drama.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). "Fellow children of Israel and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors."

Friday, May 05, 2023

Witness this

Saints and martyrs are the shining lights when it comes to witnessing to Jesus the Christ, often giving their whole lives and their very lives to communicate God's great love. We too are called to be witnesses. "But I'm no saint!" one might protest. "I can't witness like that." You don't have to be! Pope Francis reminds us that "God guides history through the humble courage of those who pray, love, and forgive. There are so many hidden saints, saints who are next-door, hidden witnesses of life, who with little acts of love change history." Next time in prayer, ask God how you've been a hidden witness of God's great love.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). "These are now his witnesses before the people. We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you."

Saturday, May 06, 2023

Choose your destination

Can someone really be destined, or "predestined," for eternal life? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, our destiny as beings created by God is eternal life. But because we are free, we can choose to opt out of that destiny. Just like the people invited to the wedding feast in the Lord's parable, we can decide not to come or simply fail to show up. Just so, when we choose to live in hate rather than love, in violence rather than peace, in punishment rather than forgiveness, we're choosing another destiny. The choice is ours to make.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). "All who were destined for eternal life came to believe."

Epiphany's Bereavement Program

***Wednesday
May 3rd at 7pm***

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APR. 30 - MAY.7

EVENTS



11:00am Family Mass & Sunday Scripture Program
12:00pm Hunger Sunday
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena
7:00pm The Chosen



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps (Zoom)
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
5:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Bereavement Program
7:00pm Breaking Open The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm SOS Group
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



10:00am Parenting Ministry
11:00am Bible Study
11:00am First Communion
3:00pm Rosary
4:00pm Vigil Mass



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12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Revenues	\$63,547
Expenses	\$88,799
Loss	\$(25,253)
average weekly attendance	608
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average weekly donation per attendee	\$18.64
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Easter Giving

What Should I Give to God at Easter? Truly, all we have, we owe to Christ, who spared nothing of himself on Calvary. During the Easter season, we build our commitment to God by placing our treasure where our hearts need to be. Give Him your heart, by supporting Christ's bride, the Church, with a generous donation. Our Easter Christmas collection is our most important collection. Thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

May 13 - 14 - 2nd Collection Support for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

As an act of mercy for the suffering people in central & eastern Europe, please show your support as generously as your means allow. Your kindness is a blessing to our parish and to our brothers & sisters around the world.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29 *Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena*

4:00pm King Phojanakong

Sunday, April 30

11:00am Joseph S. Chembri

7:30pm the Escueta family

Monday, May 1

12:10pm intentions of Alex & Andrew Bianco

Tuesday, May 2 *Feast of St. Athanasius*

12:10pm Francis G. Paturas

Wednesday, May 3 *Feast of St. Phillip and James*

12:10pm Maria Veronica Asuncion Tamesis Trota

Thursday, May 4

12:10pm Richard Garafalo

Friday, May 5

12:10pm Estelle Randolph

Saturday, May 6

4:00pm our children receiving their First Eucharist

Sunday, May 7

11:00am William Smart

7:30pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

Monday, May 8

12:10pm Francis G. Paturas

Tuesday, May 9

12:10pm James Aloysius Keane III

Sanctuary Lamp
Apr. 30 - May 6
Joseph S. Chembri

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