

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/11 (IV Easter Sunday/Mothers' Day) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the Shrine (outdoor) after the Mass. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 05/17 (Saturday) **Annual Tag Sale**.
- 05/18 (V Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the Shrine (outdoor) after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.

- Join us for our **annual Tag Sale on Saturday, May 17!** All proceeds will go directly toward purchasing new windows for our Church Hall. There's still time to donate items you no longer need—your contributions make a big difference! We are also seeking volunteers to help run the event. To donate items or volunteer, please speak with Mike. Thank you for your generosity and support!

- Renovation of women's restroom in the church hall—concluded!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: KRISTA & JONATHAN COMTOIS (05/11). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column“, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

IV SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHERS' DAY)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For DENISE SUDES and her continued treatment & healing (req. by her family in CT)

INTROIT

C: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through Alleluia.

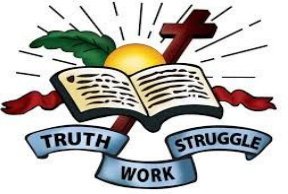
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord

ACTS 13:14, 43-52

has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.” The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

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„We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”

READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them

REV 7:9, 14B-17

white in the blood of the Lamb. “For this reason they stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 10:27-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (in all three liturgical cycles) has readings from the tenth chapter of John’s Gospel which focuses on the role of Jesus as the Shepherd. He truly is the GOoD Shepherd (Pastor Bonus). Today’s pericope deals with the unity which exists between Jesus and His Father and which flows out to the flock which His Father has entrusted to Him. It is because Jesus is one with His Father that He is certain of who the sheep are to whom He ministers. He tends the flock exactly as His Father wills because He knows His Father’s plan.

What strikes me about the readings today is that a relationship with GOD leads to the joyful care of others. Jesus was very much aware of that. Because He was in complete and perfect relationship (oneness) with His Father, He ministers to the need of all those whom He has been sent to serve. This is not just single experience of ministering, but a life long (a life-giving and joy-filled) mission He has. And it does not end here on earth with His death and resurrection and ascension. His sense of loving service, which took Him to the cross and from the grave, flows into the next life where He, as the Lamb on the throne, continues to bestow blessings and joy on those who have made a commitment to Him and have clothed themselves in the white robes. The faithful hear His voice and follow Him, giving Him eternal worship as He shares the heavenly blessings with them.