

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

"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

A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

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

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,071.00	\$1,429.00
Number of Families contributing	69	59
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$56,038.00	\$56,982.00
Received to Date	\$47,031.00	\$38,608.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,007.00	\$18,374.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$140.00	\$3,038.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$8,541.00	\$71,060.00

4 people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$82.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$63.00.

BAA totaled \$295.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An 8-year-old orphan in an asylum, a small nervous, unattractive child, was shunned by the supervisors as well as by her playmates. They all hoped for an opportunity to send her away.

One day the child's roommate reported that the little girl carried on a correspondence with someone on the outside. The officials were delighted. Perhaps this was the relative they had hoped would turn up.

The small informer led them to a tree. There, in the lowest branches, a note was hidden. Triumphant they opened it, and to their astonishment read: To whoever finds this: I love you!"

One of the most disarming things in the world is for a person who is despised to keep alive a selfless love for others.

No matter what we lack in physical appearance, in talent, in position, we can all show a continuing love of others for love of God. Doing so may win us love. It will surely win us peace. And peace insulates us against exterior bitterness.

"It is better to bind your children to you by respect and gentleness than by fear." —Terence

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Penn in loving memory of him on his 70th Birthday; and in loving memory of Johnny Rouk on the 16th Anniversary of his death; and also in loving memory of Annie Rouk on her 91st Birthday.
2. the Family of Betty Apple in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
3. the Family of Pat L.'s Ann Marie in loving memory of her on Mother's Day and in loving memory of Rosie Girl on the 12th Anniversary of her death and Mother's Day;
4. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
5. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
6. the Family of Hambone's Mary Catherine in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
7. the Family of Mary Francis Rouk in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
8. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

WHAT IS A MOTHER

Mothers are the sweetest gift from God to us. There is no way we can ever really thank our mother for all she does for us, nevertheless we must make it a habit to keep reminding ourselves of the various sacrifices she made while raising us. Mother's Day is the best time to say in words how much you love and care for your Mom.

Rev. Cherian Thalakulam, C.M.I.

Wishes A Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of St. Edward Family.

THANK YOU to a member for \$100 donation in thanks to the Infant Jesus, St. Anthony, Blessed Mother and St. Joseph; a member in honor of St. Joseph, the Infant of Prague, and St. Expedite for a miracle needed; and a member in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKES ABOUT A MOTHER

- A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the boy asks. "The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"
- Elephant: "Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?" Hippo: "I give up." Elephant: "Because their kids have to play inside."
- Chris: "Why is a computer so smart?" Mom: "It listens to its motherboard."

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Charities*. Please be generous.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 p.m.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A woman shoots her husband for stepping on the clean floor. A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station. "I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant. "No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday:	St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila
Thursday:	Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Friday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday:	St. Matthias

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday:</u>	For the repose of the soul of Penn on his 70 th Birthday.
<u>Tuesday:</u>	For the repose of the soul of Blonde Mary on her Birthday.
<u>Wednesday:</u>	In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Pat Slinger Carroll.
<u>Thursday:</u>	In thanks to St. Expedite.
<u>Friday:</u>	For the suffering souls.

WONDERFUL MOTHER

*God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.
~ Pat O'Reilly*

READERS

Sat. May 7 th , 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann	Sun. May 8 th , 10:00 AM. Taniel & Jersey
Sat. May 14 th , 4:00 P.M. Natalie & Mary Martha	Sun. May 15 th , 10:00 AM. Taniel & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Ivana
Tuesday	- Dominique
Wednesday	- Cathy Lisa
Thursday	- Julie Ann
Friday	- Ashley Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	- Winnie Ann
Tuesday	- Nora
Wednesday	- Catherine Ann
Thursday	- Mary Cat
Friday	- Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>May 7th</u>
Right	Winnie Ann
Left	Bridget Rita
	<u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u>
<u>May 8th</u>	<u>May 15th</u>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

MISTAKES

Don't place your mistakes on your head, their weight may crush you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as a platform to raise yourself.

ONE LINERS

- My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
- It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

WE DON'T KNOW

**We don't know what tomorrow will bring.
So don't stay angry for too long.
Learn to forgive and love with all your heart.
Don't worry about the people who don't like you.
Enjoy the ones who love you.**

OPINIONS

Opinions are like hand watches...
Everyone's watch shows different times...
But, everyone thinks that they are correct.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER FOR YOU

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be. Amen.