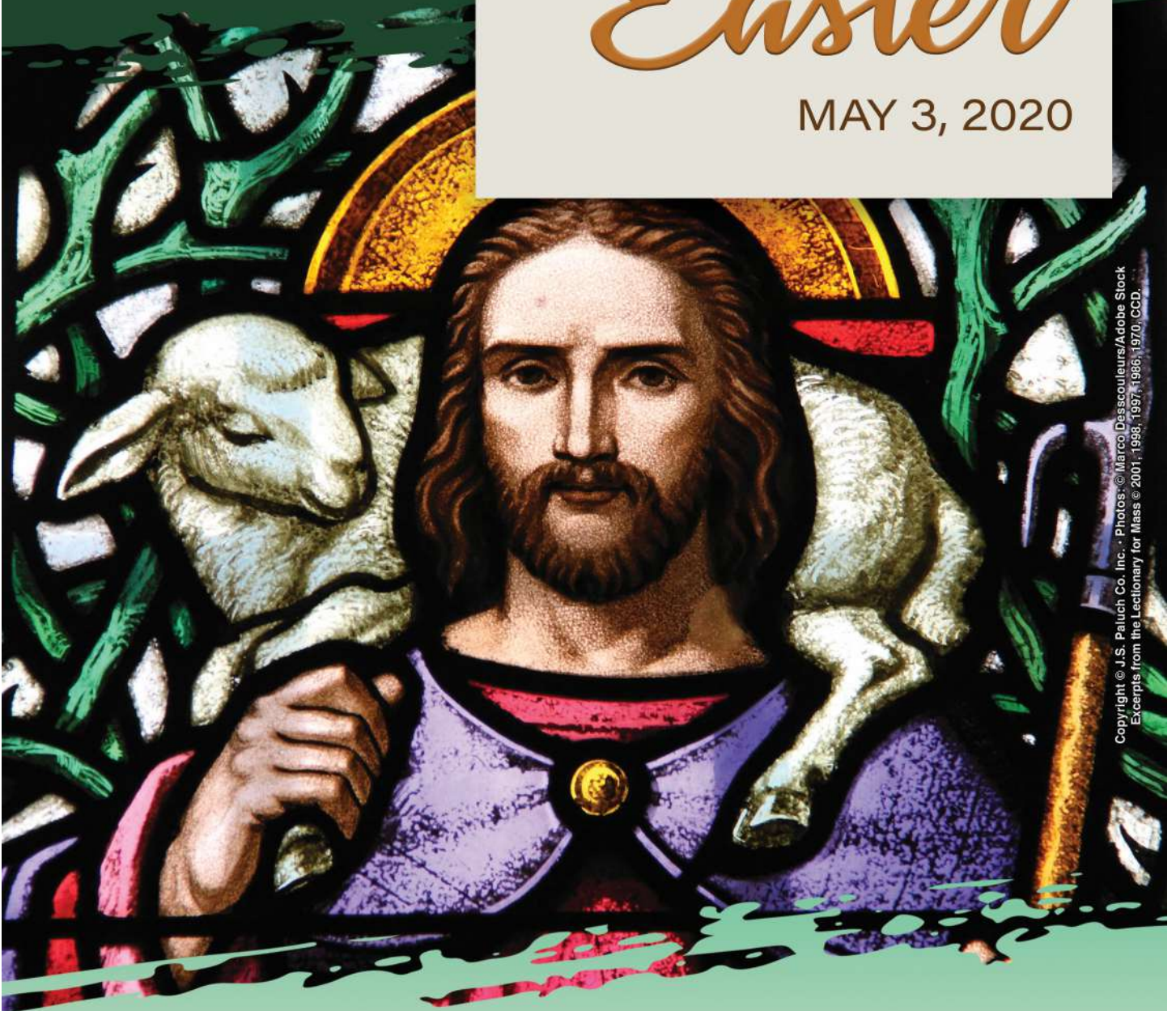


FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# *Easter*

MAY 3, 2020



Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc. - Photos: © Marco Desscoleurs/Adobe Stock  
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

The shepherd calls his own sheep  
by name and leads them.

John 10:3

## 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).

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co



© NCCV

## 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 were—contrary 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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

## Saints and Special Observances

<b>Sunday:</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Cinco de Mayo
<b>Thursday:</b>	National Day of Prayer


saint snippets

May 5  
Excerpt from the MAB © 2010, 1991, 1970, CCD

*"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity."*  
—1 Timothy 4:12

**St. Nunzio Sulprizio**  
19th-century Italian who lived a brief life filled with faith and piety, even in the midst of very poor health. He was canonized in 2018.

Copyright © 2019, Michael Thimons



## 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).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## *Treasures From Our Tradition*

Especially during the Easter season, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church.

In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointing's, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar.

Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### *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

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all.

### *Good News!*

When Peter faced the crowds on Pentecost, he was emboldened by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ passionately to those who gathered to hear him. There was likely part of him that was not quite sure what to expect, knowing that a few weeks prior, crowds of people had chanted "Crucify him!" as Jesus was sentenced to a cruel and unjust death. The people who heard Peter were moved by his witness, compelled to acknowledge their sinfulness and to accept the news of salvation through Jesus Christ as good news, the gospel that changes everything.

### *Jesus Saves*

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on track? Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God's people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Ps 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; 1 Peter 2:20b–25; John 10:1–10

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

**Winslow Monument Service**  
**Teresa Winslow**  
 Owner, Design Specialist  
  
**952.368.7575**  
[www.wmsmonument.com](http://www.wmsmonument.com)  
 Family-owned Chaska business for over 20 years

**LOVING REAL ESTATE GROUP**  
 "Your HOME is where our HEART is"  
**Sheila Loving 612.227.2664**  
**Dennis Loving 952.807.4449**  
 Parishioners  
 sheila.loving@cbburnet.com  
  
 BURNET

Helping you make financial progress.  
**Mark Sanda, CFP®**  
 Financial Representative • Principal Securities Registered Representative  
 (952) 277-4283 | [sanda.mark@principal.com](mailto:sanda.mark@principal.com)  
  
@ 2017 Principal Financial Services, Inc. Principal, Principal and symbol design are registered trademarks and service marks of Principal Financial Services, Inc., a member of the Principal Financial Group®. Insurance products issued by Principal National Life Insurance Co. (except in NY), Principal Life Insurance Co. Securities and advisory products offered through Principal Securities, 800/247-1737, member SIPC. Principal National, Principal Life, and Principal Securities, Inc. are members of the Principal Financial Group®, Des Moines, IA 50392. 1180712086w

  
**MELCHERT • HUBERT • SJODIN**  
*Attorneys at Law*  
 We Practice Where You Live  
 3 Locations: Waconia / Chaska / Hutchinson  
**952.442.7700 • www.mhslaw.com**

**ONE PARISH**  
 Grow in your faith,  
 find a Mass, and  
 connect with your  
 Catholic Community  
 with OneParish!  
  
  
 Download Our Free App or Visit  
**MY.ONEPARISH.COM**

Protecting **Seniors**  
 Nationwide  
  
**Medical Alert System**  
**\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly**  
 Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608  

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation



**Lions Tap**  
 "Famous Hamburgers"  
 Bert & Bonnie Notermann  
**934-5299**  
 Eden Prairie

Quality Care. Close to home.  
**stfrancis-shakopee.com**  
**952.428.2000**

  
**ST. FRANCIS**  
 Regional Medical Center

  
**MICHAEL KING**  
**ORTHODONTICS**  
**Dr. Michael King**  
 Board Certified Orthodontic Specialist  
 INVISALIGN AND BRACES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
 2687 West 78th Street, Chanhassen, MN 55317  
 952-470-2627 • [smile@michaelkingortho.com](mailto:smile@michaelkingortho.com)  
**WWW.MICHAELKINGORTHO.COM**

**BERTAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**  
  
 Proudly Serving the Community for Over 50 Years  

- Traditional Earth Burial 200 West 3rd Street
- Cremation Services Chaska, MN
- Prearrangements 952-448-2137
- Pre-Funding [www.bertasfh.com](http://www.bertasfh.com)



**my APPLIANCE SOURCE**  
 SALES • SERVICE  
 We may be smaller...but we try harder  
 Quality appliances and service you can trust from your hometown appliance source  
**KitchenAid®**  
  
 Our family serving our community since 1977  
 (952) 445-2916  
 Or online at [MyApplianceSource.com](http://MyApplianceSource.com)  


Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America  
 Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.  
 Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email [eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)  
**www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com**

**Rita Vannett PHOTOGRAPHY**  
  
[ritavannettphotography.com](http://ritavannettphotography.com)  
 952-237-7692  
[rita@vannettstudios.com](mailto:rita@vannettstudios.com)

**PVE INC.**  
**PROGRESS VALLEY ELECTRIC**  
**952-448-4841 Chaska**


Serving Seniors in the Spirit of Christ's Love  
  
**Auburn HOMES & SERVICES**  
**952-227-0494**  
 SKILLED NURSING CARE  
 MEMORY CARE  
 ASSISTED LIVING  
 INDEPENDENT LIVING  
 REHABILITATION SERVICES

**Edward Jones**  
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING  
 Member SIPC  
**Financial Advisor-Kelly Kafka Schremp, CFP®**  
 808 Yellow Brick Road, Chaska, MN 55318  
 Bus. (952) 361-9617  
 Email: [kelly.schremp@edwardjones.com](mailto:kelly.schremp@edwardjones.com)  
[www.edwardjones.com/kelly-schremp](http://www.edwardjones.com/kelly-schremp)

  
**WHITE OAK DENTAL**  
 Providing Comprehensive Dental Care For The Entire Family  
  
**MARK M. STAPLETON, DDS**  
**952.448.2868** [www.whiteoakdental.net](http://www.whiteoakdental.net)  
 1580 White Oak Drive | Suite 275 | Chaska, MN 55318  
 PRACTICE HOURS: Mon - Wed 8-5 Thursday 11-6

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.  
 For further information, please call the Parish Office.

**Edward Jones**  
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING  
 Member SIPC  
**Financial Advisor-Kelly Kafka Schremp, CFP®**  
 808 Yellow Brick Road, Chaska, MN 55318  
 Bus. (952) 361-9617  
 Email: [kelly.schremp@edwardjones.com](mailto:kelly.schremp@edwardjones.com)  
[www.edwardjones.com/kelly-schremp](http://www.edwardjones.com/kelly-schremp)  
 Annuities • Education Savings • Equity Investments • Estate & Trust Services • Insurance  
 Fixed-Income Investments • Mutual Funds • Portfolio & Retirement Plan Reviews  
 Business and Individual Retirement Plans • Financial Analysis • Strategic Planning and More...

**catholicmatch®**  
 Minnesota  
  
**CatholicMatch.com/myMN**

  
**1330 AM**  
**America's Catholic Talk Radio Network**