



## ***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

**May 7 / 8, 2022**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Boniface:**

***Saturday***

**5:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help:**

***Sunday:***

**8:30 am Confession**

**9:00 am Mass**

***Tuesday & Thursday:***

**5:30 pm**

**Mission Statement:** We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

## Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

**T**oday's readings tell us of the Church's universality.

The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

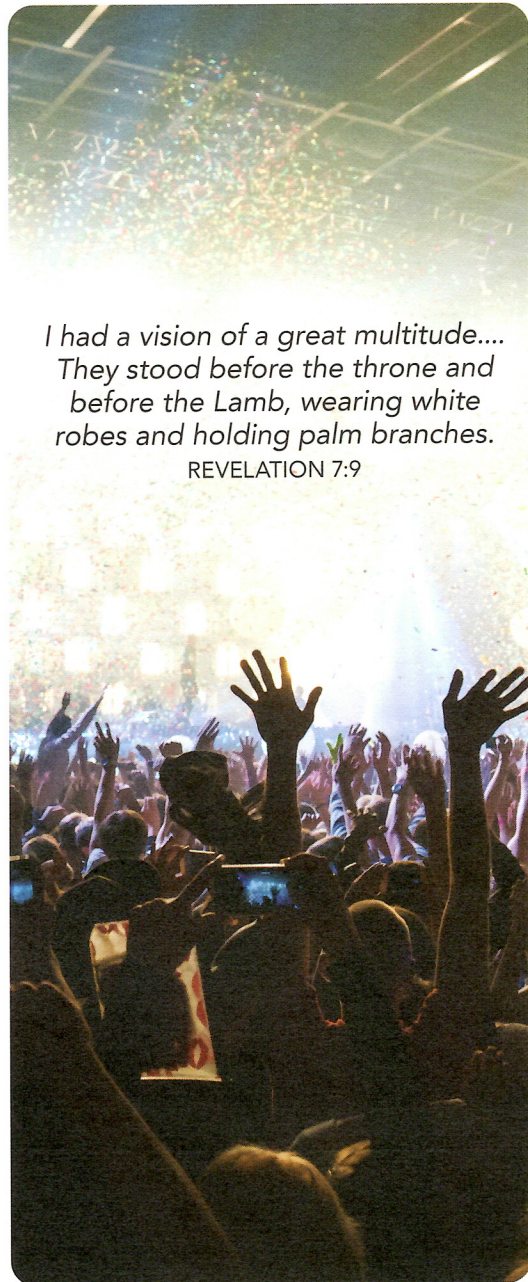
We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement (see Acts 15:1). They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by “every nation, race, people, and tongue” (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the “blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- \* How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?
- \* What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?



*I had a vision of a great multitude....  
They stood before the throne and  
before the Lamb, wearing white  
robes and holding palm branches.*

REVELATION 7:9

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<b><i>May 7 / 8</i></b> <b><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></b> <b><i>May Crowning</i></b> <b><i>Mother's Day</i></b>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<b><i>May 14 / 15</i></b> <b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Amanda Hall	Joe McNaughton	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
<b>Server</b>	Joe McNaughton	Norma Jones		

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
May 8 / 9	† <b>Mitzi Karen Steely</b>	Parishioners Intentions
May 14 / 15	Parishioners Intentions	Parishioners Intentions

<b>Our Gifts</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
April 30 / May 1	\$85.00	\$130.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions to our Church.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall  
immediately after Mass.*

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Reading I

Acts 13:14, 43-52

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 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



worshippers  
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.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

The LORD is good:  
his kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock..*

## **Reading II**

Rev 7:9, 14b-17

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 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."

## **Alleluia**

Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

## **Gospel**

Jn 10:27-30

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."

## REFLECTION

Do you **hear Jesus's voice**? Most of the time, what we "hear" is just a feeling to read the Word, go to church, or love wells up in your heart to do something for someone. Sometimes Jesus calls us more directly, especially when we know the presence of Christ. Intuition can also increase and mingle with divine thoughts.

If you take the time to be with God, you willingly follow the Spirit's lead and give of yourself in time, talent, or treasure, then you hear Jesus's voice. There should not be any doubt that you are also embraced in a spiritual bond for all eternity by the one Trinity of The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*To all our UC, Williamsburg and  
Whitley County graduates:*



**There will be a special blessing for all Graduates  
at Mass on Sunday, May 8 ~ Please join us.**

### *UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS*

*Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; USA:  
Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*

May 10

*Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr*  
May 12

## *Our Lady of Fatima*

May 13

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold & Geneva Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry (born at 24 weeks), Fiona York, Norma Jones, and Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown and Eric Vore.





# Dear Padre,

## Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter

the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear...The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."*

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013



## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

### Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

### Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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