

## Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading: Acts 2: 14-16

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

#### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. R.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage. R.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.; there is nothing I shall want. R.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. R

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel:

#### John 10: 1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

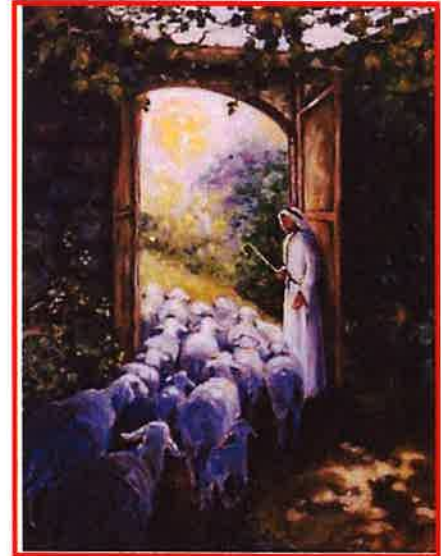
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "**Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.** All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. **I am the gate.**

**Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.** A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



#### Prayer to Follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, help me to follow You faithfully. Strengthen me daily with Your love, and guide me along life's paths.

Keep me free from every evil, protect me from sickness and danger, and lead me to serve You with all my mind and heart

and soul. Hear my needs and grant my petitions, especially these intentions important to me at this time:

{Mention your petitions here}

Bless me each day with peace of mind and heart. May I experience Your saving power in my daily life, as I await the fullness of life and joy with You forever. Amen.



### Mass Intentions

April 30th, Mr. Ernest Bayless, on his birthday, May he rest in peace. Requested by Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry.

May 7th: Mrs. Joyce Roberts, on the 11th anniversary of her passing, requested by her beloved sister, Mrs. Myra Clinton.

Friary Chapel: If you would like the friars to remember one of your intention at daily mass please use the envelopes on the info table and drop in the collection basket.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen



### Holy Hour for Vocations

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, May 21st, 2023 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

### Graduate Recognition

We will recognize all those graduating from any school or program in a special way on Sunday, June 4th at mass. If you or someone in the family is graduating please sign them and their information at the info table to be recognized in the bulletin.



### Parish Leadership Team Meeting

The Team will meet today after mass in the St. Augustine Room.

### Tithe Update

4/9/23: Reg. \$2,094.00 Lenten folders: \$1,278.00

Continuing Mission: \$600.00

4/16/23: \$3,155.00 Holy Thurs.: \$211.00

Good Friday (Holy Land Collection): \$556.00

### Pentecost Church Convention is Back!



Here at St. Ambrose  
Saturday,  
May 20th, 2023  
9:30am to 3pm  
Deacon Bobby White,  
Archdiocese of Washington, DC

We start the weekend before Pentecost  
with preaching, praise and fellowship.  
Get your Holy Spirit T-shirt as well!

Sign Up NOW!

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th, 2023  
12 new Missionary Disciples to be commissioned—God is Good!

### Mother's Day Celebration



### Sunday, May 14, 2023 is Mother's Day

A special blessing will be bestowed on all the Mothers gather here that day and a gift for all the mothers as well.



Fr. Paul's mother, Ms. Alice has a special treat for the day. Every lady present will receive a raffle ticket and one of ladies will win an Afghan crocheted by Ms. Alice. This is her way of saying **thank you** to the parish for all the special prayers for healing and a successful surgery.

### Mother's Day Candles and Novena

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display on Mother's Day, May 8th. Donation: \$3.00. Envelopes on info table or call Trina at: 410-367-9918

### Update on Fr. Paul's Mom

Ms. Alice had undergone surgery to remove a cancerous spot on her liver on Thur. April 20. The surgery went well and she developed a bit of pneumonia after the surgery which kept her hospitalized for a few days longer. She is now home recovering. Ms. Alice and Fr. Paul would like to thank all of you for your prayers. Mom is certainly grateful to each and everyone for their cards and best wishes.



### First Holy Communion

On Sunday, May 21st, 2023  
Elijah Lashley will make his  
First Holy Communion



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, Frances Gladden, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Jack Livers, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Ronald Schnurr, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Corey Williams, Charles Williams, William Young, Sr., and Alice Zaborowski.