



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering: Alleluia, Alleluia BB 171

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia!
Let the heavens and earth rejoice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sprinkling Rite: **God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.**

Preparation: Christ, Be Our Light BB 599

Mass Parts Mass Of The Resurrection

Communion: Festival Canticle / Worthy is Christ BB 572

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in **\$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet.** This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

April 14, 2024

Offertory

\$7,444.92



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

You can also use your smart phone to scan the QR code below. The link will take you directly to Parish Giving so you can donate.



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- April 21 Fuel
- April 28 NH Catholic Appeal



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ \$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/ \$75	\$2,250/ \$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/ \$60	\$1,800/ \$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ \$50	\$1,500/ \$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/ \$40	\$1,200/ \$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/ \$30	\$900/ \$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/ \$25	\$750/ \$15
\$15,000	\$750/ \$15	\$450/ \$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

ST. LUKE FOOD PANTRY

Items most needed in the Food Pantry include pasta and sauce, ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly, soups, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, crackers, snack items, cookies and treats for kids, pancake mix and syrup, canned meats, tuna and canned fish. These are staple food items which are used all the time and there is never have enough of. Other items requested include toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, pet food, laundry soap, dish soap and cleaners.

Gifts cards or checks made out to St Luke Food Pantry are always useful and welcome.



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2024

This year's New Hampshire Catholic Appeal is coming up next week; we hope you'll help us meet our goal of \$46,979.00! More information will be announced about the Catholic Appeal next weekend. Thank you for your support!

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few good people to help us with one of our "hidden ministries," the counting of our Parish collections. Volunteers are needed to help count and document collections each week. The counts are usually done on Monday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 and occasionally on a Tuesday morning when holidays occur. If you think that you might enjoy the company of this dedicated group while sharing in this important ministry, please speak to Fr. Albert for more information.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

END OF LIFE PLANNING

Three Beliefs is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of Three Beliefs in English and Spanish are available at

catholicnh.org/community/public-policy/issues/endoflife/

or by visiting catholicnh.org and searching for "Three Beliefs."



BLESSING OF MOTHERS

A special blessing of mothers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Mother's Day, May 12, 2023.**

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation may be resolved!

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Spring even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Spring months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, April 21
 10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 *Plaistow*

Wednesday, April 24
 Holy Angels Church Open
 All Day For Prayer

Thursday, April 25
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, April 27
 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, April 28
 12:00 PM Parish Council Meeting *Plaistow*

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

MAYBE IT'S TIME

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe NOW IS THE TIME for you to re-consider Confirmation.

Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old. Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers. Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be. Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true. Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism. So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice. **Confirmation**. If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 (Vigil)

4:00 PM In Thanksgiving for a Blessing Received
 by Bonnie Lajoie
Plaistow

Sunday, April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

8:00 AM Fr. Marcel Allard by Susan and Mick Swanwick
Newton
 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the family of
 Carole Lueders by Susan Ronan
Plaistow

Monday, April 22 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards
Newton

Tuesday, April 23 ~ George, Martyr;
Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 8:00 AM All Souls Intentions
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 24 ~ Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest
and Martyr

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 6:30 PM John Tamaro (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Thursday, April 25 ~ Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM Michelina and Louis Inzero
 (Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance)
 by the Stanley family
Newton

Friday, April 26 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
No Mass

Saturday, April 27 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 (Day)

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and
 Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Sunday, April 28 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge family
Newton
 10:00 AM Lorraine Perreault and Rodney Norris by Cheryl
Plaistow



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM** at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by **April 22, 2024**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this Spring!

WELCOME IN CHRIST!

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to a deeper love of Jesus and to a fullness of communion with the Church. The **rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is a process where adults and older children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Some have never been Baptized, others never received Eucharist or Confirmation and others arrive at our door after a long faith journey.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our Catholic community? Are you the non-Catholic spouse of a parishioner who is wondering about full communion with the Church? Are you an adult Catholic who for whatever reason, "missed" one or more of the sacraments of initiation while growing up? Do you have children over 7 years of age who were never Baptized, or older children who "missed" sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and its adapted form for children) welcomes all kinds of people into the Catholic family. The RCIA is for any adult who is: unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life, or Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or Baptized in the Catholic faith, but never received any formal religious training.

Children of all ages are welcome and participate in age appropriate meetings for their RCIA experience.

Contact Father Albert or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents – Please mark your calendars and save these dates!

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Plaistow, NH invites children to attend **SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp from June 17 to June 21, 2024**.

Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building game, engage in fun snack eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and each day make a craft to take home and play with all summer.

SCUBA Vacation Bible Camp is for kids from age 4 to 12 and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon each day. For more information, call Joyce at 603-382-8324, ext. 303.

ADORERS NEEDED AT ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual but is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. We also need people at all times so we can have 2 people at each hour. If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her a csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✦ PARISH DIRECTORY ✦

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry	603-382-8324 x 315
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MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3rd week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4th) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HAPPENINGS**

Irish Festival The Knights of Columbus would like to thank parishioners for their tremendous support! We served close to 200 meals and raised a lot of money for our charity work in the local community. The Knights would like to thank the following people for providing desserts for the Festival: Cathy Cronin, Kathy Sullivan, Maryann Gardner, Collette Ferrandi, Marci Marciano, Barbara Brotz, Margaret Maderios, Joan Meader, Robin Thompson, Shirley Dawson, Mindy Richardson, Elaine Kindler, Carol Tucker, Deb Cheney, Vivian St Hillaire and Abba from Early Bird Cafe.

We are always looking for help. If you would like to help or want more information on the Knights, contact Peter Richards at 603-382-4315.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL
#6617**



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline For Married Couples

Does your marriage need help? We are a marriage program that continues after the initial weekend with follow-up sessions that further develop the concepts that we introduce on the weekend. Some of the topics we cover are: Communication Skills, Conflict Management, Family of Origin, Forgiveness and Trust, Love and Commitment, Marriage as a Vocation, Intimacy and Sexual Relationship. Email us at NewEngland@HelpOurMarriage.org or call 508-271-7155. Our next weekend is scheduled for:

**May 31-June 2, 2024
Tewksbury, MA**

CURSILLO

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341.



**Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke's Outreach Ministry! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Easter Lily fundraiser. It was a complete success, as we sold out! St. Luke's Outreach Ministry appreciates your kindness in supporting our good works in assisting those in need in our community.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, O LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

YOU ARE NEEDED!

The Fair Lead Coordinator is moving Spring 2025.
Easy yet **essential** fair tasks must be delegated to
other parishioners **this year.**

The Fair Lead Coordinator would like to spend the remainder of 2024 TRAINING others in these tasks so St. Luke the Evangelist Parish can continue to benefit from the \$20,000+ profits our annual Fair brings in.

Can you commit to learning more about one (or more) of the roles/tasks listed on reverse side?

We are looking for at least 2 people to commit to each of the listed tasks so we can build depth of knowledge within the 'running' of the fair.

Please review the tasks listed on the other side and indicate which **ESSENTIAL FAIR TASK** you are interested in learning more about.

Feel free to check more than one box, **especially for tasks that are related to each other.**

for example 2a & 2b or 5a & 5b.

EASY & ESSENTIAL PRE-FAIR TASKS

Place check next to any task you are interested in learning more about. Feel free to check more than one box, ie: 2a & 2b and 5a & 5b are essentially two sides of the same job – you could sign up to handle both.

___ 1. Coordinate vendors in conjunction with co-vendor coordinator. Need someone as soon as **mid-April through mid-May until Friday before the fair**. Must be comfortable using MSWord. Must use email to communicate with vendors, and be available **Friday before the Fair (3pm-8pm)** to help greet and direct vendors as they arrive to set up their tables, etc.

___ 2a. Contact, via emails and follow-up phone calls, area businesses for gift certificate donations to use in Silent Auction & Penny Sale. Involves emails & follow-up phone calls with businesses and talking with the person in the position listed below. **Sept & October**

___ 2b. Pickup gift certificate donations from area businesses. Involves talking with the person in above position and driving to businesses to pick up donations. **Sept & October**

___ 3. Can you spot collectibles/valuable/trending items in a haystack?? If yes, the fair desperately needs you! **September 2024** during Donation Drop-off month either/and/or Saturdays 3-5, Sundays 10-12, or another day/time based on your schedule.

___ 4. People needed to input Silent Auction info into BiddingOwl to generate bid sheets. The process is easy but requires that you have your own Wi-Fi compatible laptop to use at Parish Hall. **Mid-September through October**, day(s)/time based on your schedule.

___ 5a. Oversee and direct a team of volunteers on **Thursday before the fair (4pm-6pm)** as those volunteers load small accent tables, fair décor, donations, & supplies from Parish Hall to Fair venue at Parish Center. This job only requires reading from a list and directing others to carry and lift only.

___ 5b. Oversee and direct volunteers on **Saturday, the day of the fair (3pm-5pm)** to ensure specific items are loaded onto vehicles from Parish Center (fair venue) and returned to Parish Hall. This job only requires reading from a list and directing others to lift and carry.

___ 6. People needed to work with Glenn Hughes to return Parish Center (fair venue) to order so it is clean and ready for preschool by Sunday afternoon. Must be physically capable of moving small items, sweeping, & light cleaning. **Sunday from 12:00 Noon-2pm.**

Check off area of interest & the Fair Lead will call to set up a meeting! Thank you 😊

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Best time to call: _____



Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

April 21, 2024

The Good Shepherd

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with illustrations of the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people

Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine*. As "the Good Shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine.* †

Sunday Readings

Acts 4:8-12

[Peter said,] "He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.'"

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep."



A Word from Pope Francis

How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a "mass," a "multitude" for him, no... He knows each of us with our own story... Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do you relate to the image of Jesus as a shepherd?
- Where do you hear the voice of Jesus who protects, knows, and loves you?

Being Love for One Another

Paula D'Arcy

I was exhausted, hungry, and out of sorts. I had just cleared customs in Atlanta after a series of flights from Europe that caused me to miss a full night's sleep. Now the flight to get me back home was delayed. I had another six hours to wait.

I went to my gate area, delighted to find it empty, hoping for a nap, when an elderly lady pushing a wheelchair approached me. She was bone weary, confused, looking for her gate and a flight to Charleston to visit her daughter. I sighed, helped the woman into the wheelchair, and started walking, looking for video monitors. The last flight to Charleston had already left. I forgot my own weariness. What on earth was she going to do?

I trudged on until we found an



information booth. There was a long line, but leaning on the edge of the booth was a young flight attendant, ready to go home, his shift over. He caught my eye and smiled. "What's wrong?" he asked. I explained. He looked at the sweet woman

in the wheelchair, almost asleep. He looked at me. Then looked right into me. "I think," he said slowly, "I think you've done your part. I think the rest is up to me. I won't leave her, I promise you. Even if she needs a room for the night, I won't leave her until she gets on a plane for Charleston." I said goodbye to the woman and turned to watch the young man wheel her down the walkway until they were out of sight.

On the surface, it was a simple encounter. But it was the way this young man had responded—looking right into my eyes. In that look, we were no longer three strangers. We were three human beings whose paths had momentarily crossed. He took it seriously: We are here for one another. And in that moment of love, he showed me the way to our true home. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Paula D'Arcy, available at Liguori.org

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Easter Springs to Life" by Diane M. Houdek

The psalm most often read at funeral liturgies is Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." We know we need God. When Jesus says he is our shepherd, we sense his intimate care for us, his flock. We recognize his voice, knowing he will lead us to abundant pastures and lifegiving water. And we know he laid down his life to keep us safe from danger and the finality of death. We can let go of many of the stresses, large and small, of daily life. We can trust that with his guidance, we will discover where we can go safely—and where we can't. By following the voice of our shepherd, we learn the true meaning of Easter. †

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Lord Jesus, amid many voices demanding our attention, help us recognize your voice, trust your love for us, and follow you, we pray. Alleluia! Amen!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 22–27

Monday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 11:1–18 / Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 11:19–26 / Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a / Jn 12:44–50

Thursday, St. Mark:

1 Pt 5:5b–14 / Mk 16:15–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 13:26–33 / Jn 14:1–6

Saturday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 13:44–52 / Jn 14:7–14

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

April 21, 2024

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