

May 2nd, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PICK OF THE WEEK



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 1st

4:00 p.m. **(Live Stream)** † Judy Banda req. Marcia Tait

Sunday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Sandor & Katalin Koso req. Schilling family

Readings: Acts 9.26-31 / 1 Jn 3.18-24 / Jn 15.1-8

Tuesday, May 4th

11:30 a.m. **(Live Stream)** Thanksgiving for St. Maurice Daycare req. Administration

Readings: Acts 14.19-28 / Jn 14.27-31a

Wednesday, May 5th

11:30 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Fern Marion req. Marcia Tait

Readings: Acts 15.1-6 / Jn 15.1-8

Thursday, May 6th

11:30 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Cornelio Parado req. Parado family

Readings: 2 Tim 4.1-5 / Jn 10.11-16

Friday, May 7th

11:30 a.m. (Live Stream) † Francis J. Madden req. Joan Madden

Readings: Acts 15.22-31 / Jn 15.12-17

Saturday & Sunday

Adoration after Mass during live stream

Confessions

by appointment only please call the parish office

Parish News

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God

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April 25th, 2021

Regular Offertory \$ 5,808.95 Sharing God's Gifts \$ 415.00 Parish Debt \$ 180.25 Social Justice \$ 54.50

Reflecting on the Readings and Gospel

GOOD NEWS

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Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

The word "Christian" generally brings warmth and good feeling to members of our Church. There are memories of first Communion and confirmation, there is commitment in adulthood to the sharing of the faith that was so generously given to us. Today's readings reflect the obligations inherent in the reception of baptism. Christianity demands productivity.

The passage from Acts shows how the Jerusalem community found it difficult to imagine that Saul had actually become a Christian. Saul's vision of the risen Lord led to his fearless proclamation of the Christian message in Damascus. The persecutor became a productive believer.

In the second reading the author of First John accentuates the positive. He points out that love must show itself in action. The community will receive from God whatever they ask because they are keeping God's commandments and doing what is pleasing in God's sight. The Christian is motivated by two realities: Jesus' divine sonship and the family relationship of all believers because of that sonship.

As the real vine, Jesus brings true life from God. The failure to bear fruit is the failure to share in divine life. Sharing in the vine is a commitment to give to others. The Christian's response is to live in Jesus and hence to be productive. To not live in Christ is to be a withered branch.

The Christian life is practical. In loving ourselves, our neighbors, and our God, we profess that God is love. In reaching out to the oppressed, we announce that God is the champion of the poor. In promoting honesty in government, we proclaim that God is the God of justice. In comforting the sorrowful, we state that God is the source of all consolation.

Each of these actions springs from baptism. Only those willing to live out the implications of baptism truly merit the title of Christian.

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