

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 10th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

Who are the neglected in your own neighborhood?

How can you (and we) attend to them?

1 Peter 2:4-9

How well-built is your edifice; how open to God's indwelling?

For what work has God chosen and consecrated you?

John 14:1-12

Recommit your life to Jesus as your Way, Truth, and Life.

What special works of God have you experienced recently?

WEEKDAY MASSES May 5 - 8

"Our priests are offering two Masses a day for our intentions."

Tues: +Dorothy Schroeder

+David Fetsch

Wed: +Bill & Clint Scheffer

+Dennis Lyons

Thurs: +Bernice Larson

+Alex & Delina Chaput

Fri: +Rallan Beck

+Jean Kartes

WEEKEND MASSES May 9 - 10

Sat: St. Alphonsus People of the Parishes

St. Alphonsus +Ron Mikkelsen

Sun: St. Alphonsus +Pete & Neva Bachman & DC McKenzie

St. Alphonsus +Mary Mann

Weekly Reflection for April 26, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes \$3,634.00

Intentional Givers \$100.00

Plate \$21.00

Total \$3,755.00

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

The parable told to his disciples by Jesus in today's Gospel obviously tends towards the positive end of the symbolic spectrum. The disciples fail to understand the story when it is first told to them. As usual we look to the end of the story to see what point is being made. Jesus is warning his followers about being led astray by those who are not preachers of the truth. As sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd, his followers too need to recognize his voice and follow him. In his explanation of the parable Jesus then develops another thought. He offers the idea that he is the gate of the sheepfold. It is through him that the sheep go safely in and out.

His words are an anticipation of how he will help his disciples come to terms with his leaving them, saying that they know the way to where he is going. Thomas objects that they do not know where he is going, so how can they know the way? To which comes the famous reply that Jesus himself is "the Way, the Truth and the Life". It is very much a theme that recurs in John's Gospel, this centering of our belief on the person of Jesus. It is by believing in him, recognizing his voice, clinging to him that we receive the gift of eternal life. Once we do that we are free to come and go through the gate, always sure of finding nourishment. The intention of thieves is to steal, kill and destroy; the aim of Jesus is to offer us life in all its fullness.

Taken from *The Living Word*

4th Sunday of Easter

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' ACTS 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

CD of the Week: Letter to the Elderly – St. Pope John Paul II, Narrated by

Christopher O. Blum - In 1978, Pope John Paul II became one of the youngest popes ever elected. At the time of his death in 2005, he was also one of the longest serving popes, having lived into his early 80s. From his own experience of growing old, and only five and a half years before his death, John Paul wrote and shared this moving letter, addressed "To my elderly brothers and sisters." His letter shares and cherishes the experiences, beauty, agony, and dignity of growing old and drawing closer to God. "The years pass quickly," he writes, "and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves, is too beautiful and precious for us to ever grow tired of it." **Donations keep the kiosks updated with new CDs and books!**

St. Ann's Indian Mission in Belcourt – May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you throughout this East Season! We wish to thank you for all your generous support in this past year. Your support has enabled us to keep St. Ann's Indian Mission going. Without your sacrificial offerings none of these vital services could be sustained. Your generosity and prayers are truly helping us to grow closer to Christ and to bring others to Him. May our Lord bless you superabundantly and protect you during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cavalier County Food Pantry would like to thank St. Alphonsus Parish for their generous cash donation. The money will help the families we serve every month. Your willingness to help vulnerable families is even more critical now that we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. This provides nutritional meals to families in our area. Thank you again!

Knights of Columbus will be collecting non perishable food items for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. There is a purple plastic tote at the back of the church.

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493

Our webpage has updated information. It is a good way to connect during this challenging time of social distance. We invite you to check our website regularly.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Tuckpointing to resume: Mid Continental Restoration Company arrived on Tuesday to continue the tuckpointing project that came to an abrupt end when our huge October snowstorm took place. A crew of 4 will be working on the project. They hope to finish tuckpointing and repair in 8 days. We pray that the weather will cooperate as they work to finish the repair project on the church exterior.

Property Purchase: The house and 2 lots just west of the Church is available for purchase. Our parish has made several attempts to buy the property for several years. Those efforts helped pave the way to making the purchase possible. I have been in communication with the owner. She is asking for the assessed tax value of the property: \$32,000.00. I asked the Parish Council for their approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase at our April 21 meeting (via Zoom). The money to pay for it would come out of our Reserve Fund. I wrote a letter to Bishop Folda requesting permission to buy the property. I am proposing this location would be where a new rectory be built. It would give us room to expand the Fellowship Hall someday in the distant future.

Catholic Daughters meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4th has been cancelled

Altar Server, Lector, EMHC Schedules are in the sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out. (For when Mass resumes in the church)

Confessions: our weekly schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00PM, Saturdays 4:00-5:00PM will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

Bulletins are available at the church entrances or on our website. Our Sunday Visitor newspapers are available at the church entrances.

Sunday Masses at 9:30AM will be live-streamed each week during the pandemic. Go to our website, stalphonsuslangdon.com. It can also be viewed any time after the live broadcast.

Reminder: our new Donation Contribution Boxes are installed. They are located at the main entrance of the church, the handicapped entrance and the front door in the school.

Due to COVID-19, the St. Alphonsus School Foundation annual meeting will not be held this year. If you have any questions you may contact Holly Lyons at 256-3717.

Observing The Lord's Day at home

Sunday has been observed as The Lord's Day since the time of the apostles. Ordinarily, we attend Mass. However, since for the time being we are unable to celebrate Mass publicly, it is necessary for us to observe The Lord's Day in our homes. To there are many ways to do this.

1. Find our Sunday Celebrations at Home program on our website (or call the parish for details)
2. Recite the rosary as a family
3. Spend thirty minutes to an hour reflecting on the scriptures of the day
4. **Watch a TV Mass - 10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8/WDAY Channel 6** Just because the world has shut down doesn't mean or faith shuts down too. We can pray to God under any circumstances.

Real Presence Radio is holding their annual Spring Feed My Sheep fundraising event on May 12 - 15. Tune in to hear amazing stories of renewal of faith, returning to and growing your faith. We will also be sharing wonderful stories about some of the incredible priests and parishes in our dioceses, hear from some of our supporters about how Real Presence Radio has made a difference in their lives and.....daily contests! You can support the Real Presence Radio fundraising event in two ways: Call 877-795-0122 – 7AM – 7PM CST - May 12-15 or Donate online at www.realpresencerradio.com Your donation supports one of the greatest resources we have to find answers about the Catholic faith and grow in your companionship with Jesus.