



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✕ MAY 12, 2019



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First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.



Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

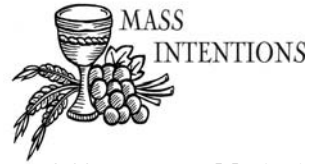
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



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| Sunday, May 12 | 8:00 am | Mother's Day Intentions |
| | 10:30 am | Mother's Day Intentions In Memory of Camille Coleman Req. by Elsa Blades |
| Monday, May 13 | 8:00 am | In Memory of Teresa Le T. Lan Req. by the Nguyen Family |
| Tuesday, May 14 | 8:00 am | In Memory of Richard Hawley Req. by Joe & Sue Francis |
| Wednesday, May 15 | 8:00 am | In Memory of Mr. Richard D'Arcy Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy |
| Thursday, May 16 | 8:00 am | Intention of Cees Boudewijn Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Art Blades |
| Friday, May 17 | 8:00 am | Intention of Madison Muldrow Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Rollins |
| Saturday, May 18 | 8:00 am | Special Intention |
| | 5:30 pm | Intention of Sheryl Hall Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril May |

Upcoming Second Collections

**Today
May 19**

**Special Parish Needs
Diocesan Retired Priests**

Second Collection, May 18-19

There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend of May 18 & 19. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 22 retired priests and an additional 23 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

~ **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**

Happy Mother's Day!



**A mother's smile can brighten any moment,
Mom's hugs put joy in all our days,
Mom's love will stay with us forever
and touch our lives in precious ways.**

**May the Lord bless all mothers
today and always!**

*** Parish Schedule ***



Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day Celebration Mass: 8:00 & 10:30am

Thursday, May 16
Choir Practice, 7pm

Saturday, May 18
Knights of Columbus Rosary, before 5:30 Mass

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, May 19
Knights of Columbus Rosary, before all Masses

Thursday, May 23
Choir Practice, 7pm
Knights of Columbus: Rosary, 7pm
Meeting, 7:30pm, church basement

*** Religious Education News ***

**Congratulations to our 2nd Graders
who made their First Holy Communion!**



**Cyrus Harvey Butt V
Cailyn Marie Lackey
Dylan Michael Wilson**

May they continue to receive the graces from
frequent reception of the Body of Christ.

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Summer Counters for Collections NEEDED!

If you can give an hour a month to help count collections, please call the office at (703) 266-1310. No experience necessary. **If you have children that would allow you work with us for an hour, bring them along!**

**Do you have suggestions to help our parish
improve and grow? Submit your idea in the
Suggestion Box located in the vestibule.**



***** **AROUND THE DIOCESE** *****

Love Our Mothers May 15

Learn how Catholic Charities, the Diocese of Arlington, and community organizations support mothers, expectant mothers, and their families throughout the Diocese. Hear from Catholic Charities' St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Housing for Families, Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic, Pregnancy & Adoption Services, the Diocesan Gabriel Project, as well as A Women's Choice, and Mary's Shelter. Wednesday, May 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolfrap Rd SE, Vienna. For more information contact Margot Chavez at volunteer@ccda.net

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Listening Session on Racism

Join us for a Listening Session on Racism, a diocesan response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts; the Enduring Call to Love." Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop Shelton Fabre (Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux and Chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism) host the listening session. The event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Burke Hall, Arlington, **Tuesday May 21, 2019 from 6-8 p.m.** Doors open at 5:30 pm. Seating is very limited and RSVPs are required on or before Friday, May 17. Please email mcm@arlingtondiocese.org to RSVP.

LoveOurMothers Campaign In the month of May, during which we honor our Blessed Mother, as well as all mothers, the Diocese of Arlington will launch **#LoveOurMothers**, a month-long social media and website campaign celebrating all mothers in the Diocese. We will share the stories of four mothers who the Church serves through its various ministries. Watch videos of these remarkable mothers and share who you love your own mother by using the **#LoveOurMothers** hashtag. A special webpage, www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers will be launched in May!

The Archdiocese for the Military Services 25th Annual Memorial Mass, honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces, will be held **Sunday, May 19, at 4:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**, 4th Street & Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC. The principal celebrant and homilist will be The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop. Please note that parking is limited and car pooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: civilian, business attire; military, service dress. To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit: <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for women (ages 18-50) **June 14-16**. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment and talking with religious sisters and other women discerners. Cost is \$60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday June 1.

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“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.... 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.’”

Pretend that you are in the audience as Paul spoke, so convincingly. Place yourself in the shoes first of the Israelite and see how well you accept or reject what you hear. You were urged to remain faithful to the grace of God. Now change your shoes and see you too are destined for eternal life and believe.

The magic of Paul and Barnabas is God’s grace and we all today, gifted with eternal life and the Holy Spirit, are to live and bring that life to others. We hear and listen and become witnesses as well. One of the encouraging words of Pope Francis is that we speak out ‘boldly’ of the Christ we know.

grow.
rich
in the eyes of
God

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS