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May 2 to 8, 2022

Week 18

Monday to Sunday



May 2, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Acts 6:8-15

They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, and brought (Stephen) before the Sanhedrin. They presented false witnesses ...

Monday of the
Third Week of Easter
Saint Athanasius

Gospel Reading
John 6:22-29

"You are looking for Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Remove from me the way of falsehood, and favor me with Your law.

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus rebuke the people who followed Him because of the food and not because of "signs"?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask God in prayer to replenish your body with food and your soul with spiritual nourishment.

May 3, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

*For I handed on to you
as of first importance
what I also received:
that Christ died for
our sins ...*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 19:2-5

*Through all the earth
their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the
world, their message.*

Tuesday of the
Third Week of Easter
Saints Phillip and James

Gospel Reading
John 14:6-14

**"I am the way and
the truth and the
life. No one comes
to the Father except
through Me."**

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus say that "no one comes to the Father except through (Him)"?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, pray to Jesus to help you find your way to God the Father, through Him, the Son of God.

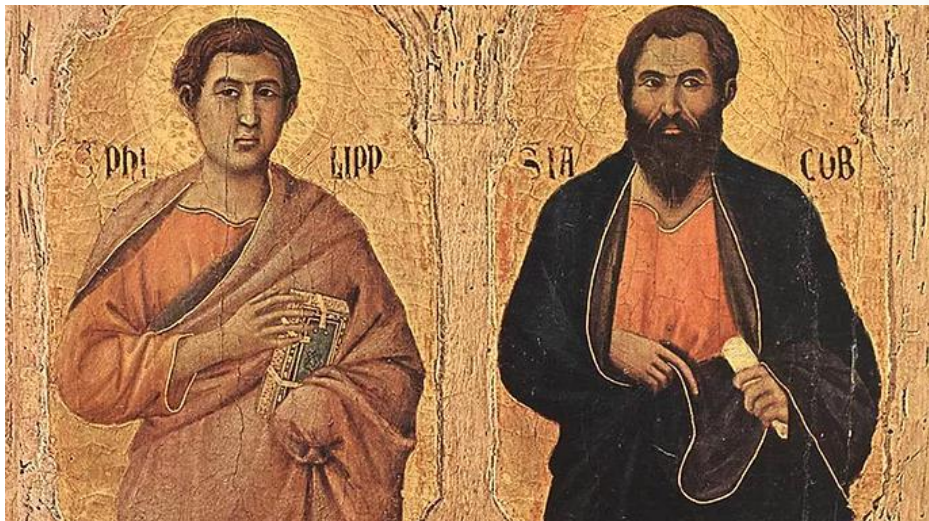
Saints of the Week

Saint Phillip and James

Saint Phillip the Apostle came from Galilee. After Jesus asked Peter and Andrew to follow Him, He next asked Philip to do the same. While Philip was a married man with children, he did not hesitate when the Lord asked him to follow Him.

Saint Phillip was the one who convinced Nathaniel to also follow the Lord. In the story of the loaves and fishes, Philip was the one to which Jesus talked about the difficulty of feeding the people.





There are actually two apostles with "James" as their name. The Saint James who is celebrated with Saint Phillip is sometimes called Saint James "the Less", either because he was younger or smaller in stature than the other Saint James.

Saint James was the son of Alpheus and Mary of Clopas. James and Jude, his brother, were called to be apostles in the second year of Jesus' preaching.

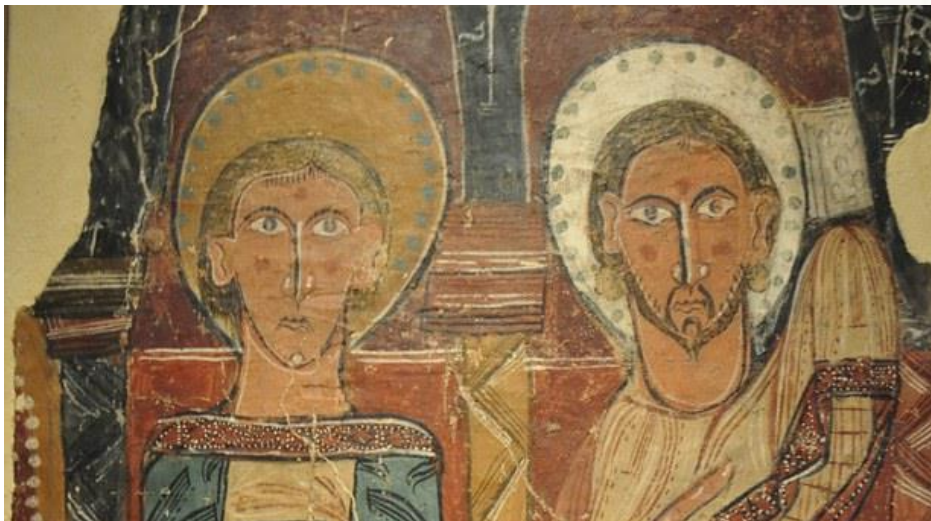
Reference: *Saints Philip and James RC Church (2022)*



Quote of the Week

... As soon as Philip had come to the knowledge that Christ was the true Messiah, he endeavored to bring others to Him and make them also acquainted with His word. Have you, at any time during your life, brought any one to Christ, or to the knowledge of His word and to His love? Or, have you, not on the contrary, led many a one to Satan and persuaded him to serve the Evil One?





The first took place when you, by your good example or kind words, converted any one to the true faith, or moved him to repentance, or confession, or to hear Holy Mass, and the word of God, or to have patience under adversity, or to any other Christian virtue.

The second happened when you, by word or deed, enticed others to evil, or confirmed them in evil doing. If you have been guilty of the last, oh, repent, as long as you live, of the wickedness that you have caused, and leave nothing untried to bring the soul, which you delivered to Sa-

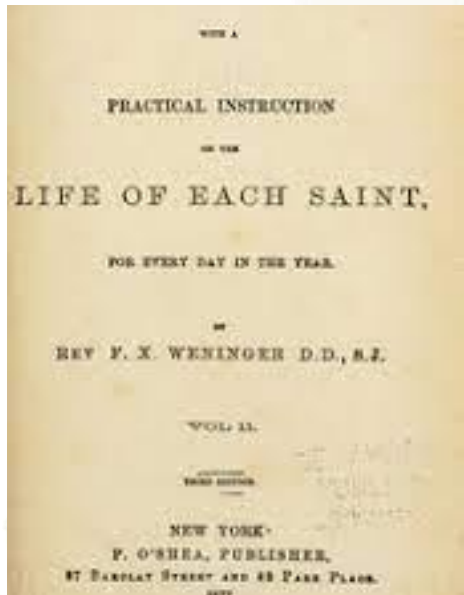
tan, back to Christ. Should it, however, be too late, endeavor earnestly to lead other souls to Christ by your pious life, devout conversation, and fervent prayer.

... St. James, in imitation of the Savior, prayed even for his bitterest enemies. Shall the noble example of your Savior make less impression upon you? Consider it well. Your Savior prayed aloud upon the Holy Cross for those who caused Him infinitely more suffering than your enemies have caused you, and will you hesitate to pray for them? Shame on you! Cast at once all hesitation aside, and offer today

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all your prayers to God for those who have ever done you any harm. At the same time, promise your Omniscient God that you will forgive all, without any exception, for anything by which they have wronged you. This is one of the surest means to gain from God remission of your own sins.

—*Fr. Francis Xavier Weninger, SJ*

Reference: *Lives of the Saints: Compiled from Authentic Sources with a Practical Instruction on the Life of Each Saint, for Every Day in the Year* (2012)

Committed to Christian

May 4, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
Acts 8:1b-8

There broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem ...

Wednesday of the
Third Week of Easter

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 66:1-7

Come and see the works of God, His tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

Gospel Reading
John 6:35-40

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger ..."

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus mean when He said that He is the "bread of life"? What "hunger" was He referring to?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, give food, even a little, to a loved one, and ask God to give you the bread of life.

May 5, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Acts 8:26-40

*The eunuch said,
"Look, there is water.
What is to prevent my
being baptized?"*

Thursday of the
Third Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 6:44-51

"I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven; who-
ever eats this bread
will live forever."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

*He has given life to
our souls, and has
not let our feet slip.*

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus mean when He said "whoever eats this bread will live forever"?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, if you can, receive Jesus in Holy Communion and reflect about His gift of eternal life.

May 6, 2022

Friday

First Reading
Acts 9:1-20

*He fell to the ground
and heard a voice
saying to him, "Saul,
Saul, why are you
persecuting Me?"*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 117:1-2

*Praise the Lord,
all you nations;
glorify Him,
all you peoples!*

Friday of the
Third Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 6:52-59

"Unless you eat the
Flesh of the Son of
Man and drink his
Blood, you do not
have life within you."

Reflection Guide Question

Why does Jesus repeatedly emphasize that life, in fact eternal life, can only be gained through Him?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, think back to your First Communion and reflect about the importance of the sacrament.

May 7, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Acts 9:31-42

*"Aeneas, Jesus Christ
heals you. Get up
and make your bed." ...
"Tabitha, rise up."*

Saturday of the
Third Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 6:60-69

"The words I have
spoken to you are
Spirit and life.
But there are some
of you who do not
believe."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 116:12-17

*My vows to the Lord
I will pay in the
presence of all
His people.*

Reflection Guide Question

In the Gospel, who were the people who, according to Jesus, "do not believe"?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, say a prayer for the people in your life who "do not believe", and ask God to help them find faith.

May 8, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Acts 13:14, 43-52

... They were filled with jealousy, and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 100:1-3, 5

Know that the Lord is God; He made us, and we are His; His people, the flock He tends.

Second Reading
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water ...

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus use the metaphor of "sheep" to describe the relationship between us and Him?

Word of the Week

sheep

/SHēp/

noun



Sheep are the type of animal mentioned most frequently in the Bible. Exact numbers vary, depending on the translation, but estimates are usually close to 500 times. “Sheep” is mentioned around 210 times, “lamb” around 200 times, and “ram” around 160 times. Goats, bulls, horses, donkeys, and lions, in that order, are the next most mentioned animals in the Bible.

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Scientific studies about animal behavior and brain function have increasingly proven that sheep have “highly sophisticated social and emotional recognition skills using faces, voices and smells.” In fact, sheep have been found to be “able to recognize and remember many different sheep and humans for several years or more” and “appear to have some capacity for forming mental images of the faces of absent individuals”.





These scientific studies reinforce what Jesus says in John 10:27 ("My sheep hear My voice"), and what shepherds and other people who care for sheep already know—that sheep know their shepherds, quite literally.

References: *The Bible Answer* (2017), *Hebrew Pod 101* (2011), *Sheep Senses, Social Cognition and Capacity for Consciousness*—K. M. Kendrick (2008)

Prayers of the Week

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Your Fatherly goodness, You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd, not only to nourish us by His Word but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us so that, as our Shepherd knows us and provides for us in every affliction,





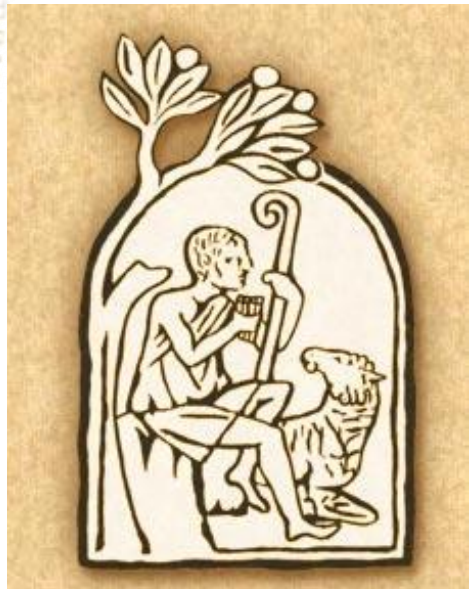
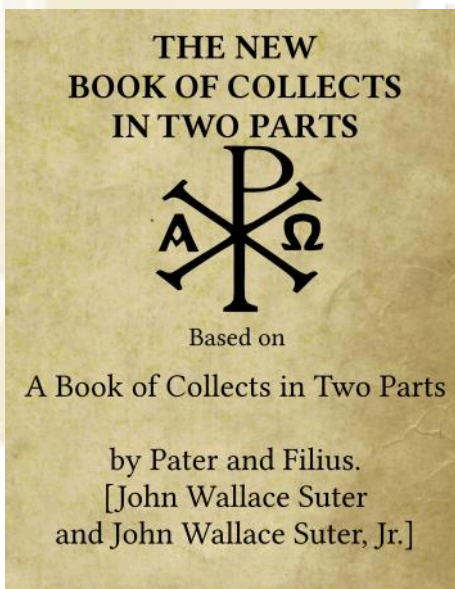
we also may know Him; and trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, obey His voice with all our hearts, and obtain eternal salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

—*Veit Dietrich (1506-1549)*

Reference: *The Collects of Veit Dietrich in Contemporary English* (2016)

O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd, and You call Your own by name. Let people everywhere hear Your voice and follow You on the path of life, so that there may be one flock and one Shepherd; to the honor and glory of Your name. Amen.

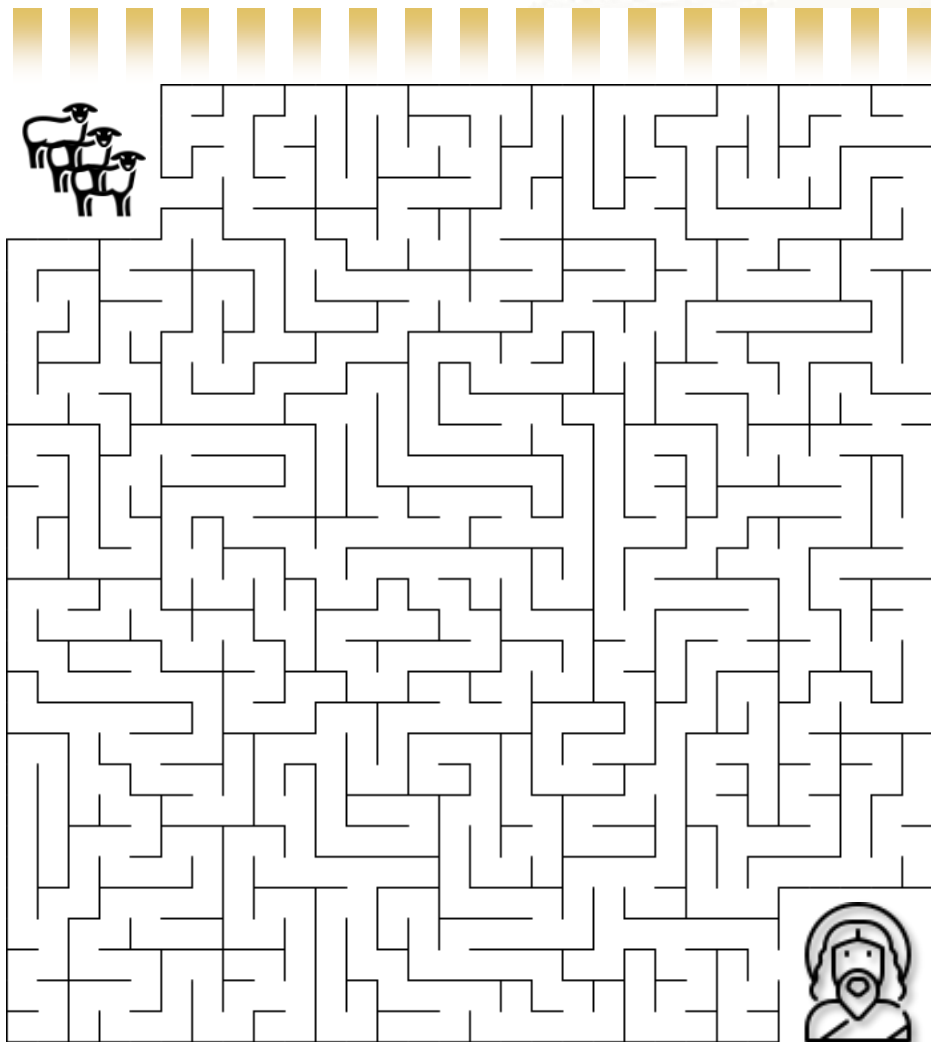
— *John Wallace Suter and John Wallace Suter, Jr. (1919)*



Reference: *A Book of Collects in Two Parts* (1919)

Game of the Week

Maze Puzzle



Trace the path from the sheep towards their Shepherd, Jesus.

Last Week's Game

Morse Code Puzzle

Decode the Bible quotes below using the key on the right.

Spaces are indicated by a slash "/".

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DO YOU LOVE ME ?



DICES,
let us pray.