

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 1) Acts 13:14, 43-52
- 2) Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
- 3) John 10:27-30

**FOCUS:** Our God knows and loves each of us.

What a blessing it is to have a God who knows each one of us. Each of us is created and gifted with our own unique purpose. As Jesus says in today's Gospel: *My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.* Let us celebrate Jesus' presence in our lives and follow after him.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, the preaching of Paul and Barnabas is rejected by the Jews and welcomed by the Gentiles. In the second reading, John sees a diverse remnant of people who survived the great tribulation. They give worship to the Lamb of God, who shepherds them. In the Gospel, Jesus says that his sheep know his voice and follow him. He leads them to eternal life, for he and the Father are one.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

PRIEST: As wandering sheep who call out to the shepherd for guidance and protection, let us bring our needs and petitions to the Lord, who never abandons us.

- 1) For the Church, may God strengthen all who have been anointed her leaders, and who share in the one baptism we profess, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may the Lord inspire them to generosity and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For parents who lack adequate resources to provide for their children's needs, may they be blessed with the presence of those who can help to ease their burdens, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For teachers and catechists in this faith community, may God be their guide as they share the Gospel message with joy and generosity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may the Lord lovingly welcome them into the heavenly banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, you hear our prayers and know our needs. Please grant what we ask according to your will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.