

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 23, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am
 Wednesday & Friday.....7:00 am
 1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am
 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....10:00 am

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Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 29/30

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Angela Bustos	Charlotte Bullard Paul Garni
Servers		Ben Burris Sophia Hogan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Rich Tauferner
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	Aaron Justinger Rob Holzrichter
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Volunteer	Lynn Justinger



**HE TOOK BREAD,
 BLESSED AND
 BROKE IT, AND
 GAVE IT TO THEM.**

**THEN THEIR EYES
 WERE OPENED, AND
 THEY RECOGNIZED HIM.**

LUKE 24:30-31, NRSV

From Father Schmeckel:

As we continue through the Easter season, on most Sundays, we will profess our faith through the words of **the Apostles' Creed**. This is an option that is particularly encouraged in the Easter Season. You will notice that it is a little shorter than the Nicene Creed, but professes the same faith in God. One of the particular differences is that we say that after Jesus died and was buried he "**descended into hell**". What does it mean for us to say that Jesus descended into hell? I suspect this is one of the most frequently asked questions that priests receive.



Here is what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says about this:

Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Savior, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there. (CCC 632)

Jesus went to the realm of the dead to announce life to all those who had died before Jesus had died on the Cross to save souls. In the summary part of the *Catechism*, it says this:

In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him. (CCC 637)

If you have been to Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish during this Easter season you will notice that we did not put the resurrected form of Jesus on the Cross this year. It is important for us to remember, at all times of the year, that the Mass is the re-presentation of the one sacrifice that Jesus offered on the Cross. As we look for ways to deepen our belief in the Eucharist, **the Crucifix reminds us of the sacrificial nature of the Mass**. The Mass isn't just a quaint set of rituals and nice music but it draws us back to Good Friday when our Lord died on the Cross.

As contemporary Christians, we sometimes forget that the Crucifix is not a sad and depressing reminder, but a sign of triumph and glory. Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians that Jesus humbled himself and was "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." He goes on to say that because of his death on the Cross, "God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name..." (See Phil 2:6-11) The Cross reminds us of Jesus' triumph, glory, and most significantly, His love for you and me.

All that being said, I am looking into a good place for us to permanently display our beautiful image of the resurrected Jesus to help point us to our hope in the Resurrection.

If you're going to Mass at Saint John Evangelist Parish, I strongly encourage you to take some time to look at our stained-glass windows that depict scenes of the Resurrection. The large window in the gathering space shows John at the empty tomb. Inside the church, on the rear left side, you will see the Resurrection, itself with Peter, John, and Mary Magdalen. Spend some time praying with and looking at these images to help you hear and listen to the Easter stories at Mass in a deeper way!

This weekend at Saint John, we kick off the public phase of the Love One Another campaign! This is a great opportunity for our parish to invest in formational opportunities for our youth and adults; make some needed upgrades to our parish kitchen; and undertake many other buildings improvements and maintenance projects. I encourage all St. John parishioners who have not already contributed to prayerfully consider giving to the campaign and to continue to pray for its success in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese! May God reward you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	April 22	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Brian Woveras by Family
Saturday	April 22	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 23	St. John's	9:00 am	†Patricia Makoutz by Makoutz Family
Sunday	April 23	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Wally Dobrzynski by Family, †Warren & Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica
Tuesday	April 25	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Olivia by Mom & Dad
Wednesday	April 26	St. John's	7:00 am	†George Mott by Benishek Family
Thursday	April 27	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Joan Schmid by Del Brock
Friday	April 28	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Saturday	April 29	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†William, Emily, & Karen Plate by Randy & Ann Reineking, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Saturday	April 29	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerry Everly by Pellegrino Family
Sunday	April 30	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for the First Communion Students
Sunday	April 30	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: This past weekend, seven of our St. John Evangelist Parish 11th grade Confirmands, their teacher and DRE, went on an overnight retreat to Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha, WI. along with their 11th grade Confirmands from Blessed Trinity Parish. The retreat was led by Spiritus missionaries and included time for prayer, reflection, witness talks and discussion, as well as some time for fun and friendship. Our time together concluded with 5:30 pm Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive this Sacrament of mission in October.



MASS BEFORE/AFTER MASS SUMMER

SCHEDULE: Our 7-12th grade Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Teresa Bettag, is continuing the class before/after Mass again this summer! Please mark your calendars for talks on:

- ✦ The beauty of our church, complete with a church tour on **Sunday, June 11** after the 9:00 am Mass.
- ✦ A presentation on the Catholic founding of America on **Saturday, July 8** from 4:00 - 5:15 pm, before the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass,
- ✦ A "walk through the Holy sites" with Susan Vavra on **Sunday, August 13** after the 9:00 am Mass.

APRIL WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Jerome Fuhrmann by Dian Fuhrmann and Family

Come one, come all, tell some friends and look forward to seeing you in the gathering space this summer. Lifelong learning is fun!!

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass (Choir Sings)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 am	Mass
3:30 - 4:45 pm	SEEDs Program 4K - Grade 6
5:30 pm	Finance Council Classroom #8
6:30 pm	Pastoral Council Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Hall
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FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 am	Mass
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SATURDAY, APRIL 29

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass (Choir sings)



CHILDREN'S ITEMS: There will be a number of children's toys in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend which are free for the taking. Any toys remaining on Monday, April 24 will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.



BORN TO ETERNAL

LIFE: Hermine Grasse passed away on Saturday, April 8. A private Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Evangelist Parish. Please

remember Hermine and her family in your prayers.

2023 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

The 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicked off in February. As of March 2023, St. John Evangelist Parishioners have donated \$16,995.00 towards our goal of \$35,190.00. This is 48.29% of our goal from 50 donors. If you have not had a chance to donate as yet, there are envelopes in the kiosk as well at the entrances of church. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 30 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

FINANCIAL: APRIL 15/16: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$9,174.61.



ST. JOHN EVANGELIST MISSION SOCIETY QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets sold before & after Masses in the narthex on April 15/16 and April 22/23

DRAWING AT 10:00 AM ON APRIL 23.

\$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00



THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Campaign Kick-Off Weekend

Today St. John Evangelist kicks off the Love One Another Campaign. Our parish's participation in the campaign, along with all 188 parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, will meet needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries in our 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin.

St. John Evangelist's goal is to raise \$429,405 in pledges payable over five (5) years from our parish families. Sixty percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parish needs listed below. The remaining funds are for new and expanded Catholic ministries listed on the right:

- Enhancing adult and youth formation opportunities
- Capital Improvements to our kitchen and re-finishing our parking lots
- General improvements to our classrooms
- Church sound system

When you receive your invitation to consider pledging to the campaign, please pray about making your best pledge. Please join us in praying for the success of the Love One Another Campaign.



- The poor and those in need.
- Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.
- Catholic schools.
- Vital ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Updated on April 21, 2023

Parish Goal: \$429,405

Total Pledged: \$243,425

Percent Goal Pledged: 57%

Number Pledges: 22

Average Pledge: \$11,065

Parish 60% Share: \$146,055

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for your blessings in our life.

We praise you for your goodness and generosity.

Help us to live as stewards of your grace and love that through prayerful work and sacrifice we may bring your love to our families, parish, and community.

We humbly pray for strength and fortitude to follow your great commission: to go make disciples of all people, living our faith through word and deed.

Inspire in your people generous hearts to strengthen the mission of our parish, to serve those in need, to support vocations,

and to educate our children through the Love One Another Campaign.

Guide us in this important campaign, watch over our efforts to help build your Kingdom here on Earth, and give us joy in serving You and Your Church now and forever.

Amen.



The St John Evangelist Catholic Church First Eucharist Preparation Retreat was held on Wednesday April 12th this year. The 14 children preparing for First Communion, together with their parents, spent time together touring the Church with Fr. Schmeckel, learning with their teachers, Patti Wenberg and Susan Vavra and creating First Communion banners together. These children will receive First Communion here at St. John's Parish on Sunday April 30th at the 9:00 AM Mass. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers.



Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 Spring 2023 SEEDS Program:

Families with children who are currently in Grades 4K-Grade 6 are invited to enroll in a special OPTIONAL Multi-Age After-School Faith Formation (Religious Education) Program on Wednesday afternoons in May from 3:30 until 4:45 PM here at St. John Evangelist Parish. Registration forms can be found on the parish website and on the table in the Gathering Space. For more information or to register by phone or e-mail please contact: Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 at jeanne@btsje.org or call the parish office 920-452-9623.

St. John's Human Concerns-Social Justice Committee Updates:

- 2023 LENTEN ALMSGIVING INITIATIVE (SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NINOS) SOCIETY FOR THE FRIENDS OF CHILDREN: Thank you to St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishioners and visitors for contributing to this year's Lenten Almsgiving project. Total donations to date: \$16,303.00
 - Human Concerns Social Justice Committee members will once again be serving an "Emmaus Meal" on **Saturday, May 11th** from **'10:30 am to about 1:30 pm**. They are seeking volunteers to help serve that Meal (held at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan) and/or provide bars for desserts. If you are available to bake or offer a few volunteer hours, please contact John/Karen Egan (920-452-7632) or sign up on the board at the Church in the Gathering Space area. This is a great opportunity to get involved with St. John's Community.
- ~John Egan, Co-Chair of the Human Concerns Social Justice Committee and to help those in need.

ROSARY LEADER NEEDED:

We are in need of Rosary leaders for the month of May. The rosary is recited 20 minutes prior to the weekend Masses. Please contact Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 to volunteer to lead the Rosary before one or more of these Masses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:

Next weekend (April 29/30), the Blessed Trinity's Knights of Columbus will be selling tootsie rolls at the Masses.



SHEBOYGAN SOUTH CATHOLIC PARISHES

Would you like to slow down this Easter Season and rest with Jesus?
Interested in learning how to pray with Scripture?

Join us for any combination of Sundays and/or Mondays this Easter season for "Journey with The Saint John's Bible." On Sundays, we'll explore the story of salvation through Scripture and art, sharing fellowship and prayer together. On Mondays, we will practice handwriting Scripture, inspired by the entirely hand written and illuminated St. John's Bible.

For more info contact Anja Renkes at renkesa@catholicsouthside.com.

Sundays

April 16th 10:30 - 11:20 at St. Peter Claver
April 23rd 11:30 - 12:20 at Immaculate Conception
April 30th 9:30 - 10:20 at SS. Cyril and Methodius
May 7th 10:30 - 11:20 at St. Peter Claver
May 14th 11:30 - 12:20 at Immaculate Conception
May 21st 9:30 - 10:20 at SS. Cyril and Methodius

Mondays

(Go deeper) Sessions at St. Peter Claver
April 17th 6:30 - 7:45
April 24th 6:30 - 7:45
May 1st 6:30 - 7:45
May 8th 6:30 - 7:45
May 15th 6:30 - 7:45
May 22nd 6:30 - 7:45

Safe Environment Week - April 23 - 29, 2023

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE:

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace
in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
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SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM DID YOU KNOW....

Did you know....In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a Diocesan Review Board reviews allegations against clergy involving abuse of a minor and serves as an instrument to help hold our diocese accountable.

Did you know....In 2022 in the Archdiocese, over 180 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 3,800 adults trained, over 7,700 criminal background checks were conducted, and over 40,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

Did you know....All clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused,

Did you know....The Archdiocese has a Victim Assistance Coordinator that has assisted survivors of sexual abuse navigate through the process of reporting abuse and receiving counseling services. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at 414-758-2232.

Did you know....No priest or deacon with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can or will ever serve as a priest or deacon in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Did you know....All clergy, employees, and volunteers are required to meet all of the requirements of safe environment certification. Certification is required prior to beginning ministry and every five years.

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

Safe environment education training sessions are conducted both in person and virtually. Go to: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm> to view a list of dates available and to register. All volunteers that work with children need to attend a Safeguarding class. Please take advantage of this online opportunity. You only need to take the class once. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623.



Mass of Atonement

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023
6 P.M.**

**Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
818 Huron Ave. | Sheboygan, WI 53081**

“Please join me for our annual Mass of Atonement. This Mass is a faith-filled, heartfelt and visible action step as we continue our path of reconciliation and resolution. While no single statement or event can make up for the painful abuse of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, as believers we know that in Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection, we find hope beyond measure as we move toward a brighter future.”

- ARCHBISHOP JEROME E. LISTECKI



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The Catholic Life Center

Mission: "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls

Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC

May 2023



COVID Update: Masks are optional.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

The Sacraments by Bishop Barron (Cont.)

May 3, 10, 17 & 24

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room



- May 3 The Eucharist
- May 10 Reconciliation
- May 17 The Anointing of the Sick
- May 24 Matrimony & Holy Orders

"In this follow-up to *The Mass*, Bishop Barron takes a fresh look at the great sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise. *The Sacraments* will help you understand these signs and channels of grace and discover the secret behind their persistence down the ages; the presence and power of the Savior himself." Join us for the videos and discussion.

****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



Health and Wellness Tuesdays

10:00-11:00 am

- April 25 May Basket Service Project for Pine Haven, CLC-Meeting Room
- May 2 Health & Wellness Discussion: Walking Aids, CLC-Meeting Room
Do you know the clues for needing a walker or a cane?
Join us for this important discussion.
- May 9 Coloring for Relaxation, no supplies required, CLC-Meeting Room
- May 16 Rogers Behavioral Health and the Power of Gratitude, SJE-Church Hall
Dione Knop, Outreach Representative for Rogers Behavioral Health will talk about the different types of programs and services they offer. She will also explain the unique Supportive Living program that Sheboygan has. She will then talk about the power of gratitude and the impact it can have to lessen depression and anxiety in daily life.
- May 23 No meeting due to County Adult Faith Formation Meeting, CLC-Meeting Room
- May 30 "Celebrate Summer" Coffee Social, CLC-Meeting Room

***Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Friday, May 5 after the 7:00 am Mass at SJE in the Gathering Space
Thursday, May 11 after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-Meeting Room

Walk the Walk... Our adult walking program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions, call Mary at the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Singing in the Rain*

This musical comedy from 1952 celebrates 1920s Hollywood as it introduced sound to silent films. A classic Hollywood musical.

Wednesday, May 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

Starring
Gene Kelly
and Debbie
Reynolds



BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Group

Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals? The next event is Board Games on **Friday, May 5**, from 10:00-11:00 am in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room. Bring your favorite game if you wish!



Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details and watch the bulletin for future events.



Summer Potluck Picnic with Games

Thursday, June 8, 12:00-2:00 pm at the CLC

Save
The
Date!

Check Out These Groups at St. John Evangelist

Mother's Group – for activities, friendship and support.

Bible Study – Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Lower Level Conference Room

Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details.

Enrich Your Sunday
First and Third Sundays of the Month
 After 9:00 am Mass, 10:15-11:00 am
 St. John Evangelist's School Classroom



May 7 Canceled due to SJE Event
May 21 The Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Join us for this video and discussion at a convenient time after Mass, with light refreshments. We finish by 11:00 am in time for other Sunday plans.

Dear Padre,

***Our planet's condition is now a serious problem.
Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?***

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

April 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29

TUESDAY

April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

WEDNESDAY

April 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40

THURSDAY

April 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51

FRIDAY

April 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59

SATURDAY

April 29
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 9:31–42
Jn 6:60–69

SUNDAY

April 30
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36–41
1 Pt 2:20b–25
Jn 10:1–10



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021