

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

➔ FIRST READING – Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

➔ SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

➔ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.