

FRIDAY MAY 29

EASTER WEEKDAY

[**St. Paul VI**, *pope (1897-1978)*]

On May 29, 1920, Giovanni Battista Montini was ordained, and four years later he began his service to the Holy See. He was archbishop of Milan and a cardinal before being elected pope in 1963. As pope, he oversaw much of the Second Vatican Council and is remembered for his many landmark writings, including *Humanae Vitae* (1968). He was beatified in 2014 and canonized in 2018 by Pope Francis. ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (*Revelation 1:5-6*)

Christ loved us and washed us clean of our sins by his Blood, and made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, alleluia.

COLLECT

O God, who by the

glorification of your Christ and the light of the Holy Spirit have unlocked for us the gates of eternity, grant, we pray, that, partaking of so great a gift, our devotion may grow deeper and our faith be strengthened.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

READING (*Acts 25:13b-21*)

King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in Caesarea on a visit to Festus. Since they spent several days there, Festus referred Paul's case to the king, saying, "There is a man here left in custody by Felix. When I was in Jerusalem the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges against him and

demanded his condemnation. I answered them that it was not Roman practice to hand over an accused person before he has faced his accusers and had the opportunity to defend himself against their charge. So when they came together here, I made no delay; the next day I took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought in. His accusers stood around him, but did not charge him with any of the crimes I suspected. Instead they had some issues with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who had died but who Paul claimed was alive. Since I was at a loss how to investigate this controversy, I asked if he were willing to go to Jerusalem and there stand trial on these charges. And when Paul appealed that he be held in custody for the Emperor's decision, I ordered him held until I could send

him to Caesar.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab)

R: The Lord has established his throne in heaven. OR Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his
holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his
benefits. **R**

For as the heavens are high
above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness
toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from
the west,
so far has he put our
transgressions from us. **R**

The LORD has established
his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules
over all.

Bless the LORD, all you
his angels,
you mighty in strength,
who do his bidding. **R**

ALLELUIA (*John 14:26*)

Alleluia, alleluia. The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL (*John 21:15-19*)

After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter answered

him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to Simon Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and

Today's Good News

Do you really believe what you are proclaiming? Do you live what you believe? Do you really preach what you live? The witness of life has become more than ever an essential condition for the real effectiveness and progress of the gospel that we proclaim. The world which, paradoxically, despite innumerable signs of the denial of God, is nevertheless searching for God in unexpected ways and painfully experiencing the need of God. The world calls for and expects from us simplicity of life, the spirit of prayer, charity towards all, especially towards the lowly and the poor, obedience and humility, detachment and self-sacrifice. Without this mark of holiness, our word will have difficulty in touching the heart of modern persons. **POPE ST. PAUL VI (To Proclaim the Gospel)**

he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look mercifully, O Lord,
we pray,
upon the sacrificial gifts of
your people,
and, that they may become
acceptable to you,
let the coming of the
Holy Spirit cleanse our
consciences.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(John 16:13)

When the Spirit of truth
comes, he will teach you all
truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, by whose mysteries
we are cleansed and
nourished,
grant, we pray,
that this banquet which you
give us
may bring everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Three times Peter must confess his love before he can serve Christ's people.

● **How can I confess my love and be more ready to serve?**

Jesus, you know I love you...