

APRIL 17, 2016

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 13:14, 43–52

PSALM 100:1–2, 3, 5

REVELATION 7:9, 14B–17

JOHN 10:27–30

## REFLECTION

It is so strange how our human mind works. Even when we don't want what another person has we still don't want them to have it. There is no rationale for it. The talent uncovered in Paul's message is evangelization—a word or action most Catholics shy away from because it is mostly associated with public proclamation of Christ. This is a talent that the Jews in charge most certainly did not have. Jesus had this talent. Some of his Apostles acquired it. And later disciples certainly maximized the gift. However, evangelization is not just something we do with great words in order to gain followers. It is the way we live in order to call ourselves Christian—to be worthy to be called a follower of Christ. We can be an evangelizer precisely because our heart and soul will always hear the voice of God in our lives. First, we have to listen.

## ACTION

This might take some time to do, but seek out a Christian worship concert and find some friends or family members who are willing to go with you. While it might be entirely out of your comfort zone, check it out. There are many great contemporary Christian and Catholic artists who inspire praise-filled nights, to live out the reading from Revelation, and to worship God day and night.

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Do you consider yourself an evangelizer of the Catholic faith? Why or why not? If your answer is a quick no, what scares you about sharing your faith in big or small ways?
- In what ways does God speak to you? Do you easily hear God's voice? How can you create more time to listen?