



# Fifth Sunday in Easter

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***“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”***

*(John 3:18, Lectionary)*

## Saints of the Week

**Sts. Philip and James the Less, Apostles  
First Century  
Feast Day—May 3**

Philip and James the Less, son of Alphaeus, are listed among the Twelve Apostles commissioned by Jesus. Philip brought Nathaniel to Christ, had a part in feeding the 5,000, and at the Last Supper, when asked to be shown the Father, was told by Christ: “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?” He may have evangelized in Turkey. Not much is known about James, but “the less” may refer to his height. One tradition puts him in Syria, while another has him martyred in the same Jerusalem persecution as James the Righteous.

### *Philip in the Bible*

**John 1:43-46**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

But Nathanael said to him,

“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

### *Pope Benedict XVI and St. James*

When speaking about St. James on June 28, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI talked about the letter attributed to James in the Bible. He said, “the Letter of James urges us to abandon ourselves in the hands of God in all that we do: ‘If the Lord wills’ (Jas 4: 15). Thus, he teaches us not to presume to plan our lives autonomously and with self-interest, but to make room for the inscrutable will of God, who knows what is truly good for us.”



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