5th May 2019 - Third Sunday of Easter

From the Desk of the Pastor....

In today’s Gospel, Jesus invites his disciples to a lakeside. Peter, who had ‘denied that he ever knew Jesus’ (and so, betrayed Jesus,) is invited now to eat the fish Jesus prepares. Peter’s story is one of calling, falling and recalling. We can imagine that Peter made an excellent leader. A leader is expected to have the wisdom to know that his greatest enemy is himself. Peter learned humility—through the experience of his own weakness. It rid him of his pride and his blind reliance on his own resources.

We are not the rocklike characters we would like to be or that sometimes think we are. We are vulnerable and weak human beings. We need someone who can understand our weaknesses, who realizes that it may take time for us to overcome them, and who does not write us off because we don’t produce the goods at once.

Just as Simon Peter had denied Jesus three times that he ever knew Jesus, in today’s Gospel account, he professes his love for Jesus three times. We are given to see today in this simple seaside meal, an expression of reconciliation: this very same opportunity is extended to you and me today.

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Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12: Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Mother’s Day Spiritual bouquet cards are made available in the vestibule of the church. There is a suggested gift of a donation of $10.00 for each card. You may place your gift in the envelope provided and put it in the mass collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Mother’s day novena runs from May 13 - 21, 2019.

Novena Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am on weekdays (Mon-Sat) and on Sunday, May 19th at 9:30 am.

Fixing God’s House Breakfast

Our Parish Hispanic Community (HPC) thanks you all for supporting “Fixing God’s House” breakfast fundraiser. Funds raised totaled $860.50 and has been deposited into the “Fixing God’s House” account. Thank you, everyone who participated to make this event a success!

“Do You Love Me?” The moment for which Christ has been preparing ever since his Resurrection has arrived. He is alone with Peter. Their last encounter before Jesus’ death was that sad occasion when Christ looked at Peter, forgiving him after his threefold denial. Now Christ takes Peter a little apart from the others and gives him the opportunity to affirm a threefold pledge of his love. It may be hard to forgive, but it can be harder to accept forgiveness. The ability to believe we are forgiven is crucial to our spiritual growth. This was the defining difference between Peter and Judas.

Vaccinating Peter went from the shame of his threefold denial of Christ to become the rock on which Christ’s church was founded. Judas could not contemplate the possibility of forgiveness. He, who had heard Christ say that one must forgive seventy times seven, could not bring himself to ask Christ to forgive him. Instead, he died in despair. The one, supreme condition for Christ to renew Peter’s commission to tend his sheep is Peter’s love for his Master. Love is the one, supreme condition for each of us who aspires to be an apostle. Peter’s love has been purified by his betrayal of Christ during the Passion. It has been chastened and humbled. Now Peter entrusts everything — even his love — into Christ’s hands: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Do my failures enable me to love Christ more, with greater trust?

The superabundance of God’s kindness ties all of today’s readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today’s Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise.

THE MONTH OF MAY & DEVOTION TO MARY

Traditionally, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, our Mother. Mary is also a bearer of new life. She brought the New Life to the world in bearing her Son, Jesus, who destroyed death and gave us New life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 4
9:00am St. John the Evangelist Parish
4:30pm † Rodrigo Tarantant
Sunday, May 5
7:30am † Macario Jaocnico
9:30am † Darren Cattanach
11:00am Matthew Suggar (baby)
12:30pm † Leonor Castillo

Monday, May 6
9:00am YMI living & Deceased brothers
Tuesday, May 7
9:00am † Diane Jean Shasky & Family

Wednesday, May 8
9:00am † Eduardo Genovas
Thursday, May 9
9:00am
Friday, May 10
9:00am † Nicasia Sipliciando
Saturday, May 11
9:00am
4:30pm Alfredo Cortez

SECOND COLLECTION

Today’s second collection is for The Reserve Fund.
Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

April 22nd - April 28th, 2019
Tuesday’s Spec coll. ......... $ 78.00
Tues. On-line giving……… $ 5.00
Weekend Offering........... $ 2,390.75
Weekend On-line giving... $ 335.00
Black & Indian Mission.... $1,198.00
Black & Indian Mission On-line giving, $ 50.00