

Third Sunday of Easter

Abraham bought himself a fancy new computer. He was showing it to Isaac one day. “Look at all the wonderful programs it has on it. And look at all the neat things it can do...” Isaac was impressed, but a little concerned...”But Dad, I don’t think your computer has enough memory.” Abraham replied, “Don’t worry, son; the Lord will provide the RAM.”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today’s Gospel is one of the most touching post-Resurrection stories. It is a story of return, reconciliation, and renewed purpose. The disciples, led by Peter, return to what they know—fishing—after the trauma and confusion of the crucifixion. It’s almost as if they’re going back to their old lives, unsure of how to move forward after Jesus’ death, despite having seen Him risen.

But Jesus meets them there.

1. Jesus Meets Us in Our Ordinary Lives

Notice how the risen Jesus doesn’t appear in the Temple or among crowds—He comes to the shore while the disciples are fishing. This reminds us that the risen Lord meets us not just in sacred spaces but in our everyday work, in our discouragement, and even in our confusion. The disciples fished all night and caught nothing. Yet at Jesus’ word, their nets overflow. This reminds us that without Jesus, our work can feel fruitless, but with Him, our lives are transformed.

2. Peter’s Redemption

This encounter is especially significant for Peter. Just a short time ago, he denied Jesus three times. Now, Jesus gently asks him three times: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” It’s not a harsh rebuke but a merciful invitation to start again. Each time Peter affirms his love, Jesus commissions him: “Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my Sheep.”

This is the heart of Christian discipleship—knowing we are not defined by our past failures, but by how we respond to Christ’s mercy. Peter is not disqualified by his denial. In fact, he becomes the rock upon which the Church is built.

3. Food Brings Unity

Jesus’ appearance with them involves food. There are a few symbols for us about the sacraments. Jesus and his disciples are united in food. This event exactly tells us that the Risen Lord shares a post-Resurrection meal with his disciples and today with us the Eucharist. This Eucharist united the believers from all the world under one umbrella.

Jesus doesn’t just forgive; He sends. Peter is now entrusted with the care of Jesus’ flock. The same is true for us. Easter is not just about celebrating the resurrection. It’s about being sent as witnesses. We are called to move from fear to faith, from failure to mission. Like Peter, we must be ready to answer Jesus’ question: “Do you love me?”—and show that love by serving others.

How do we recognize Jesus in our daily lives?