

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Third Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19

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Today is the Third Sunday of Easter! We continue to hear about Jesus appearing to his disciples after his death and resurrection. In this Gospel, some disciples are fishing and have had no luck catching any fish. A man instructs them from the shore where to lower their nets and they realize it is HIM, JESUS! He has Risen!

Jesus gives Peter three opportunities to acknowledge his love for Jesus. Three times for the three times Peter denied knowing Jesus at his Passion. Remember Jesus' prophecy to Peter on Good Friday, "I tell you before the cock crows three times you will deny knowing me"? How heavy must Peter's heart have been when this prediction was fulfilled. Jesus gives Peter the chance to put that behind him, to look forward and be certain of Jesus' unconditional love. Jesus then shares a meal with his friends and once again instructs them to go forth and spread the Good News.

FAITH IN ACTION

- ★ Read the Gospel (John 21:1-19). Why is it important to ask for forgiveness when we hurt someone? Jesus gives Peter an opportunity to heal the hurt caused by his denial at the end of this Gospel. Is there someone you need to "mend fences" with - a friend, a sister or brother or parent? It is better always to ask forgiveness than to dwell on the wrong - love and peace of mind grow in a clean heart!
- ★ In many parts of the world spring has come! The Easter season is full of new beginnings! Take some time this week to be outside and sit in silence. Ask Jesus to sit with you and open your heart!
- ★ May is the Month of Mary! It's a good time to learn a new mystery of the Rosary if you don't know all four sets of mysteries! Visit FamilyRosary.org for free resources!