

The Third Sunday of Easter, Year c
Acts, 5: 27-32, 40b – 41, Revelation, 5: 11-14 and John: 21: 1-19

“...It is the Lord...”

Revelation is always the initiative of God. In today's Gospel account, John puts that setting of Revelation in Galilee, The Sea of Tiberias! In the synoptic gospels, the first resurrection message to the Women was, go and tell my brothers/disciples, that they are to leave for Galilee, there, they will see me! And, it is indeed, in Galilee, that Peter and others had gone back to their old jobs, since in Jerusalem, their hopes had been dashed. It is in their life of fishing, struggling with the sea all night, that the Risen Lord appears to them. However, one thing seem to be clear about God's revelation, it takes place always certainly in our familiar settings, in our ordinariness, in our surroundings and most certainly we all fail the test of being alive to that ordinary fact and recognizing him. The risen Lord, intends to be part of our life story, life journey...that is why he comes into it..

In the midst of failings, toiling and surrendering, God always takes charge, intervenes in our lives. As he does today in the gospel. And if we care to heed his call, the results are always overwhelming. It is the overwhelming results, through the endurance and listening to new ways of doing that we realize that, ***“It is the Lord!”*** Jesus, the Risen Lord, is revealing himself in our lives, our chores, our relationships, our families through the new promptings of trying again where there are failures, he is revealing himself through our good will...our openness to others and life...and invitations of renewals in life...

Through the Eucharist, the Risen Lord, feeds us...encourages us to bring our toils, our fatigue, our disappointments, our joys, our awakenings, our gifts, and he offers them for our good, our communion, our sustenance. It is through the Eucharist that we in our own turn, witness together where we all realize, it is the Lord, in sharing, the one bread and one chalice. This is our witness of the resurrection today that we need carry into our lives our communion.

Jesus, in the Eucharist, forgives us and sends us out to be his witnesses, to be Eucharistic to others, to be the bread of life, i.e. to feed and tend his sheep. This is discipleship that we are all called into. He asks us to follow him, in forgiving, reinstating others in our relationship that has failed, through the power of his healing Love. Jesus is aware of our not so perfect Love, but he is more than willing to accept it, so long as we offer it Bona fide, that Lord, this is what I am.

Let our experiences lead us in recognizing him, “It is the Lord!” and hence in following him...