

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41
Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Monday May 2 St. Athanasius

Acts 6:8-15
Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
John 6:22-29

Tuesday May 3 Sts. Philip and James

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-3,4-5
John 14:6-14

Wednesday May 4

Acts 8:1b-8
Ps 66:1-7
John 6:35-40

Thursday May 5

Acts 8:26-40
Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20
John 6:44-51

Friday May 6

Acts 9:1-20
Ps 117:1-2
John 6:52-59

Saturday May 7

Acts 9:31-42
Ps 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

Reading this Sunday's Gospel story, I have to wonder: How did Jesus catch the fish he was barbecuing when the disciples came ashore? Did he have a net, too? Did he buy it in town with the bread? If so, didn't anyone recognize him? Or maybe the fish just jumped out of the water onto the fire! And maybe he turned stone into bread, like Satan had once tempted him to.

Reflect back upon the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Same foods: bread and fish. Same miracle! It does not matter how little we have or even whether we have anything at all. God the Creator has an infinite supply and is able to produce an abundance of everything. It's never based on what we have; it's always based on the love he has for us.

What he wants from us is the willingness to do the work of sharing what God provides. In the miracle of feeding the crowd, the disciples were asked to distribute the multiplied food. In the miracle of the huge catch of fish, the disciples were asked to "bring some of the fish you caught" and add it to the meal that Jesus was already cooking.

Afterward, Peter was asked to share the love he had for Jesus with the "sheep". From where does love come?



Peter didn't love anybody by his own efforts; none of us do. Peter was created with God's love already in him, as we all were, for we were made in the image of God who is love.

Peter's calling was to share the abundance of God's love, so that the kingdom of God could continue to spread throughout the earth. What is God asking you to do? The answer does not lie in what you have, but in what you are willing to do with what God already has.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What work for the kingdom of God (the parish, a friend, a community program) have you felt a desire to do but haven't yet done because your net feels empty?
2. Assume that Jesus is asking you to do it; what action can you take this week that will toss your net over the other side of the boat?
3. Are you doing everything you feel called by God to do? Share with your community a frustrated calling, i.e., an unsuccessful or un-begun vocation.
4. What does God have that you don't have that could turn the dream into reality? Exchange ideas on how to avail yourself of God's abundance.