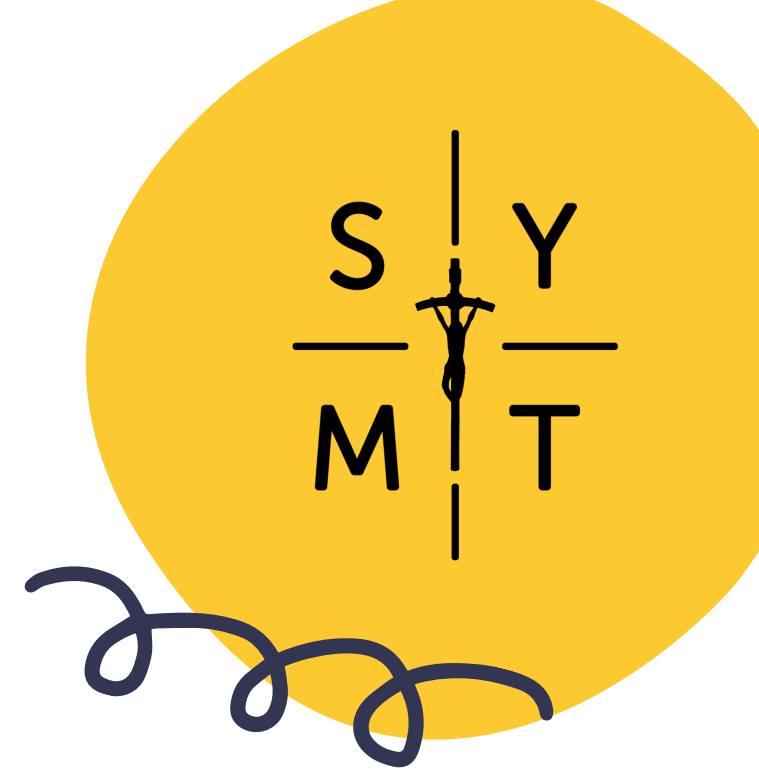




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1ST MAY 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCRIPTURE
JOHN 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reflection

Jesus continues to show himself to his disciples after his resurrection, but it still takes them sometime to recognise him.

When they do they are overjoyed, especially Simon Peter who has to get to him as quickly as possible.

In the conversation that follows we hear Jesus ask Peter three times 'Do you love me?' Peter says Yes each time and Jesus tells him to feed and tend his sheep and to once again follow him.

This call is to us too. Jesus feeds us with his word and his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, He is present within us and he wants us to share this with others.

What will you do this week to tend and feed those around us?

ACTIVITIES

Love in a Different Language

Jesus wants us to share his love with others. Look up how to say the word 'love' in different languages.

How many will you be able to remember?

Feed My Sheep

Draw a sheep and on it write a way that you are going to help and feed Jesus' sheep this week. When you've decided you could glue on some cotton wool to make it a fluffy sheep.

Put it somewhere you will see it so you remember to do what you have thought of.



Prayer

Loving Father, you shepherd us and guide us each and every day.

Inspire us to follow your example of love and service in our own communities as we tend and feed your flock. Amen.

CHALLENGE

Look up your local foodbank and see what they are in particular need of.

Buy some of the items and drop them off so you can support and help to feed a local family in need.