

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

We continue these wondrous days of Easter, remembering the numerous ways in which the resurrected Christ appears to the disciples at the beginning of the Church. From a frightened group of men and women to courageous witnesses, the experience of these encounters challenge and encourage them for the mission to be hopeful, open to a new way of recognizing reality and aware of each of our roles in this continuing mission of the Church.

In our first Reading, the disciples courageously witness to the Resurrection in their deeds and actions, much to the indignation of the religious authorities. From these beginnings the Church in every generation remains faithful to its mission:

‘And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit...’ (Acts 5:32)

From the second reading from the Book of Revelation, a glorious mystical vision of the Apostle John, proclaims beautifully the accomplishment of Salvation:

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ (Revelation 5)

From John 21, Jesus asks Peter whether he loves Him. Harkening to the denials of Peter, his call to lead the Church deepens in his heart and challenges him to a profound confidence and hope in his resurrected Lord and Saviour.

Rejoicing in the Resurrection and peace of Christ

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Don