# **Third Sunday of Easter**

## May 5, 2019

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." — Revelation 5:12

### LIFELONG SERVICE

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible guote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems guite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occu pation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"—to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light<sup>®</sup> bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
	Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
	17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
	Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;
	Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

New finance council members are Salvadore Carollo and Peggy Hauck

The church council is planning to have new ministries. Everyone is invited to review and consider joining these committees as it is very important that everyone is included in our church family. There will be more information about all of the new items after the plans are reviewed by Fr. Anthony



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### **Remember In Prayer**

Michaelle Box, Fr Robert Ponticello, Emanel Milligan, Charley Therrell, Leonard Humble, Louis Humble Sr. ,Martha Jo Neuenschwander, Shelia Sigler, Harold and Joyce Brown,

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo; Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins

Friday: St. Damien de Veuster

#### WORDS AND DEEDS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

May 26th is the date for our parish picnic.

The church will provide the hot dogs ,hamburger,, and buns. This is going to be an outdoor event. Plan on bringing your favorite food for a picnic.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church presents ... Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery with Optional 4-Night Jordan Post Tour Extension April 18 – 26, 2020 Hosted by Father Anthony Onyekwe If you are thinking about traveling to Israel or have any questions about the trip or concerns about the safety of traveling in Israel, Sawyer Shoates, from Collette Tours, will have a presentation on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, at 895 N Broad St.

He will be able to answer any questions you may have. Collette Tours has been in business for 100 years and they value the safety of their customers.

> May 12th Lector Peggy E/M Jim/Tom

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