

# Third Sunday of Easter

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E S O A E S S E R D  
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S H I G N I H S I F  
C N S T R E T C H D  
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BREAKFAST  
CHARCOAL  
CHILDREN  
DIDYMUS  
DISCIPLES  
DRESS  
FEED  
FISHING

GARMENT  
GLORIFY  
LAMBS  
NATHANAEL  
SEA  
SHORE  
SIGNIFYING  
STRETCH

TEND  
THOMAS  
TIBERIAS  
ZEBEDEE

## Catechizing Corner!

There is fairly universal agreement among scholars that the 153 fish represent the "universal out-reach of the church's fishing expedition in obedience to Jesus' command." There are varying opinions regarding the significance of the number. The untorn net represents the unity of the church. Even though the church is comprised of many different types of people, it is nevertheless united. The church is diverse, yet one.

The disciples are to fish for all kinds of people who are to be included in the community. Through the symbol of fish and fishing the disciples are to move out beyond themselves and the Christian community to do their fishing.

John's gospel is a gospel of signs that points to deeper mysteries. The focus of this gospel is fish as sign of church; Peter, the shepherd, as sign of love; and meal as the sign of eucharist when Jesus had fed the multitudes with fish and bread on the same seashore it was a sign of eucharist.

The next dialogue with Peter centers on his responsibility to care for those who are brought into the Christian community. The first part of the dialogue is intended to heal Peter of his three-fold denial at Jesus' trial. The denial took place in three stages, asserts Charles Talbert, and so his reconciliation also occurs in three stages. Jesus has the ultimate power to rehabilitate sinners. Where does his rehabilitation lead? To ministry. Peter, the impulsive and impetuous sinner, was forgiven and empowered to serve. Today's gospel assigns the disciples with the task of evangelization and Peter with the role of pastoral leadership. Jesus rehabilitated Peter and assigned him his role as shepherd. He then described Peter's death. Every good shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus asks Peter if he is willing to assume this responsibility. Was he, Peter, willing to follow Jesus to the cross? Was he willing to die a martyr's death? He was. Are we?

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C*  
Paulist Press, 1998



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# Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

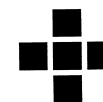
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## Call to Prayer

*Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 21:1-14

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the **shore**; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No."

So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."

So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.

The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.

### Gospel Glossary

When one is on the **shore** it means that one is at the edge of the water; Here, Jesus is at the edge of the Sea of Tiberias.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast."

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being 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?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He then said to Simon Peter a second time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Jesus said to him the third time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a 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."

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord



## Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

*Choose one*

Sometimes love is a challenge that calls us to go beyond our comfort zone. What is one action that you can do this week to show Christ's love to someone who is in need of that love?

Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep." Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

## Closing Prayer

God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

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