

2nd Sunday of Easter
March 30, 2008
(Acts 2:41-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31)

Theme: Turn to the Eucharist and meet the Risen Lord.

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Easter. The children of God all over the world are still filled with the joy of the risen Lord.

The first reading today, from the Acts of the Apostles, shows us how the early church was growing in numbers and strength. They loved each other and lived a community life. They were helping each other in their every day needs. This love they showed to each other attracted a lot of people to the Christian faith. This is a noble example for all of us that the best way to preach the Gospel to others is by living a good life. If you want to convert someone to Christ, show that person love and live a good life for that person to see.

In the gospel today, the risen Lord appeared to the apostles and strengthened them with the gifts of peace, the Holy Spirit, and the power to forgive sins. The apostles were able to see the risen Lord because they were there at the Eucharistic celebration. They were privileged to receive these divine blessings from Christ because they were there at Mass. Thomas, who was not there, did not see Christ.

Just as I pointed out during our Holy Thursday Mass, whenever we come to Mass we encounter Christ and nobody leaves the presence of Christ without God's blessings.

Do you need peace in your life or home? do you need the blessings of the Holy Spirit? and do you want your sins to be forgiven? then keep on coming to Mass. Just as the risen Christ blessed the apostles with these blessings, he will also shower you with these divine blessings.