

3rd Sunday of Easter Season
April 6, 2008
(Acts 2:14, 22-28/1 Pet 1:17-21/Lk24:13-35)

Theme: Do not allow your past mistakes to weigh you down; you have a loving father.

Today we enter the third week of the Easter Season. In the first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Peter boldly preaching about Christ. The Jesus Peter is seen preaching today is his master whom he denied three times. But the bible said when Peter realized what he had done, he went outside and wept bitterly. Peter's repentance restored to him again the grace of God. He assumed his position again as a disciple of Christ and boldly bore witness to his faith.

In our Christian callings, this should be a lesson for all of us. The fact that we deny Christ by our sins, does not mean that we are no longer children of God or that God has abandoned us. Rather, God wants you and me to rise from that state of sin and weep for our sins like Peter. God does not expect you to kill yourself like Judas, because of the sins you have committed or because of one mistake you made in life. No, God wants us to reconcile ourselves to him through repentance and conversion.

Never allow yourself to be depressed again; stop crying. Your God is a living God. He is alive and full of mercy and love. Mary Magdalene repented from her sins, welcomed Christ in her life and Christ gave her a new life. Today she is the first person to see Christ after his resurrection. Peter wept for his sins and accepted Christ again. Today, Peter is boldly witnessing to Christ's resurrection as the leader of the apostles.

Today, let us bear in mind that God still loves us. Our positions, as sons and daughters of God have not been changed. He only wants us to forget our old, sinful life and come back to him like Peter and Mary Magdalene did.