

2nd Sunday of Easter
(Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31)

Theme: Let your faith shine in the world.

Today we are still filled with the joy of Easter. After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His disciples and confirmed their faith with His gifts of peace, the Holy Spirit and authority to forgive sins.

In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the early Christians or believers were still increasing in number and faith. They saw themselves as brothers and sisters. They loved each other, shared their things together and prayed together. The unity that existed between the Christians attracted a lot of new converts to the family of Christ's faithful.

St. John, in our second reading, explained that our obedience to the commandment of God and our love for God makes us children of God. He further states that our faith in Christ will always lead us to victory in all that we do. For through our faith and belief in Christ Jesus, we also share in His victory.

In our gospel message today, St. John tells us how Jesus appeared to the disciples when they gathered for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (breaking of bread). He blessed the disciples with peace, the Holy Spirit and power to forgive sins. After this he sent them out to bear witnesses to Him (Jn 20:19-31). This reminds us that any time we take part in the Eucharist (Mass) we are nourished again with the power of Christ Jesus, peace, Holy Spirit and forgiveness of sins.

Let us also remember that we are the disciples of today and Christ expects us to be bearers of His love, peace and Holy Spirit to the world. Be strong and let your faith shine in the world.