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FAITH IS A QUESTION OF LOVE

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 4, 2025

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Jn 21:1-19) recounts the third time the Risen Jesus appears to the Apostles. It is a meeting that takes place by the Lake of Galilee, and above all involves Simon Peter. It all begins with him saying to the other disciples: "I am going fishing" (v. 3). There was nothing strange about this since he was a fisherman, but he had abandoned this work from the time he had left his nets on the shore of that very lake, in order to follow Jesus. And now, while the Risen One keeps them waiting, Peter, perhaps a little disheartened, proposes to the others that he return to his former life. And the others accept: "We will go with you". But "that night they caught nothing" (v. 3).

It can happen to us too that, out of tiredness, disappointment, perhaps out of laziness, we forget the Lord and neglect the great choices we have made, to settle for something else. For example, not dedicating time to talking together in the family, preferring personal pastimes; we forget prayer, letting ourselves be wrapped up in our own needs; we neglect charity, with the excuse of daily urgencies. But, in doing so, we find ourselves disappointed: it is that very disappointment that Peter felt, with the nets empty, like him. It is a road that takes you backwards, and does not satisfy you.

And what does Jesus do with Peter? He returns again to the shore of the lake where he had chosen him, Andrew, James and John. He had chosen all four of them there. He does not reproach them — Jesus does not reproach, he touches the heart, always — but calls the disciples tenderly: "Children" (v. 5). Then he invites them, as before, to cast their nets again courageously. And once again, the nets are filled to overflowing. Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus. Three verbs: to set out again, to begin again, to put out into the deep. Faced with a disappointment, or a life that has somewhat lost its meaning — "today I feel as if I have gone backwards" — always set out again with Jesus, start again, put out into the deep! He is waiting for you. And he is thinking only of you, me, each one of us.

Peter needed that "jolt". When he hears John cry: "It is the Lord!" (v. 7), he immediately dives into the water and swims towards Jesus. It is a gesture of love, because love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty; love generates wonder, it inspires creative, freely-given zeal. In this way, while John, the youngest, recognizes the Lord, it is Peter, who is older, who dives towards him. In that dive is all the new-found enthusiasm of Simon Peter.

Dear brothers and sisters, today the Risen Christ invites us to a new impetus — everyone, each one of us — he invites us to dive into the good without fear of losing something, without calculating too much, without waiting for others to begin. Why? Do not wait for others, because in order to go towards Jesus, we need to go out on a limb. We need to go out on a limb with courage, resume, but to resume by going out on a limb, taking risks. Let us ask ourselves: am I capable of an outburst of generosity, or do I restrain the impulses of my heart and close myself off in routine, or in fear? Jump in, dive in. This is today's word from Jesus.

Then, at the end of this episode, Jesus asks Peter, three times, the question: "Do you love me?" (vv. 15-16). The Risen Lord asks us too today: Do you love me? Because at Easter, Jesus wants our hearts to rise too; because faith is not a question of knowledge, but of love. Do you love me? Jesus asks you, me, us, who have empty nets and are often afraid to start again; to you, me and all of us who do not have the courage to dive in and have perhaps lost our momentum. Do you love me? Jesus asks. From then on, Peter stopped fishing forever and dedicated himself to the service of God and to his brothers and sisters, to the point of giving his life here, where we are now. And what about us, do we want to love Jesus?

May Our Lady, who readily said "yes" to the Lord, help us to rediscover the impulse to do good.

POPE FRANCIS — May 1, 2022

STATEMENT OF THE HOLY SEE - 30.04.2025

The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God.

For this reason, the Cardinals, conscious of the responsibility to which they are called, feel the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful. This is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12).

Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what he is saying to the Church (cf. Rev 3:6).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession.

COMUNICADO SANTA SEDE - 30.04.2025

El Colegio de los cardenales reunidos en Roma, que están participando en las congregaciones generales para la preparación del cónclave, desea invitar al Pueblo de Dios a vivir este acontecimiento eclesial como un momento de gracia y de discernimiento espiritual, a la escucha de la voluntad de Dios.

Por esta razón los cardenales, conscientes de la responsabilidad a la que están llamados, perciben la necesidad de ser sostenidos por la oración de todos los fieles. Esta es la verdadera fuerza que en la Iglesia favorece la unidad de todos los miembros en el único Cuerpo de Cristo (cf. 1 Co 12,12).

Ante la grandeza de la tarea inminente y a las urgencias de los tiempos presentes, es necesario en primer lugar hacerse instrumentos humildes de la infinita sabiduría y providencia del Padre celestial, en la docilidad a la acción del Espíritu Santo. Él es, en efecto, el protagonista de la vida del Pueblo de Dios, es a Él a quien debemos escuchar, acogiendo lo que dice a la Iglesia (cf. Ap 3,6).

Que la Virgen María acompañe nuestra invocación unánime con su materna intercesión.

FATHER JOONBIN LIM AND FATHER MOICES CABALLERO were ordained Priests at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Father Lim will serve as Associate Pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton, and Father Caballero will serve as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph. Priests of the Diocese concelebrated at the Mass of Ordination. Ordinations are always joy-filled celebrations and a blessing for the Diocese!

EL PADRE JOONBIN LIM Y EL PADRE MOICES CABALLERO fueron ordenados sacerdotes la Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Después de la ordenación, el padre Lim será el vicario de la parroquia de St. Catherine of Siena, en Hamilton, y el padre Caballero el vicario de la parroquia de St. Joseph, en Guelph. Muchos sacerdotes de la diócesis concelebraron en la misa de ordenación. La ordenación de un nuevo sacerdote nos llena de alegría y es una bendición para la diócesis.

ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday, May 3</u>	5:00 PM
+Gerard Dombroskie	
<u>Sunday, May 4</u>	9:00 AM
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	
<u>Tuesday, May 6</u>	11:00 AM
St. Francois de Laval Memorial Mass on the Death of Pope Francis	
<u>Wednesday, May 7</u>	11:00 AM
Mass for the Election of a Pope +Dolores Sedlmeir	
<u>Thursday, May 8</u>	11:00 AM
+Dolores Sedlmeir	
<u>Friday, May 9</u>	11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday, May 10</u>	5:00 PM
+Stella Dombroskie +Mary & Michael Williams	
<u>Sunday, May 11</u>	9:00 AM
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	

HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

III Domingo de Pascua

<u>Sabado 3 de mayo</u>	7:00 PM
+Marvin Castillo Courtade Aniversario de boda Rocio y Gabriel Quintana	
<u>Domingo 4 de mayo</u>	11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Por la Comunidad Parroquial	
<u>Martes 6 de mayo</u>	12:00 PM
St. Francisco de Laval Misa en memoria del Papa Francisco +Beatriz Vanegas de Páez	
<u>Miercoles 7 de mayo</u>	12:00 PM
Misa por la Elección del Papa +Beatriz Vanegas de Páez	
<u>Jueves 8 de mayo</u>	12:00 PM
Accion de Gracias—Rocio Hernandez	
<u>Viernes 9 de mayo</u>	12:00 PM
+Teresa Morales Castro	

IV Domingo de Pascua

<u>Sabado 10 de mayo</u>	7:00 PM
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez	
<u>Domingo 11 de mayo</u>	11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Por la Comunidad Parroquial	