

3rd Sunday Readings

1-The meal / Risen Lord eats / Bodily Resurrection not a Ghost”
In upper room eats. Making sure they understand: I’m Not a Ghost.

2-Revelation: Jesus with authority can open the scroll (Plan for our Salvation).

-Jesus gives to Peter and His Church: Authority, Mission, Power (the 7 Horns is a symbol of power - and a Sending of the Holy Spirit).

-How do we know the full path to salvation?

-in Easter we have Acts of the Apostles in place of the Old Testament readings— which makes numerous connections between the authority, mission, and power of the Risen Lord and the position and actions of the Apostles. “There is a clear and consistent connection between the person of Jesus Christ and the people who took up “the Way” (Acts 9:22) and who were eventually called “Christians” (Acts 11:26). And this connection included structure and authority.” (Carl Olson).

-Jesus Gives us a visible church with authority to properly interpret His Word.

-How to live the Gospel...A Teaching Authority.

3-Feed my sheep story: In responding to Peter’s affirmative replies, Jesus did not say, “Be good” or “Hang in there!” Rather, he directed him to feed and tend his sheep. This is a reiteration and affirmation of the authority Jesus gave to Peter in granting him the keys of the Kingdom (Matt. 16:16-20). It builds upon an important and lengthy discourse by Jesus about his identity as the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10). We are familiar with the image of the humble, loving shepherd, but we sometimes overlook how this image is also about royal authority and messianic identity as it is about pastoral care...And through this gift all priest are called to feed their flocks. (Carl Olson).

-My take - no priests, no Eucharist...Pray for your priest and vocations.

4-Love Story (our story today).

-Do you love me / Feed my sheep (primacy of Peter).

-After his 3 denials before a charcoal fire: Peter is redeemed before a charcoal fire a few weeks later / Given a second chance / Redemption.

-Again, Didn’t ask Peter how much he is doing, how much does he know, etc

-He ask do you love me.

-When our hearts and love of God fuels our faith, our doing. Watch out!

Don’t let the faith become a check list.

-Ezekiel: let me replace your stoney hearts.

-Mark Wahlberg when interviewed for Father Stu said of his prayer life: I try to start the day with prayer / First Thanking God).

-Start your day with thanking God, with a moment of allowing God to direct your day / Simply say: "Order my path today, and I give you permission to use me today."