From the Pastor

Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a “charcoal fire” is mentioned. One is in today’s Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest’s courtyard on Holy Thursday, where St. Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside. At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted.

Today’s charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus’ thrice repeated command, “feed My sheep,” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church.

Jesus’ question, “Do you love me more than these?” is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken. Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion - “you will stretch out your hands”.

In today’s first reading, Jesus warns the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave “rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer.” Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their “mourning into dancing”. Let us, too, find hope even amidst difficulties that challenge our faith!

Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony

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REFLEXIONES DE NUESTRO PASTOR

Tercer Domingo de Pascua 5 Mayo, 2019

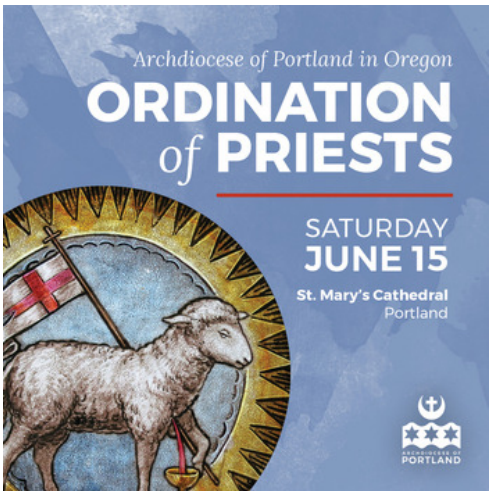
Hay dos lugares en la escritura donde se menciona el curioso detalle de un "fuego de carbón". Uno está en el Evangelio de hoy, donde los apóstoles regresan de la pesca para encontrar el pan y el calentamiento de los peces en el fuego. El otro está en la escena en el patio del sumo sacerdote el Jueves Santo, donde San Pedro y algunos guardias y esclavos se calientan mientras Jesús está siendo interrogado dentro. En el primer incendio, Pedro negó conocer a Jesús tres veces, como Jesús había predicho.

El fuego de carbón de hoy se convierte en la escena del arrepentimiento de Pedro, como tres veces Jesús le pide que haga una profesión de amor. El mandato repetido de Jesús, "Apacienta mis ovejas", muestra que Pedro está siendo nombrado como el pastor del rebaño entero del Señor, el jefe de Su Iglesia.

La pregunta de Jesús, "¿Me amas más que estos?" es un recordatorio de la promesa de Pedro de poner su vida por Jesús, aun cuando los otros apóstoles se debilitaran. Entonces Jesús explica lo que requerirá el amor y el liderazgo de Pedro, que predice la muerte de Pedro por crucifixión-"estirarás tus manos".

En la primera lectura de hoy, Jesús advierte a los apóstoles que serían odiados como él era odiado, que sufrirían como él sufrió. Azotado como Jesús fue, los apóstoles, sin embargo, dejan "regocijo que han sido encontrados dignos de sufrir." Su gozo se basa en su fe en que Dios cambiará su "luto por el baile". ¡También encontremos esperanza, incluso en medio de dificultades que desafíen nuestra fe!

Padre Miguel Jeeva Antony



Saturday, June 15, 2019, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Ordinations are archdiocesan celebrations, and all the faithful are encouraged to participate and add their prayers of thanksgiving to God for this year's new priests.