

Easter Monday Wk 3

First Reading: Acts 6: 8-15;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Gospel Reading: Jn 6: 22-29.

Theme: Do not Work for Food that Perishes

Brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord, every person has at least two kinds of hunger: the most prominent ones are physical and spiritual. The crowds around Jesus Christ confused the two and gave priority to physical hunger. It is only God who satisfies the hunger in our hearts and souls. This our hunger for truth, love, and life. Jesus Christ revealed himself as the truth (Jn 14: 6), love (1 Jn 4: 7-9), and life (Jn 14: 6).

Jesus offers a new relationship with God which issues in a new kind of life: A life of love and service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy and kindness. It is a life of holiness and purity which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of submission and trust which corresponds to the wisdom of God that leads to everlasting life. Jesus directs us to this work and enables us to perform it in the power of the Holy Spirit who recreates and enkindle in people the fire of divine love. The example of St. Stephen is very inspiring and illustrative. He was chosen to distribute earthly food. He had a deeper hunger. He knew the greatest human yearning and decided to concentrate on everlasting things. The story of St. Stephen invites us to return love for hatred, peace for anger. We are invited to strive to rise to newness of life and work for Food that never perishes

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