

FRIDAY EASTER 7

First Reading: Acts 25: 13b-21;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;

Gospel Reading: John Jn 21: 15-19.

THEME: Jesus Christ is Asking: Do you Love Me?

It is very easy to hang onto the familiar. What was Peter doing when he was called? Peter seemed to be drifting backing to fishing in the sea instead of fishing people.

-The Lord Jesus asked Simon Peter and also asks each one of us a very personal and profound question. He is asking whether we love him more than anything else that might be very dear to us. Simon Peter had denied Jesus publicly three times. The Lord after his Resurrection offered a chance for Peter to rectify his three times denial of Jesus. He offered him the chance to profess love for him.

-St. Peter put into ACTION what he professed to the Risen Jesus Christ. The Apostles like St. Paul in the first reading paid the ultimate price and showed his love for Jesus Christ to the point of death. Both saints Paul and Peter met their deaths in Rome under Emperor Nero in 64 A.D. Jesus Christ asks us repeatedly, "Do you love me?" because we deny him several times. He invites us to love him above all and renew our love for him in word and deeds.

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