ST. BEDE CHURCH

REFLECTION
Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John’s vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, “countless in numbers” from “heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe” (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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NEWS UPDATE
FESTIVAL NEWS – May 13, 14, 15 – This is our annual parish fundraiser. Your help and support is necessary to make the Festival successful. A) By purchasing and/ or selling all the raffle tickets mailed to you. There are more available at the rectory office. If you did not receive tickets in the mail please pick them up at the rectory office. B) By coming to the festival and spending your money (with joy!) don’t cook that weekend. We have great food and much variety. C) By sponsoring a booth in memory of a loved one, whose name will be posted at the booth of your choice, or if you own a business and would like your business to be advertised. D) By volunteering to help, if possible, before, during or after the festival (contact Linda Montoya at the rectory office). E) By donating food items for the various food booths i.e. Filipino, Mexican Linguica, Snack Bar and Beer/Wine/Soda Booth. (If you would like to donate to the Filipino Booth please contact Cora Mendoza at (510) 781-4938). The Cake Booth is in URGENT NEED OF YOUR BAKING TALENT. Please bring your cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies at the Festival May 13, 14 & 15. The donation of your delicious goodies will help make our festival even more successful. Friday, April 15th there will be a Festival Meeting in the small gym at 7:00 p.m. We need your help in preparing and working the Festival weekend. If you would like to help out and have any new ideas please come to the meeting. This includes all chairpersons. If you have any questions and would like to help out please contact Linda Montoya at (510)-782-2171.

BIRTHRIGHT OF SAN LORENZO – Birthright of San Lorenzo would like to thank all of the parishioners who contributed to our January Baby Bottle campaign. So far the total contributions have amounted to $1,704.66. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to continue our work with pregnant women in crisis situations.

FESCO – Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by joining us at our 19th Annual FESCO Shuffle Walkathon on Saturday, April 30. You can walk as a team or as an individual in this family-friendly, dog-friendly event along the beautiful path at the San Leandro Marina. Check-in starts at 8:30 am at the Seagull Picnic site and the walk begins at 10:00 am. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! The event also offers morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment, and a raffle! If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing! Sign up to walk or to donate at www.firstgiving.com/21524/19th-annual-fesco-shuffle. For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilyshelter.org or call Joy Vail at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473, ext. 105.

Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."
— Revelation 5:12