

Daily Mass Homily
13 April 2020
Easter Monday

“The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips, alleluia.”

Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Psalm 16: **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15

Homily for Easter Monday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

HAPPY EASTER!

After forty, very long, extremely sacrificial Lenten days we are now here in the Easter Season and for the next fifty days we will celebrate with great joy the season of Easter. We pray that sometime during this Easter season we will once again be able to gather together as the Body of Christ to celebrate this amazing time in our Church in which we see so much growth.

As I just mentioned, Easter lasts for the next fifty days and we start this celebration with the Octave Days of Easter. These first eight days after Easter we celebrate as though it were Easter Sunday. This Octave of Easter will conclude this coming Sunday when we will celebrate Jesus and his Divine Mercy.

During the Easter season our first reading will come from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. This book is attributed to be written by Luke and is a continuation of his gospel. As we read through the book of Acts during these Easter days we get a glimpse into the early life of the Church and we can see how the early Church began to grow as more and more people came to believe in Jesus and in all that he said and did.

During these Easter days I would encourage each of you to take some extra time reading through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. I would recommend taking your missal and read the First reading every day extra carefully. The first reading for mass during the Easter season comes from the book of Acts, both during the weekdays and Sunday. Or you can commit to reading one chapter of Acts each day during the Easter Season. There are twenty-eight chapters so you can certainly make it through the whole book of Acts in the next fifty days. Making this journey with the apostles during these Easter days can certainly help you during these Easter days to stay focused on what the Easter season is all about. Yes, we have celebrated the resurrection of the Lord, but to what purpose? To renew our baptismal promises and to take up the task that comes with those promises and that is to go out to all the world and tell the Good News.