

Daily Mass Homily  
16 April 2020  
Easter Thursday

**“They praised in unison your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.”**

Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26

Psalm 8: **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

### **Homily for Easter Thursday**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

HAPPY EASTER!

We continue our Octave celebration of Easter today on this Easter Thursday. Yesterday in the gospel reading from Luke, we heard of the of how Jesus revealed himself to two disciples and at first, they did not recognize him, but finally they realized who this person was that they met on the way to Emmaus. Jesus is revealing himself again and again to his disciples. He wants them to believe that what he taught them is true, and that what all that the prophets had taught was true. He is the one that God sent, and he has risen from the dead.

Today we see where Jesus reveals himself and shows the disciples again that he rose from the dead, but he goes even further. He wants them and us to know that his body is real and that he is not a ghost. To prove to them that it

is really him, he shows them his hand and feet so that they can see his wounds where he had been nailed to the cross. He also goes on to show them that he is alive in the flesh by asking them for something to eat and then he proceeds to eat some fish. Can you touch a spirit or ghost? Does a ghost need to eat? Jesus does this because we are a people that so often doubts. We want to be able to touch and see. We are a people that often thinks that it is not enough to have somebody tell us something, we have to find out for ourselves. What is it in your life, especially during these Easter days, that you need to have Jesus reveal to you more clearly? What is it that you need to see and touch before you believe? May our risen Lord reveal whatever it is that you need revealed today, so that you may come to believe and live your life according to that belief.