

Daily Mass Homily
18 April 2020
Easter Saturday

“The Lord brought out his people with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.”

Reading 1: Acts 4:13-21

Psalm 118: **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.**

Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

Homily for Easter Saturday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

HAPPY EASTER! Yes, happy Easter! We are still celebrating the Octave of Easter, these eight days in which we are continuing to celebrate with joy the Resurrection of the Lord. The Octave will conclude tomorrow with Divine Mercy Sunday.

Today, we encounter in Mark's gospel the account where Mary Magdalene had seen the risen Jesus and she came back and told the disciples about her encounter with the Lord, but they did not believe her. Then he revealed himself to two more as they were walking about. When the two reported back, the disciples did not believe them either.

Finally, Jesus comes and reveals himself to the Eleven. Jesus rebukes them for their unbelief. How many times must he tell them and remind them? Well, even today sometimes Jesus still has to remind us and rebuke us because even today there are those that still will not believe the testimony of others. They

want to encounter Jesus himself. They are like Thomas, whom we will encounter on Sunday in the gospel reading, they want to stick their finger in his wounds.

The apostles have been hiding in the upper room and Jesus tells them to go out in the world and tell the good news to every creature! Enough sitting around. Jesus is saying that to us as well. We need to go out into the world. Sometimes we have a tendency to hide in the Church. We come to Mass, say our prayers, but we forget that we have a job to do. Or we think that the job is up to someone else today. Well, we have been sent out into the world. In a sense we have been ousted from the church to go out and to share the good news, to everyone. Even us priests have to go out to our sheep, go out and tell the good news. Usually, each week, the flock - the congregation - would come to Mass at the church. You would come to me. Well, now I have to reach out to you. Let us take this opportunity to preach the good news wherever we may be and to proclaim the gospel to every creature!