

April 21 – 22, 2007
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

The Sopranos could take a lesson from how Jesus settles accounts! Just a short time ago we heard how Peter ducked and denied when the crowd wanted to associate him with Jesus. Despite his boastings of being willing to die with/for Jesus, when crunch time came, he three times dropped the ball. Lest we think that our actions don't require atonement, Peter must deal with his own regrets as well as the presumed disappointment/disdain of his compatriots. On his previous post-resurrection 'showings' Jesus has never brought up Peter's denials and perhaps Peter is starting to think that Jesus will simply let bygones be bygones? But, could he have truly been comfortable in Jesus' presence knowing what he had done without somehow making amends? In today's encounter, Jesus calmly nails (interesting expression eh?) Peter with the simple question: 'Do you love me?' Not once, not twice, but three times...the same number of Peter's denials. In this encounter of reckoning and atonement, we also get a glimpse of the Jesus who accepts us as flawed, imperfect people...as long as at our core we love him. With a core of love, indiscretions are forgivable. With a core of love, even with our human failings we can still be of service to God. Yes, the Sopranos could take a lesson from this Gospel...when someone betrays you, don't knock them off...give them a chance to affirm their core. Hmm, makes you wonder; if Judas had not killed himself, would not Jesus have done the same with him? And there lies the difference: Peter was willing to live with his failings...Judas couldn't. Sometimes the quick and easy way out deprives us of that for which we deeply long...while getting up, day after day and simply enduring sometimes rewards us abundantly.

Thank you for joining with our Corpus Christi Community as we continue to unfold the richness of Easter. This weekend we welcome Bishop Tod Brown to our midst at the 5:00 p.m. Mass for the celebration of Confirmation in the life of 19 of our HAVEN youth. Congratulations to: Kirsten Allan, Caitlin Barretto, Katherine Eubanks, Kara Flynn, Ellie Ghafiri, Shady Ghafiri, Ryan Hays, Lauren Herman, Ariel Gonzalez, Alexia Kmett, Brigid Leahy, Anne Mickle, Merissa Molinar, Carina Palomino; may the grace of the Holy Spirit continue to grow stronger and stronger within you. We as a parish and I as a Pastor, am VERY proud of each of you...well done! Please accept a Bulletin on your way home...lots going on. Have you made your reservations for dinner THIS THURSDAY at Savannah Chop House? Our Corpus Christi Diners are going a bit upscale...but you need to make reservations for one of the three seatings. Full info is in the Bulletin. On this Spirit-blessed weekend, remember, you are loved. FKB