

"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" ... "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

(Jn 21:13)

Divine Liturgy
Sunday at 4:30 pm
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Choose from five self-guided walking tours: Downtown Historic Tour, Early Blach History Tour, East Side Historic Tour, Jewelry District Tour or the West Side Historic tour. Maps will be provided at registration.

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First Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sin in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,

following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses,

made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him,

and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Gospel: John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?"

And he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, "Follow me."

From our Pastor...

Jesus asks Peter a trick question: "Do you love me *more than these*?" The old and impetuous Peter would have darted back "Of course I do, I am even willing to do for you!" or "I love you a thousand times *more than these*!"

However, humbled by so many experiences since the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, including his own threefold denial of His Master, Peter now knows better...

His answer portrays a spiritual and human maturity hitherto unseen in Peter's dealings with others.

Peter's love for Jesus was strong since the beginning, yet it grew stronger and deeper after his sincere repentance. In this, he sets an example for us to follow.

Fr. Jacques

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