

### Third Sunday of Easter B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-29; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Something very special is happening this weekend: the students in second grade in our parish are participating in “Jesus Day” as they prepare for their First Communion on May 1. All through this year they have been praying, reading and studying about the Eucharist and what this gift from God means in their lives. And it is not by coincidence that this celebration occurs during the Easter Season. This is a time when we remember the presence of the Risen Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Christian community. This community was, and is today, sustained by the celebration of the Eucharist, which brings us together as God’s people, nourishes us to be witnesses of His love, and helps us see the image of God in one another. We are all part of a long and glorious history of faith. In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. He reveals how God has been with His people all along, and that the life and message of Jesus is the culmination of centuries of waiting and hoping. Our community of Christ the King is founded on the faith we have inherited: God is with us; Jesus is risen; we are God’s people in Christ; and we share in His mission of being witnesses to the world. So, in a sense, every day should be a “Jesus Day” for us! He is central to our lives and the focus of our faith. Let us pray for one another, that we will appreciate more and more the presence of Jesus in our lives. And let us pray especially for the children in second grade as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. This is more than a nice tradition, it is the life of our Church!