

# Friday in the Octave of Easter

**Gospel text ( Jn 21,1-14): Jesus revealed himself to the disciples by the Lake of Tiberias. He appeared to them in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas who was called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two other disciples were together; and Simon Peter said to them, «I'm going fishing». They replied, «We will come with you», and they went out and got into the boat. But they caught nothing that night.**

**When day had already broken, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus called them, «Children, have you anything to eat?». They answered, «Nothing». Then He said to them, «Throw the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some». When they had lowered the net, they were not able to pull it in because of the great number of fish.**

**Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, «It's the Lord!». At these words, «It's the Lord», Simon Peter put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and jumped into the water. The other disciples came in the boat dragging the net full of fish (...). This was the third time that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples after rising from the dead.**

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*Christ remains in us*

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**Today, Jesus resurrected meets His friends; He gathers them and comforts them**

with His company. John, who dearly loved the Lord, intuitively knows that is Him. But all the rest forebode that they are in the presence of Christ, because they have seen how— confiding in His Word— their work has attained remarkable results.

Like at the beginning of Christianity, Jesus Christ does not leave us alone. When we celebrate the Holy Eucharist He becomes present among us, in a very special way, by listening to His Word that comforts us, and also by imbuing our heart with love through his soothing company received in Communion with faith, devotion and cleanness of heart. Without Jesus our life loses its color and joy; with him, everything is different.

—O Lord, I beg you to open the eyes of my faith so that I know how to comprehend your presence in my life. That I know how to fully experience the great gift of the Eucharist.