

Friday of the Octave of EASTER 2020 -

The Gospel for Mass today is the third encounter of the risen Christ with the disciples. Peter decided to go fishing, and some of the other disciples said that they would go, too. They fished all night and caught nothing. How many of us fishermen can relate to a similar experience;-) Anyway, Jesus is standing on the shore and asks if they caught anything, and they say, nothing. Jesus then tells them to cast their nets over the right side of the boat for a catch. We all know what happens. They catch so many fish that they cannot even bring the net into the boat. They have to drag it to shore. In the meantime, the beloved disciple, who we believe is John, says to Peter, "It's the Lord!" and Peter jumps into the water and swims to shore. Peter was so moved that he could not wait to greet Jesus, so he tried to get to Jesus faster by swimming to shore.

So many of you I know are like Peter. You cannot wait to meet the Lord again in Church. I want to continue to encourage you to keep longing for the Lord's presence and invite the Lord into your hearts and homes. God is with us, always, even to the end of the world. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. I have a link that you can go to that may help you understand what we can do this year for this great feast of Mercy.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/can-we-still-get-the-divine-mercy-sunday-promise-and-indulgence>

Be assured of my continual prayers for all of you. May God Bless and keep you.

In Christ,

Fr. Dan