## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**



"Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus." - John 21:4

Dear Friends,

I pray you all are healthy in Body, Mind, and Spirit. May God bless you with Peace, Joy, and Love in the name of Christ our Lord!

Welcome to Holy Week! Over the next few days, let's spend a little extra time with God in prayer, in reading scripture, and perhaps in sharing stories of past Easters with our loved ones. What does it mean to us when we proclaim, "Christ is Risen"?

In John's Gospel, Jesus returns to the Disciples three times. The third and final time, some of the Disciples follow Peter as he resumes his previous trade: fishing. The Disciples fish all night but catch nothing. Then, when Jesus appears, their nets become so full the fishermen can't haul it all in.

Perhaps this week, we can reflect on all the ways God blesses us without our recognizing them. Sometimes we take the gifts of home, family, friends, career, and other basics of life for granted. Other times we must endure dramatic life changes or loss. We may find ourselves lost and mourning, which can be especially painful during the holidays.

Whatever time of life it may be, please remember that Jesus is with us through it all. Jesus has gone to the tomb and back. He knows all our pain. And His greatest joy is loving us back to life!

This week, let's look for Christ's grace, mercy, and blessing wherever we go. We just might find our blessings so abundant we can't contain them! Happy Easter, everyone!

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance." - Jude Anil