

### **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

(Acts 2.14, 22-28, 1Pet. 1.17-21. Lk 24.13-35).

#### **THEME: CALLED TO WITNESS**

Beloved people of God, the readings of this third Sunday of Easter present to us the story of how the Apostles and Disciples of Christ after they encountered the Risen Lord went out to bear Him witness. In the first reading of today, we see how Peter after the event of the Pentecost preached about the Risen Lord, "When the day of Pentecost had come, Peter standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know"(Acts 2.14,22-28).

On the same note, the Gospel narrative today from the account of Luke, presents to us how the disciples of Jesus on their way to Emmaus, after their encounter with the Risen Lord turned back and went to Jerusalem and proclaimed their experiences with the Risen Christ. Thus, "The same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, "Then they told what happened on the road, and how he has been made known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Lk.24.13-35).

Hence, my brothers and sisters in the Lord, as Christians we need to bear witness to the truths of our faith. We need to let people know that our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, is alive forever. We have that obligation as believers in Christ to give testimonies about our various experiences of Christ in our lives. In our society and world of today, many still feel that the miracles, deeds of power and other blessings that come from Christ are mere stories of history. These blessings and miraculous blessings we get from Christ are evidences that Christ is alive forever in our lives and in our world; we need to witness to these to those around us, beginning with our families. Let us let people know that God saves us everyday and blesses us in many ways. Let us reveal to those around us how God has answered our prayers, healed us from our various sicknesses and protected us in moments of danger. We need to let people know how we have been comforted in moments of sorrow and loneliness by the word of God. Our children today need to hear the stories of our faith life and the blessings of God in our lives. Once again let us bear in mind that we are all called by the virtue of our baptism to witness to our faith by our words and deeds, that Jesus is alive forever.