**01 MAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]**

**Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.**

**Today Jesus asks Peter to manifest how great his love for Him is. Peter denied the Lord. His denial was allowed not only so that Peter experienced on his own flesh that every Word of Christ is eternal truth. What He says is always fulfilled. The other Apostles had heard the prophecy about the triple denial. They knew that it was fulfilled. Today Jesus wishes to reassure the Apostles regarding Peter, saying another Word to him and this, too, will be fulfilled on him. He will nevermore deny his Lord. When his time to pass through the death by the way of the martyrdom comes, he will pass through. There will not be another denial in Peter. Now the other Apostles can trust Peter. Now they are sure: Peter will love his Lord more than them all. He will love Him until letting himself be crucified for Him. Now, secured by Jesus, Peter might say of being ready to follow Jesus until death. Jesus secures for him. The guarantee is divine. As divine was the word of the word of betrayal:** “**When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (If God is glorified in him,) God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, where are you going?" Jesus answered (him), "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later." Peter said to him, "Master, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times." (Jn 13, 31-38) The first word of Jesus was fulfilled, the secondo ne, too, will be fulfilled.**

**Let us read the text of Jn 21,1-19**

**After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."**

**So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." (Jesus) said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."**

**Not only does Peter pass through the way of the triple betrayal for himself but also for the other Apostles of the Lord. Now they have a divine guarantee: Peter will show them how to always love the Lord. Looking at his example, they too will how to love the Lord. Knowing how to love the Lord is the most arduous science to learn and one will never learn enough. This truth is also worthy every other disciple of Jesus. He will always have to show and teach the entire world the science and the divine art of the purest and holiest love for Christ Jesus. If the disciple does not teach this science with his life, no one will never love the Lord. He does not know how to love. He does not see how to love. Jesus showed how to love the Father and every other disciple must show how to love Jesus. Love must always be visible. Never invisible. May the Mother of Jesus, the Woman who is most pure love, come and teach us how to love her Son. We will learn the purest and holiest love at her school.**