

## **Second Sunday of Easter, Week of May 1**

**Reading I:** Acts 2: 42-47

**Reading II:** 1 Peter 1: 3-9

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-31

Hopefully by now you have found the hidden egg that was not found and it will not begin to smell in another week. You have removed the chocolate from the couch and carpet and are getting the house back in to order after the weekend. And the last of the ham has been consumed. The great joyous day has passed.

The stores are putting out merchandise for Memorial Day and some for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

BUT, it is only the beginning of the Easter season. We have until June 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our salvation, the joy of the risen Lord. Let's not forget the importance of these coming days. It is a time to be joyous and celebrate the great gift we received last Sunday. Unlike the apostles we hear about in this week's Gospel, we should not be behind locked doors. Nor should the door of our heart be locked. We need to keep it wide open so the Risen Christ always has that opening to our lives.

We hear Jesus tell his followers twice in this week's Gospel "Peace Be with You". Be sure you are ready to receive His peace and pass it along.

Happy Easter Season  
Deacon Jerry