

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Today's readings speak of a God who is intimately involved in the fabric of our lives. He transforms failure into success, tragedy into bliss. His plans bring about cosmos and not chaos.

In the first reading, Peter speaks of Jesus' miracles, signs and wonders. The people reject these credentials and go so far as using pagans to put him to death. Peter sees this death as intended in God's plan: a death necessary to bring about the Resurrection, part of the definite plan of God.

In the second reading, the author compares the wandering in the desert to the Christian life as a period of exile that is sustained by Christian hope. "Futile conduct handed on by your ancestors," implies many of the listeners were Gentiles.

The Gospel moves from non-recognition to recognition; from a dialogue narrative to a meal narrative. Christ takes, blesses, breaks, and gives which is reminiscent of the Last Supper. In this, they recognize Him. "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" the Scriptures reveal God's plan for Jesus and hence for humankind.