

# **CELEBRATE EASTER**

## **Monday, Third Week of Easter**

**Mankind was my business...charity, mercy, forbearance,  
benevolence, were all my business.**

(Charles Dickens)

### **Acts 6:8-15**

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, without fear and with great courage faced his trial and gave witness to the risen Christ. Stephen was at one with his commitment to the risen Christ and the people saw the reflection of this oneness with Christ on his face, his "face seemed like that of an angel".

### **Psalm 119**

**Remove from me the way of falsehood,  
and favor me with your law.  
The way of truth I have chosen;  
I have set your ordinances before me.....**

### **John 6:22-29**

After the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, Jesus, realizing the move to force him to be their king, had withdrawn from the crowd up the mountain. So, the crowd went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

**Keep looking, searching for Jesus, the Messiah in your life. Never stop looking! Even when you feel you have found him.....keep looking and let Jesus become MORE for you!**

They met him on the other side of the lake and Jesus began to teach them a new wisdom. He told them that they "should not be working for perishable food," but they must begin to work for "food that remains unto life eternal, food which the son of man will give..." They asked him what they had to do...and he told them that they must have faith in the one God, the Father, sent.

God alone can satisfy the hunger of the "soul", the eternal hunger of every person! To satisfy this hunger, we must know Jesus, whom the Father sent. In him we come to know the Father, the Father's truth, the Father's love, the Father's presence in compassion and wisdom. To know him does not mean gathering lots of information about him, but to become one with him, to be intimate, to be in close contact, to be in communion and fellowship, to abide in him.....

**Saint of the Day, April 15 - St. Paternus and 10 other saints are remembered this day.**

St. Paternus was born at Poitiers, about the year 482. His father, Patranus, with the consent of his wife, went to Ireland, where he ended his days in solitude. The mother raised Paternus in great piety. When Paternus grew up he decided to follow in the steps of his father and, obtaining his mother's permission and blessing, he set out to Wales together with a group of other young ascetics seeking the solitary life.

In Wales, Paternus started to withdraw for solitary prayer. But, in a short time, together with other monks, Paternus founded the great Monastery of Llanbadarn Fawr ("the Great Monastery of Padarn") near to Aberystwyth in the former county of Cardiganshire, which is now Ceredigion. Some 120 monks lived in this monastery under St. Paternus. Paternus was most probably not only the Abbot of Llanbadarn but also a bishop at the same time. After governing his diocese for thirteen years, he withdrew to solitude in France, and there ended his days about the year 550.

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