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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION  
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION. (MATTHEW 5: 13-16)

## MONTHLY FOCUS

CELEBRATING THE DIGNITY AND VALUE OF WOMEN

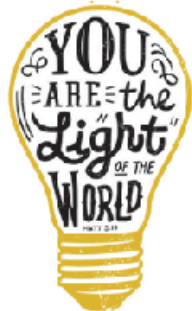
# SHALOM!

Jesus greets us today in Scriptures. He wants to open our minds and makes our hearts burn by His Word. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit enlightens us as we enter into the 3rd week of the Eastertide.



**“Women make the world more beautiful, they protect it and keep it alive.”**

Pope Francis



### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19  
Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7, 9  
1John 2: 1-5  
Luke 24: 35-48

The post-resurrection narrative shows Jesus explaining to his disciples that what Scripture foretells is fulfilled – that of His Paschal Mystery. Jesus takes pain to make them understand that God’s plan is to have the world reconciled to Him. And the price to pay for this is His life. St John puts it as *Jesus Christ, the Righteous One is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.*

So, does it end here, with the good feeling of the love shown by Christ’s sacrifice? No! Peter affirms that God has brought to fulfilment all that He has announced beforehand through the prophets. He preaches repentance. In all the readings today, Scriptures are interpreted to advance the mission of the followers of Christ. Repent, believe, and be witnesses. We can be credible witnesses only when we keep the Lord’s commandments and love as He does.

As the *Peace of Christ* permeates us today, let us go forth to follow Him. There are many who have yet to know the Good News. **The onus is on us to share Jesus by our life – through words and deeds.** As Jesus explains Scriptures to us, let us savour those words and share them; in our families, BECs and society at large. When we give bread to the homeless, we bring the love of Christ by the smiles on our faces. When we bend down to whisper to the ears of the elderlies, we tell them Jesus loves them, and we are here for them. When children in the family have strayed, lift them up in prayers and allow God to work in them in His time.

At all time, let the Light of His face shines upon us. We shall then reflect this Light of Christ everywhere even as we wish one another, ‘Peace be with you.’✠