## April 169, 2023 SECOND EASTER

**LECTOR:** Good Afternoon / Morning

Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome as we gather to celebrate the Second Sunday of our Easter Season.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear a description of the early Church as a community of deep faith, shared possessions, and continual growth.

In the second reading, Saint Peter speaks of the power of faith that endures through adversity.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus reveals himself twice to his disciples. Thomas would not believe without seeing Jesus.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the parish of Saint Bernardine in Baltimore, please join me as we pray the Prayer of the Holy Spirit... Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of your faithful. Grant that by the same Spirit We may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen