

March 28, 2008  
Friday in the Octave of Easter

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

Acts 4:1-12

Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

John 21:1-14

*"Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."*

How often we look for what we need in all the wrong places! How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. We are in good company though. Mary Magdalene failed to recognize him—until he called her by name. The Emmaus disciples failed to recognize him—until they broke bread. The disciples in this story failed to recognize him too—until he filled their nets with fish. Jesus continues to do each of these for me—for us. Where have I failed to hear him call my name? Where have I dismissed him as a mere stranger? Where have I failed to see the abundance in my life? We tend to think that much of life is coincidence. We also tend to see the presence of Jesus when all goes well. For me, I miss his presence most in the midst of pain and struggle. I then pray for him to arrive and save me, instead of looking for him in the midst of the struggle and pain blessing me with the grace to see life more clearly and inviting me to live life more fully.

To the preacher who kept saying,  
"We must put God in our lives,"  
the Master said,  
"God is already there.  
Our business is to recognize this."  
~Anthony De Mello, S.J.