

3rd Sunday of Easter Time - Year B

- When I was a boy I used to play dominoes
 - My grandfather visited and showed us how to play
 - Neighborhood kids around the picnic table
 - But I played differently – lining them up, complicated paths
 - Around candles, mantle clock, to the floor ...
 - Knock over Just 1 and boom! You'd get them all
 - Domino Day world record 4M & 2 hours

You may be wondering, "What does this have to do with our readings?"

In our Bible story today, Jesus appeared to his disciples after he had risen from the dead.

Then he told the disciples that they should spread his story to every nation of the world.

That's a big job, isn't it? How could they take the story of Jesus to the whole world?

Well, it is the same as it is with the dominoes. It starts with one person. One person tells another and he tells another, and another, and another until the whole world has heard that Jesus is risen from the dead and he is LORD.

- Jesus tells them:
 - REPENTANCE and FORGIVENESS will be preached to ALL
 - Beginning in Jerusalem
 - Jerusalem – the home of His murderers
 - JESUS IS WILLING TO START WITH THEM!
 - JESUS IS WILLING TO CONTINUE WITH US!
 - Today – in Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, Wherever
- Company was going to relocate its headquarters
 - CEO made the announcement
 - He said he expected all the important executives would relocate, but the Secretaries would not
 - Next day – all secretaries decided they'd show who was important
 - They didn't answer the phones
 - By 10AM the CEO had to make an apology
 - EVERYONE COUNTS
 - It starts one by one, and everyone counts

Just as JC speaks to disciples he speaks to us

This year we had 3 people convert to Catholicism – what if we each brought 1.

Imagine!

We have Good News – Sin is forgiven

When JC told the disciples to go and teach all nations he was talking to 12 scared men

Because of those 12 men we are here today and people are praising God all over the world.

Now its our turn and we can do it

One by one

And Everybody counts