

Week 6

How are you doing? Are you keeping safe, and are you doing social distancing? These are familiar questions a lot of us are asking and or being asked since the Corona Virus made its appearance. In the beginning, I thought this would be over by the end of April, but now we know we must put up with this until May 15th. We also know that this date is not guaranteed but what else can we do? We must try to remain optimistic and perhaps we will be able to get back to some form of normalcy. Personally, I hope that we will be celebrating public Mass on May 17th or at least the following week, I hope I am right! As I have said before, I miss seeing you, and all of us being together. Of course, it may be a little different from what we are used to, but it will be nice to be together-even if it means we must wear masks and maintain social distance.

The Gospel this weekend tells us the account of the two disciples who take a journey to a small village just miles away from Jerusalem. They are on the Road to Emmaus, and they start out on their journey because they are extremely distraught. Distraught because Jesus did not live up to their expectations. They fervently believed in Him as He carried out the Public Ministry, as they heard Him preach and perform many miracles. Now they were faced with the reality of the Cross, and they did not know how to deal with it. In many ways we can be just like the two as we make this unwanted journey through Corona Virus Land. I hope that we will reach the end of this journey soon, however, who can say! As we started this journey, we were very upset, and certainly did not expect it to seem like it would be never ending. We have questioned everything and everyone including Our Lord.

We do not sell Jesus short, He is here as we pointed out last week, and as the Gospel for this weekend shows us. The two disciples on the road had different feelings after the stranger they were talking to, explained the teachings of the Law and the Prophets. That stranger expounded how everything pointed to how and why the Christ had to suffer everything to achieve our salvation. As we know they recognized Him when He was at table and broke the bread. With that their eyes were opened, and He vanished from their sight. Keep in mind, He did not vanish from the world or from their lives or ours. Christ is present with us, and He will be with us on every journey, especially the one we are on now. Do not give into despair and do not allow fear into your life. As Jesus tells us in John's Gospel, "Do not let your hearts be troubled...For I am the way and the truth and the life."

God Bless you always

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