

APRIL 7, 2021
Wednesday of the Easter Octave
Luke 24: 13-35

“DISCIPLES’ BURNING HEARTS”

We have our own gloomy or sad days in our lives. Most of the time, problems, poor health, loss of jobs and loved one, financial downfall, heartaches, and even this pandemic put us in the lowest part of our lives. We are so depressed, seems alone in our fight, and hopeless. Now, new variants of virus are in our midst and this is more contagious. We are all concern with this new development and asking what is happening and when this thing will end? When we are confronted with this, to whom shall we go and to whom shall we hold on to?

This was also the question and sentiment of the two disciples of Jesus in the road to Emmaus. They were asking what happened and for the Man supposed to be their hope were now gone and died in the hands of their enemies. They were on the road to Emmaus to ‘flee and forget’ the painful experienced they had. But amidst this hopeless and tragic event of their lives, the Risen Lord joined in their journey. With Jesus they felt their hearts burning after they encountered Him and listened to the Word from the Scriptures which He explained to them. They got up and returned to Jerusalem and told them what happened on the road to Emmaus.

My dear brothers and sisters, where we can find and encounter Jesus as we have our own journey of life? Where we can be with the Risen Lord for us to received that burning heart? Where we can hear the Word from the Sacred Scripture and receive the bread, His Body and Blood? Your guess is right – we can encounter, find, listen, and receive Jesus, the Risen Lord here in the Eucharist. We hear Him as our lector read the Word of God in the first reading and responsorial psalm, and I proclaimed the gospel. We received and encountered Him in the bread and wine we partake as His own Body and

Blood. Yes, sometimes, we are frightened, lonely, confused, and hopeless, but remember with Jesus, like what happened to the disciples in the road to Emmaus, our hearts will be burning, we will be strengthened, and we will find peace and hope. He will accompany us in our journey, He is with us in this time of uncertainties and difficulties. Whatever happen, He will never leave us in our journey called life and He will give the reward of eternal life to those who trust and faithful to Him. Whatever happen, if we are with Christ, we will never be afraid.

So, in this Eucharist, let us ask Him to give us a burning heart like the two disciples, so that we may stand up and proclaim to the whole world that Christ is Risen, alleluia, alleluia and we will live that mission everyday!