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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter

SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME:

**I WANT MERCY NOT SACRIFICE**

## Are Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us When He Speaks To Us?

**P**roclaimers! Witnesses! These words described Peter, the bold and fearless apostle and the other disciples. The not so polished fisherman who hides and disassociates himself from Jesus becomes someone who stands before thousands on Pentecost, calling them to repentance.



Be the apostle of the divine Eucharist, like a flame which enlightens and warms... who will go to proclaim him...

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

He, Peter having been transformed by the Power of the Resurrection gives the most eloquent speech as we read in today's first reading. With his voice raised and in boldness, Peter proclaims the kerygma. *'Are our hearts burning when we listen to Peter's proclamation?'* Not yet? Let's move on.

Now, we invite you to take a walk to Emmaus with your imaginary fellow sojourner Cleopas, the named disciple. You are the other unnamed disciple. You may or may not have experienced something during this Easter season as the light of Christ shines forth. You have been reminded time and again to get out of your comfort zone and be a missionary disciple. So as you walk, deep in thoughts with Cleopas, Jesus comes along. Cleopas' world has been turned upside down by events of the past weeks and the rumours of Jesus being alive have made him utterly confused. You too, in the past weeks are reliving the Paschal Mystery. Has anything tugged at your heartstring yet? Perhaps a little?



**Scripture of the Day:**

- Acts. 2: 14, 22-33
- Ps. 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11
- 1 Peter 1: 17-21
- Lk. 24: 13-35

Jesus starts talking throughout the walk. He unfolds the dramatic story of salvation, to a confused man and to you. Then Cleopas and you invite Jesus to a meal. He breaks bread with both of you, and lo and behold, Cleopas recognises him! Him opening his heart to Jesus in the simple breaking of bread leads to an encounter.

What about you? Are you going to walk back with Cleopas to share the Jesus' encounter? Are you going to join Cleopas in saying, *'Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?'*

The Eucharistic Lord is present to us today. If not now, when are you going to proclaim Him? Maybe you need another walk with the Lord alone in order to have a personal encounter with him. When that happens, don't keep the Good News to yourself. Share Jesus. Countless others have yet to know our Risen Lord. †

Weekly  
WORD

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