

# April 29 & 30 Homily Outline

## 1. Frustration is a function of expectations

We become frustrated, or discouraged, because the reality of what happens doesn't measure up to what we were expecting.

Our readings today can help us have the right expectations for life.

In three different ways, today's Readings present us with a biblical metaphor for what human life in this fallen world really is.

- The Psalm explains that God is faithful, that if we stay close to him, he will safely "show us the path to life, abounding joy in God's presence, the delights at his right hand forever."
- And in the Second Reading, St Peter tells us to "conduct ourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning."
- And then the Gospel passage is an icon for the same truth - Jesus walking with his disciples along the road to Emmaus.

All of this is meant to adjust our expectations to what life really is - a pilgrimage, a journey, a path – on our way somewhere else.

## 2. The story of the Road to Emmaus reminds us that Jesus is there walking with us as we travel through this life

Those two disciples are a good example of what can be going on in any human life

- They are talking and trying to figure things out
- What they had hoped for failed to materialize
- They are confused by the good news they've heard about Jesus
- They are afraid – that's why they are getting out of town
- They're wondering if they haven't wasted the last years of their life following Jesus
- Unsure of what's next in life

And into the midst of all of that Jesus comes along – not suddenly with all the answers – but just walking and listening and talking.

Prayer is a relationship, it's an ongoing conversation with Christ our Lord, in which we talk about what's important to us and what's important to him, just like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

**3. The serious life of prayer, talking and listening to the Lord leads to: “Stay with us” and then the Eucharistic encounter**

Although they don't recognize Jesus yet – they want this guy to stay with them. The experience they've had in their conversation has drawn them to Him.

And at table they are suddenly recognize Him in the Eucharist – he is made known to them in the Breaking of the Bread.

**Luke 24:13-35 Pray with this Gospel sometime this week – What do I need to do to enter more deeply into the conversation with Him as I walk along through life?**

**Announcements:**

- ❖ **Wednesday**—Confession @ 5pm; Adult Series “Growing in the Spiritual Life” w/Fr. Lappe @ 6pm in Camerman Hall; Youth Programs @ 6pm in Parish Center/JPII Youth Center/School
- ❖ **Thursday**—Vianney Cenacle @ 7pm in Church – *pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood*
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Friday**—Vespers @ 7pm, followed by Confession
- ❖ **Next Weekend**—1<sup>st</sup> Communion & May Crowning at Saturday 5:15pm Mass and Sunday 8:15 & 11am Masses
- ❖ **High School Retreat, Saturday May 13**, 9am-9pm; register on-line; NO FEE; for more info contact [Tess@starofthesea.net](mailto:Tess@starofthesea.net)
- ❖ **May 20/21**—Christ Renews His Parish men's retreat; register on-line; only \$25
- ❖ **After Sunday morning Masses**—enjoy Hospitality with your parish family in Camerman Hall; Filipino food provided by San Lorenzo Guild after 11am Mass