

-The Acts of the Apostles Replaces the Old Testament readings during the Easter Season. Today (3rd Sunday) St. Peter quotes from Psalm 16 of David: "...nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." / Jesus fulfills the promises made to King David / And His Church in Acts is now fulfilling this promise / She is now the instrument of our Salvation and the Presence of God in the world.

One thing that should fill us with joy today: JESUS SEEKS & DESIRES TO WALK WITH US / TO OPEN OUR EYES.

-In most Religions: Man seeks God / In Christianity God comes to us." This is the uniqueness of the Christian Faith / Jesus comes to you / How?

In Luke's Road to Emmaus story: The disciples are sad and distraught: They have lost hope / Their Messiah has been crucified. They are walking from Jerusalem back to Emmaus / Yet notice how Jesus comes and walks with them / And in the Eucharist they recognize Jesus / The text literally reads: "He took bread, said a blessing, broke it, and gave it to them"—as he does in his account of the Last Supper (Lk 22:19-20)" / And then their eyes were opened."

-From the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist we see this Rhythm of perfect Christian Worship: Jesus moves from teaching to feeding their hunger / JESUS COMES TO US / And the rhythm in regards to the bread: taking, giving thanks, and receiving is a Prototype of the Mass.

In the 1st Letter of St. Peter we read about the power of His blood / Through the precious Blood of Jesus, we are cleansed, purified, sanctified, healed, and then given Understanding / Again Jesus comes to us in the Mass / Confession / In the Sacraments / Today Jesus desires to heal and put us back together again.

-Is God Hidden? / No, He comes to you at every Mass / HE WALKS WITH YOU / YOU WANT TO FIND GOD / GO TO MASS / JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU.

This has also been on my heart this week:

To be human: What does that mean?

-Every person hungers for worship / God, in his goodness responds to that hunger / In the midst of the disciples' confusion and blindness, Jesus sought them out, offered himself to them, and opened their eyes. He did it for me, many years ago. He wishes to meet all of us on our road to Emmaus.

Don't be confused / Jesus will help you to accept yourself as He created you / Amen, and only then shall we find true peace / AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD THEIR EYES WERE OPENED.

Notes:

-Jesus offers the only spiritual food and “Real Presence” that is capable of fulfilling the deepest hunger and desires of the human heart.

IF CHRIST IS HIDDEN: WHERE TO FIND HIM IN THE MODERN WORLD: AT A CATHOLIC CHURCH: Where the Catholic Mass still happens: this is where to look / Also visit Jesus as He remains with us in our Adoration Chapel.

Spending time before a Tabernacle is changing my life. Amen

**Vivat Jesus,
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