

Homily

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25th 2021 .

Introduction

In recent years the Camino de Santiago has become very popular in Compostela, Spain .The full camino involves a trek of about 200km

The disciples on the road to the village of Emmaus in today's gospel could be said to be a kind of pilgrimage in reverse, going away from Jerusalem , the goal of the pilgrimage. They are not in a happy frame of mind. --- Their hopes have been dashed and they are perplexed. ---Into this situation comes Jesus, though of course, they do not recognize him. -- With the help of the Scriptures he enables them to see their experience in a new light.

Jesus is the stranger who draws near and walks with us in the journey of my life. When I am despondent and tempted to give up, his word,-- the word of Scripture encourages me to see things in a new light. When everything seems to have gone wrong in my life .Christ enables me to look at the bigger picture, which is God's plan for my life. God's plan for me is always a loving plan and his purpose for me will always be achieved. Jesus comes to me in moments of perplexity as a friend, or in a quiet moment when I turn to him in prayer.

When the disciples arrive at their destination , they are in a much better frame of mind and they invite Jesus to stay with them . And then we have the wonderful turn-around where, suddenly He becomes the Host, and they the guests. They recognize him in the breaking of the bread . This is where he will be present for them from now on: IN THE EUCHARIST.

This is not the end of the incident .The disciples set out immediately and go all the way back to Jerusalem. They want to share their experience with others.-- Good news must be shared. That's its nature.-- At the end of Mass we are sent out to share what we have experienced. We have in fact experienced what the disciples on the way to Emmaus experienced. We have had the Scriptures today in the Liturgy of the word ,and we have the Risen Christ in the liturgy of this Eucharist. Our hearts are also burned within us and we have recognized him in the BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

AMEN.