

Dear Parishioners,

One of my favorite passages in Sacred Scripture is in Luke's Gospel (24:13-35). It is the Gospel that was read on Wednesday during the Octave of Easter. Two of Jesus' disciples were on the path to Emmaus, a village seven miles from Jerusalem and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred concerning Jesus the Nazarene, his suffering, death and reported resurrection.

Jesus drew near and walked with them explaining how Sacred Scripture had announced from the time of the prophets to the present that Jesus would have to suffer and die and enter into glory. The disciples were captivated by Our Risen Lord's message and urged Jesus to stay with them. And then it happened that when Jesus broke bread with them they recognized him and their hearts were burning within them.

Many have shared with me that they appreciate the opportunity to watch the videotaped Mass but when they recite the Spiritual Communion Prayer, they hunger more deeply to physically partake of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is as if their "hearts are burning within them" We are a Eucharistic People and not being able to receive Holy Communion, leaves a void within our hearts and souls.

Jesus drew near the two disciples on the path to Emmaus and he still desires to draw near to each of us on our spiritual journey. In these challenging days of separation and anxiety, welcome Our Risen Lord to walk with you and He will open your heart to the mystery of His love and mercy for you.

Easter Season Greetings!

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