

Getting Ready for Sunday!

3rd Sunday of Easter



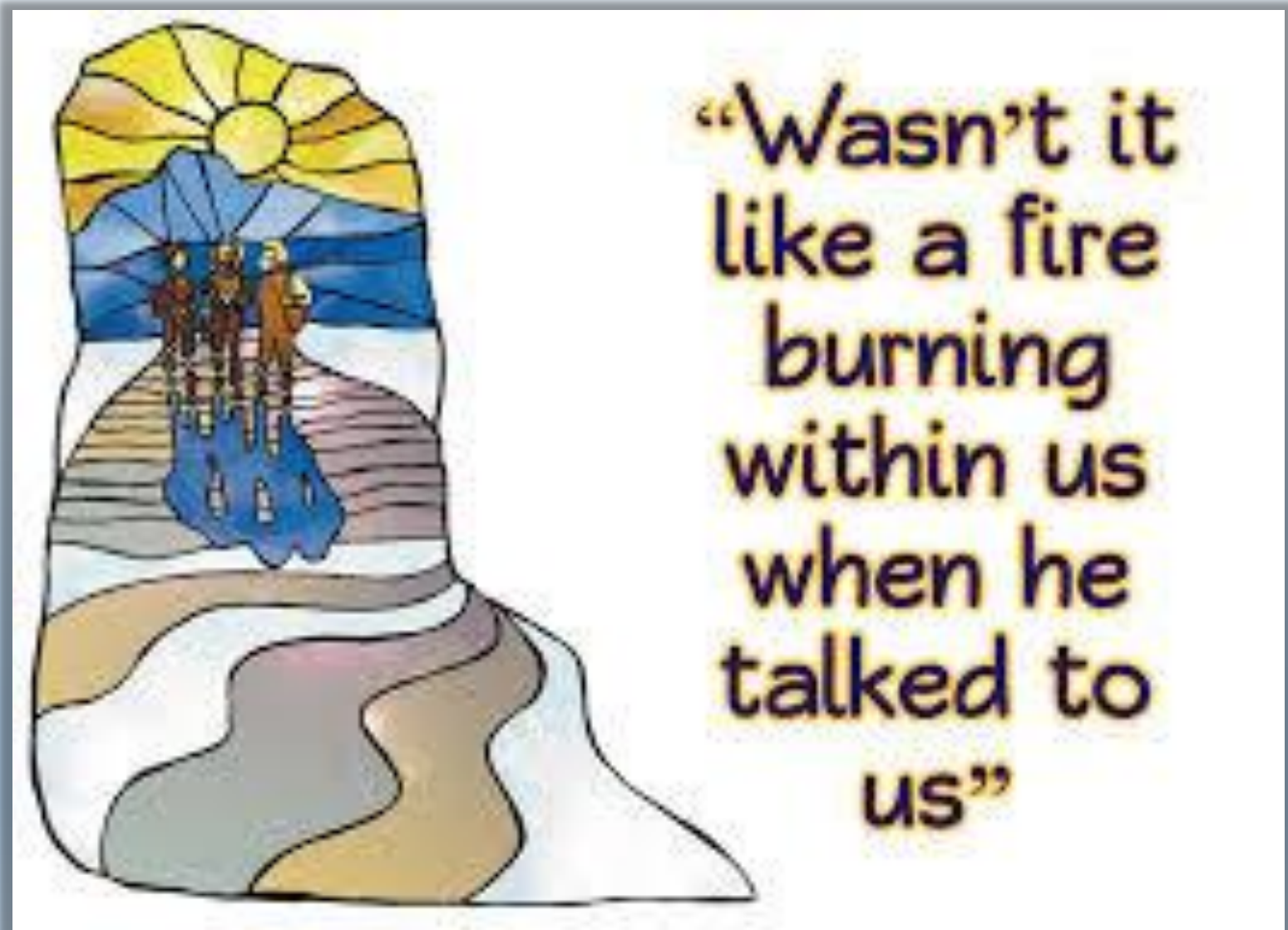
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The Third Sunday of the Easter Season

On this Sunday in the Easter Season we are brought into the meaning of the Eucharist as being a celebration of the Risen Jesus present with us.

Jesus shares Himself with His disciples as He breaks bread - He does the same with us at the Eucharist.

Luke 24:13-35



“Wasn't it
like a fire
burning
within us
when he
talked to
us”

Look at the journey path from Jerusalem to Emmaus.
Emmaus is 10km from Jerusalem.

How long would
it take you to
walk 10km?



Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.



While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them:



What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?

Do you always recognise Jesus when He is close to you?

When did you last see Jesus?

When did you last miss seeing Jesus?

They stood still, looking sad.

Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?



What things?



The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.



Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.

Describe Jesus as you know Him!
What could you tell others about Jesus?



Then Jesus said to them:

Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?

Are you ready to open your eyes and seek Jesus in those who suffer, in those who care for others, in those who stand up for what is right, in those who ask for your help....

You must believe that Jesus is present if you are to see Him!



Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying:

Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

If you had a chance to walk with Jesus, would you want to let Him go away?

How do you think the disciples felt as they began to realise that they were with someone truly special?



So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight.



When did the disciples
last see Jesus break
bread?

Jesus breaks bread with
us at the Eucharist.

Jesus shared His Word
with His disciples.
Jesus shares His Word
with us when we hear
Scripture.

They said to each other:

Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?



That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying:

The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!



Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Bible Search

Read Luke 24:13-35 in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



What does the Eucharist mean in your weekly life?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to be open to welcome Jesus in every person you meet today.

