

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Living the Resurrection: Recognizing the Risen Lord**  
**Fr. Paul**

Today, we hear another Resurrection story.  
Two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem –  
disappointed and uncertain,  
*“We were hoping he would be the one ...”*

In the midst of their sorrow, Jesus comes to them.

He walks beside them—unrecognized.  
He listens. He speaks. He opens the Scriptures.  
And their hearts begin to burn within them.

As they approach their destination, they urge Him,  
*“Stay with us...”*

And at table, everything changes.  
He takes bread, says the blessing, breaks it, and gives it to them.  
And their eyes are opened.

Each time we gather for Mass, the same pattern unfolds:  
the Scriptures are opened... the bread is broken... and Christ is made known.

To live the Resurrection means learning to recognize  
that Christ is already walking with us—even when we do not see Him.

He meets us:

- in His Word,
- in the Eucharist,
- and in the quiet moments along the way.

So often, we look for something dramatic.  
But the Risen Lord comes quietly—patiently—faithfully.

And then something changes.  
Faith is rekindled. Hope is restored.

They come to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread—  
what was hidden on the road is revealed at the table.

The Resurrection is not only that Christ is alive.  
It is that our eyes are opened.

And when they are,  
we do not continue walking away.  
We return—with urgency, with joy, and with new purpose.

**Reflection Question:**

Where is Christ already present in my life—and how is He inviting me to recognize Him?