

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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**Then they said to each other,  
“Did not our hearts burn within as he talked  
and explained the scriptures to us?”**

– Luke 24:32

One of my favorite pictures is the scene of three robed figures walking along a dirt road, with the sun breaking through trees and clouds. The man in the middle with his hand upraised as he talks, seems to fascinate the other two.

In Sunday’s gospel the Easter story features two disciples who think everything is over. They have just experienced a great loss. They had hoped Jesus would have set Israel free. Their conversation reveals sadness and confusion over the death of Jesus. Then they encounter Jesus, unrecognized, though walking with them. They welcome this stranger, who interprets their dreadful loss, in the light of the Scriptures. In the evening shared with them, Jesus repeats what he did at the Last Supper. Then in the breaking of the bread, the two recognize Jesus. In the instant of recognition, the disciples know the risen Jesus. Then Jesus vanishes from their sight. The disciples race back to Jerusalem to tell the rest of their community about their meeting Jesus. With great joy, the two celebrate Jesus presence, life giving and real as they walked, talked, wondered and sat at table with Jesus.

Like the two disciples, we meet Jesus in our own present day experience. In our faith-life we see our own belief and unbelief, our questions, actions, and emotions in this story. Jesus’ words and deeds teach every generation about his presence with and among them.

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**WHAT STORIES OF JESUS BURN WITHIN US THAT WE MUST TELL?**



**HOW ARE JESUS’ WORDS LIGHT IN OUR WALK TOGETHER?**

In time of fear, loneliness, disappointment and confusion, what words of scripture light up your life with the understanding that Jesus daily walks with us? What moments of surprise “burn in your heart” until you share your story with another?

God continues to bestow gifts on us each day in our homes, our work, our world. Grace is here each moment. St. Paul writes, “nothing separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” Let us live this week “in renewed youthfulness of spirit,” with confident hope recognizing and welcoming the Risen Christ is each person we meet and in the beauty of creation around us.

## MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule:** 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel  
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)