

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, 2018. The beautiful story of the disciples recounting Jesus' presence in the Scriptures as well as in "breaking of the bread" is presented today in our gospel from St. Luke:



*"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. LUKE 24:34-36.*

Each of us has a family story. It is more than a history. It is a recalling of events that shaped our family. It may have included hardships, but also joys. The fact is that it is our story. It is a story that we can call our own. When the story is re-told, it helps us to make present again the experience in our present time.

In today's gospel describing the Road to Emmaus, the disciples are talking about the events of all that had happened in Jerusalem. We could in a sense say that they were discussing their story. They are not as open to meeting the stranger, to understanding his story, as they were not yet ready to hear his story as well. Then through talking they re-count the events surrounding Jesus of Nazareth – but still they cannot say Jesus is the Messiah. However, as the stranger tells the story, their eyes are opened. They now recognize Jesus. Now they do not want to leave Him. In fact, their eyes were opened in the breaking of the bread.

This so beautifully points to the Eucharist! As the Easter Season unfolds, we enter into a greater understanding of what the Eucharist means to each and every one of us, at Mass and how our lives are changed by this very celebration. Our openness leads us to our participation in the celebration, and ultimately how we integrate this gift into our own lives and therefore become the Eucharist for one another. Next week, more on Jesus' story becoming our story.

Upcoming St. Rosalie's Events

First Sacraments

With our children making their First Holy Communion in April and May, what a gift the Eucharist is to all of us! Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants who will be receiving their First Holy Communion April 21, 28 and May 5. Let us pray for these young people and their families! God Bless them, every one!

*Blessings of Easter Joy,
Father Ed*