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REFLECTIONS

Commentary on Sacred Scripture

The ministry of Jesus is composed of preaching, teaching, and healing. As we read or hear scripture, we encounter each of these various elements, underscoring the importance of Sacred Scripture for all who would be faithful disciples. These realities are not associated solely with the earthly ministry of Jesus; rather, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to all the world and to continue his ministry, and that certainly involves preaching, teaching, and healing. It is the role of the Church – that is, the hierarchy as well as all of the members of the Body of Christ – to proclaim the Good News. And we cannot proclaim what we do not know. Saint Jerome insists that ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ!

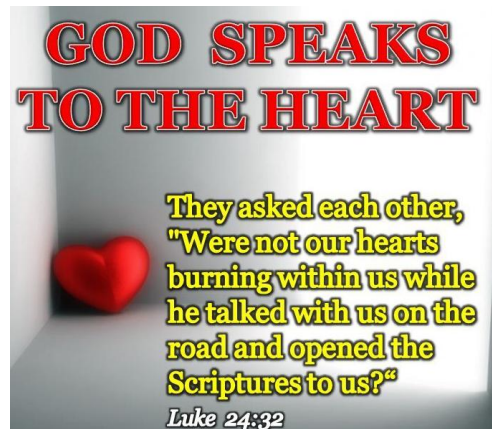
Thus, for Christians, it is vital that we hear and read scripture, that it becomes a vital part of our daily lives. It is not enough only to hear the Word proclaimed at weekend liturgies. It is really not even enough to confine our scriptural reflection to listening, more or less attentively, to the homily. Those are good starting points, but just starting points. Our encounters with Scripture are intended as spiritual nourishment.

In the Gospel of Luke, following the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to two of his disciples as they made their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were lamenting the death of Jesus and wondering what to make of the reports that he has been raised up. Jesus walked with them although they did not recognize him. In this encounter we read that Jesus “opened the Scriptures” to them and as a result their hearts burned with divine love. They were so transformed that they retraced their steps to Jerusalem to announce the Lord’s continuing presence in their midst. This ‘opening of the Scriptures’ did not mean merely that Jesus recited scripture or even that he merely explained the words to them. It is clear that the burning within which they experienced came from a deeper understanding, not merely of the words,

but of the fundamental meaning of God’s plan in the world being revealed through Christ. That is the focal point of all scripture – it reveals God ever present in the world, creating, nourishing, chastising, and reconciling humanity so that we can participate more fully in this divine-human intimacy.

This Emmaus experience is not to be understood merely as an historical event in the life of Jesus and these two disciples. Rather, it is intended for each of us. Christ wants to open the Scriptures for each of us so that our hearts, burning within us, will be more directly and intimately attuned to God. But that calls forth action on our parts. It begins with listening and reading Scripture, but that is only a beginning. Scripture must be studied, prayed over, reflected upon so that we can hear God speaking, guiding, directing and consoling us on our spiritual journey. May your hearts burn with divine love as you encounter Christ in Sacred Scripture!

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Entering this Third Week of Easter, we acknowledge that the Easter Season is the Feast of Feasts and its 50 days are the pillar of the liturgical year. It is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. In this week's gospel reading, Jesus initiates an encounter with two disciples who come to recognize Him in the Breaking of the Bread.



***The Resurrection
Changes
Everything.***

Luke: 24:13-35

It is God who initiates our encounters with him whether in prayer or through our interaction with others. Let us all open our hearts so we can one day celebrate the wedding feast of the lamb. Jesus invited everyone to his table, as he still does today. This weekend's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is always with us, always there to encourage us and give us new hope. Let us consider ways we can invite Jesus into our lives and recognize his presence in all we do. This week, we are urged to try to "recognize Christ" in one unexpected place – a conversation, a challenge, or a moment of quiet – and respond with gratitude and love.



Because of your faithful giving, the Chapel has been able to extend Christ's love beyond our walls. Your contributions are not just donations; they are seeds of compassion that continue to bear fruit in the lives of those in need. Your charity reflects our mission to love God and neighbor, reminding us that we are truly the hands and feet of Christ in the world. The Chapel received a letter of gratitude for one such donation from Father Anthony Sargento of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Sibaguan, Sagnay, Camarines Sur 4421, Philippines.

Father Sargento wrote:

Our parish is located in a remote place where most people are small time farmers and fishermen. ... the parish structure is still under development due to the incapability of the parishioners to support funds out of their own means. That is why your kind donation is of great help for a continuation of the construction of the church. We will be forever grateful for your generosity and rest assured that we will include your community in our prayers. Please pray for us also as we continue to journey as a faith community and become faithful witnesses of the Gospel of Christ.

Pope Leo recently addressed the importance of Sunday Mass attendance, stating that the Sunday Eucharist is indispensable to the Christian life. The Eucharist, he emphasized, is what makes our faith grow and it strengthens when believers are united as members of one body in Christ. He stressed that faith needs to be nourished and sustained and that the Church gathers every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, hear Jesus's words, pray, profess faith, and be nourished by His Body and Blood so that we may become witnesses of His Resurrection.



***May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven. God Give You Peace***
Mike Pierson

Mass Intentions

<u>April 19, 2026</u>	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
<u>April 20, 2026</u>	Repose of the Soul of Camille Pierce By Bill & Judy Daley
<u>April 21, 2026</u>	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
<u>April 22, 2026</u>	Repose of the Souls of Ambrose & Leona Williams By Suzanne Williams
<u>April 23, 2026</u>	Repose of the Soul of Helen Wolfe By Mel & Julie Miller
<u>April 24, 2026</u>	Repose of the Soul of Tom Williams By Suzanne Williams
<u>April 25, 2026</u>	Repose of the Soul of Vivian Risiott By Deacon Howard Herring (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)