

Dear Parishioners,

If you read through the resurrection account in Luke's Gospel, you might be surprised at how often the risen Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples.

All of the disciples—from the two on the road to Emmaus to the ones gathered in the upper room—seemed to be “slow of heart to believe” (Luke 24:25). But the disciples' lack of understanding was not a problem for Jesus. He was happy to help them understand the Scriptures. And when he did, it was as if a light had turned on for them. Recent confusing events began to make sense. They had joy and hope; they knew they could trust God.

Jesus wants to do that for you too. He knows the questions you have and the ways your hope and joy need a lift. And he is ready to do something about it.

So the best thing you can do is spend time reading the Bible. Hearing the readings at Mass or reading this magazine is a great start. The more time you spend with the Scriptures, the more Jesus can bring them to life for you.

For instance, when you read “The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack” (Psalm 23:1), Jesus might help you see that, as your Good Shepherd, he will take care of the worrisome details of your life. Or when you read “I go and prepare a place for you” (John 14:3), Jesus might lift some of your sadness and give you hope for a departed loved one. You might even start to find joy as you look forward to heaven!

Every time you open your Bible, Jesus is ready to help you know him better. As he opened the minds of his disciples after his resurrection, he can speak to you through his word. Let him “turn the light on” for you. Let him lift your hope and give you joy.

*“Lord, I want to know you better. Help me understand the Scriptures more.”*

*God Bless,*

*Fr. Scott*

