

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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EVANGELIUM LIVE: Luke 24,13-35

“Were not our hearts burning while...”

Sometimes I get really passionate about something—it’s a powerful feeling. It might be, for example, when I get caught up in a thrilling story in a book and want to read until two in the morning, or when I try a new dish and realize I’ve never eaten anything so good. At the same time, though, when my heart is burning with prayer, it’s better than all the food and books put together.

This Easter, one of our friends, Martin, was baptized, and my husband, Kuba, was his godfather. The whole Easter vigil felt even more special to me because of this; the joy of having new sisters and brothers felt more personal and deeper. The baptism itself was followed by the song "Oceans" and I was deeply moved by the lyrics: “Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander...”. Once again, I realized that thanks to my burning heart, I can walk on water with Christ, into the unknown, without fear of drowning.



I felt God’s guidance and His presence in my life a little more intensely than before. I walked on water from Moravia all the way to Pilsen, and I’m also walking on water with our unborn child, not knowing what to expect at all. I only know that my heart is burning and that fear cannot quench the flame of Love.

God, to you alone it belongs to give strength to my soul; you alone can renew in my depths the sacred fire of your love which must first enkindle fire in my heart, and then pour itself out by my ministry in the souls whom you want to confide in me. (St. Eugene de Mazenod, 1837)

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Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "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 the bread.

