

Beloved in Christ,

Easter is the “feast of joy” that celebrates the new life for all believers in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Today, the Church proclaims for all to hear: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!” In fact we will celebrate this great feast not just for a day, but for a whole week! We call this the “octave of Easter” and during the coming week we will listen to some of the most beautiful Scripture readings in the entire New Testament. The central message of these readings is that indeed Jesus is alive and is risen from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus is victory over death. In the words of St. Paul in Romans 6:9, he acknowledged by saying, “we know that Christ has been raised from the dead and will not die again. Death has no power over him anymore.” On Good Friday, it seemed like death had overpowered Jesus. But on Easter Sunday, Jesus had the last laugh; and what a good one it was of which we are now sharing in it—the joy of his resurrection.

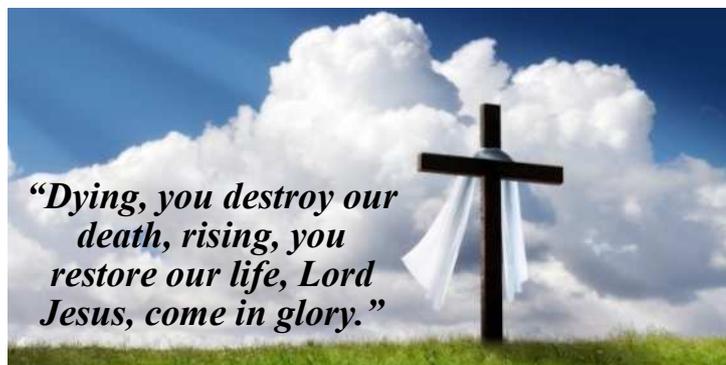
The victory of Jesus over death is a victory for us too. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we are assured that we also shall rise again after our own death. His resurrection is thus the pledge of our own resurrection from death. This is true when we hear similar expression in one of our Consecration Acclamation at mass, “Dying, you destroy our death, rising, you restore our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.”

The resurrection of Jesus also represents the ultimate victory of good over evil. No matter how long it takes, good will always prevail over evil. The enemies of Jesus did a grave evil by putting an innocent person to death. At that time, it seemed that evil had silenced good forever. The resurrection of Jesus proved them wrong. Good came charging from the grave with Jesus, putting evil to a humiliating end.

I am very grateful to the parish staff, all the ministry leaders and ministers who served during the Lenten Stations of the Cross, all those who helped in making our world class fish fry a great success and all the functionaries at Holy Week liturgies. Thank you all for spending your time, talent and resources in giving us a befitting liturgy. You all prepared and carried out your functions with utmost dedication. The success of the various liturgies was due to your hard work. May you be renewed and strengthened with the joy of Easter.

Happy Easter!!

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP



Domingo de Pascua

La raíz de nuestro gozo Pascual está en la celebración con la familia y la comunidad del triunfo de Jesús sobre el pecado y la muerte ¿Cómo es que ese gozo encontrará una expresión concreta en nuestras vidas? La vida resucitada de Jesús se nos da para que podamos continuar su ministerio de proclamar las buenas noticias a los pobres, liberar a los cautivos, devolver la vista a los ciegos y gozar del favor de nuestro Dios por un año. El lunes ó volveremos a nuestros asuntos como siempre o llevaremos el gozo de la resurrección a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que todavía viven en la oscuridad de la pobreza, la prisión y la carencia?

Easter Sunday

The root of our Easter joy is in celebrating with family and community the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. How will that joy find concrete expression in our lives? The risen life of Jesus is given to us so that we can continue his ministry of proclaiming good news to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and a year of favor from our God. On Monday will we go back to business as usual or will we bring the joy of the resurrection to our brothers and sisters still living in the darkness of poverty, imprisonment and want?

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY APRIL 16

No Faith Formation Classes
Easter Sunday
10:30 am Egg Easter Hunt

MONDAY APRIL 17

Office Closed
6:30 Gpo de Oracion Meeting-*Marian Rm*

TUESDAY APRIL 18

8 am Men's Group- *OLOG Roo6:30*
6:30 pm *TNMC- Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

9 am Bible Study- *OLOG Room*
5:30 Faith Formation

THURSDAY APRIL 20

FRIDAY APRIL 21

7 pm Grupo de Oracion

SATURDAY APRIL 22

SUNDAY APRIL 23

10 am First Communion Classes

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Apr 15	5:30 pm	For the Victims of War
Sun.	Apr 16	9:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett
		11:00 am	Emilia de la Hoya (Birthday)
Mon.	Apr 17	6:00 am	NO MASS
Tues.	Apr 18	6:00 pm	Lisa Lazarte (Birthday)
Wed.	Apr 19	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
Thurs	Apr 20	8:30 am	Bill Pavlat (Health)
Fri	Apr 21	12:00pm	For the Persecuted Christians
Sat	Apr 22	5:30 pm	Don Kohring +
Sun	Apr 23	9:00 am	Kasia Wlodek
		11:00 am	Diego Mendoza +

Ministry Schedule for April 22-23, 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	L Arnold W Faulkner	J Young J McGregor	D Broecker P Broecker M Milliser	Thomas Schatte Barbara Yanez-S Jennifer McGregor Peggie Watson
9:00 AM	T Grace H Simonette	C Brown K Konarik K Konarik	S Starnes E Alvarez D Lumpkin	Deacon Ernie Mary riley Celene Brown Anne Krause Leona Rohaly
11:00 AM	I Ortiz E Olalde	Karen Ramirez Victoria Medrano C Ortiz A Chavez	B Rocha J Rocha M Villafranco	J Villarreal B Martinez C Tovar M Perez B Jaramillo

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:
Regular: \$4,267.00
Online: \$ 704.38
Total \$4,971.38

remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).



The Amazing Grace Gift Shop is now officially open after all the masses.

If you would like to help, Please contact Mary Riley for more information. 254-231-8784.

Fr Jude will be out this week for his annual reunion with his Congregation Missionary Society of St. Paul in Houston.

Their will be communion service on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and on Friday we will have adoration and mass at normal time. Our weekend masses will remain the same.

Office Closed

The Office will be Closed on Monday April 17 for Easter

Faith Formation Classes

No First Communion Class on Sunday April 16 for Easter. Classes resume on April 23 at 10 am

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday at 10:30 am outside of the church.

Grupo de Mujeres Hispanas

Les invita a unirse al Grupo todos los Miercoles de 6:30 a 8:00 pm. Para mas informacion comunicarse con la Sra. Elsa Olalde.

