

Alleluia, Christ is risen, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, He is truly risen, Alleluia

Dear Friends,

More than ever, we need Easter now and his Resurrection. With fear and uncertainty hanging over us, we need the assurance of the Risen Christ Who has conquered sin and death. More than ever, we need the assurance of life when so many of our fellow Americans are falling victim to this dangerous virus. More than ever, we need the hope and joy that Easter brings because a heavy pall of darkness and sadness envelopes us.

Even though we may not be able to celebrate Easter in the way we usually do, let us celebrate it in our hearts and our homes. Let us visit the Empty Tomb with the holy women that we may witness the signs of Jesus' resurrection. Let us hold on to the Risen Lord just like Mary Magdalene until we recognize Him as Teacher. Let us accompany the two disillusioned disciples on the road to Emmaus so that He may open our eyes at the Breaking of the Bread. Let us profess our undying love for Him just as Peter did on the shores of Lake Galilee. Let this Easter become real and alive.

I will be praying for each and every one of you during my Easter Mass. I know you cannot be with us physically but you will be present spiritually. I will pray that just like St. Paul, the Apostle we will feel in our bodies and spirits the resurrection of Christ. St Paul, who had not met the historical Jesus in the same way as did the other apostles, proclaimed the Risen Christ more powerfully than anyone else.

This Easter may we all imitate this great apostle who passionately loved the Master. Just like him, we will then be able to voice the words that he wrote in his Letter to the Romans:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As I am wishing you the blessings of this Holy Day, I am also making an appeal to you. We are in need of your financial support to survive as a parish in this difficult time. I thank you for all your prayers and financial support to St. Paul the Apostle Parish. I thank you sincerely for everything you do to your own parish all year round! I am praying for you and for your entire family. Please pray for me.

Our Country and whole world is in great need of God's Mercy.  
Let's pray together Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet at 3pm every day.  
Let's also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19 praying Chaplet at 3pm and reading St. Faustina Diary or watching EWTN or Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge live.  
Let's be united through this powerful prayer whole entire week. Jesus I trust in you!

May Risen Christ keep us safe and bless us everyday and bring us back soon to our church to celebrate the Eucharist as a community together than we can recognize again Our Risen Lord In the Breaking of the Bread!

Love and prayers,

Fr. Andrzej