



He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a journey it has been to this celebration of Easter this year. Last year at Easter we found ourselves in the middle of the Covid-19 shutdown. How beautiful that this year we are able to gather once again to celebrate the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection.

We remember our loved ones, family, and friends, who have passed away since last Easter. We entrust them into the loving care of Jesus, our merciful Lord. May they rest in peace and come to know the power of Jesus' resurrection.

This season of Lent has been a particularly holy time for us to grow closer to Our Lord in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Each Sunday we have prayerfully considered how we can courageously proclaim the *kerygma* – that is the short, powerful proclamation of the Gospel. We broke the *kerygma* into five easy to remember parts: **CREATION, SIN, SALVATION, CONVERSION, IMMERSION**. Those homilies are available on YouTube if you would like to look back at the series.

Ever since I was a child, the celebration of Holy Week has held a special place in my life. I always signed up to be the altar server at the various liturgies. I helped with the



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liturgical decorations for the church. My favorite part was the setup of the Holy Thursday altar of repose. The music, the incense, and the ceremony have been and always will be a powerful experience in my life. Some of my most fruitful experiences of prayer have been staying with Our Lord in the garden after the Holy Thursday Mass and waiting until midnight when the arrest of Jesus was read. I can truly say that my vocation to be a priest was born in those celebrations. I felt the tug on my heart of a God who loved me and was calling me to follow Him.

I pray that you, too, can know Jesus as Lord during these special days. Come and see! The Lord is waiting for each one of us. He is knocking. Will we open the door for Him?

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ADAM AND EVE INTO PARADISE



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Yours in Christ,

Rev. Tyler Bischoff
Parochial Administrator

Sacred Triduum:

April 1 - Holy Thursday - 6:30 PM

April 2 - Good Friday - 1 PM

April 3 - Easter Vigil - 9 PM

-- All at St. Catherine, Ossineke --

Easter Sunday Mass - April 4

9 AM - St. Raphael, Mikado

11 AM - St. Anne, Harrisville

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