

# FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”* (Psalm 118:24). These joyful words resound in our hearts today, united with the Easter Proclamation (the Exsultet, which means “rejoice”) and the triumphant *Alleluia* that echoes throughout the Church and within us. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ’s light, breaking through the darkness in our hearts, especially in struggles with anger, hurt, and sin. It reminds us that Christ’s resurrection brings light to our struggles, guiding us to forgiveness and healing. After the silence and austerity of Lent, our voices rise once more in praise: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The Resurrection of Christ reveals God’s victory and the fulfillment of His promises: darkness gives way to light, sin to mercy, and death to new life. Easter is not only a past event—it renews us today and calls us to walk in Christ’s light. Like the beloved disciple, we are invited to see and believe, moving from fear to joy. Our *Alleluia* proclaims that hope is alive, Christ is with us, and nothing can separate us from His love.

The Resurrection is not only about Jesus, but also about what God is doing in us. In a world often marked by uncertainty, struggle, wars, injustice, and economic hardship, we have a story to tell and the Good News to proclaim: Christ is Risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

For those who feel buried in the tombs of hatred, selfishness, sin, addiction, and despair, God has the power to roll away the stone and raise us to new life. The empty tomb is not an ending, but a powerful sign of a new beginning. It stands as an undeniable sign that nothing is impossible for God. St. Paul reminds us, *“If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him”* (Rom 6:8). Easter calls us to leave behind darkness and walk in the light of Christ, living with faith, hope, and love. As Easter people, we trust that Christ is alive among us—guiding, transforming, and sending us on a mission.

As we celebrate this joyful season, may we become witnesses of the Resurrection in our daily lives—bringing hope where there is despair, forgiveness where there is hurt, and love where there is hatred and division. I pray that the joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families.

Special thanks go to all who assisted in the Holy Week liturgies and times of prayer, as well as those who helped beautify our church with flowers and fitting adornments.

I am pleased to announce the return of Children’s Liturgy of the Word as a beautiful fruit and grace of Easter. Beginning April 12 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and continuing through May 17, our children are invited to grow in faith and encounter the Risen Christ in a way that speaks to their hearts. We look forward to welcoming all our young parishioners (from pre-school to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) to this special time of learning and joy. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help offer this opportunity.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and new life.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

In Christ,  
Fr. Deo

