



## Easter Message from Fr James

***"He has been raised and he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him" (Matthew 28: 7)***

Happy Easter. The Lord is risen; He is Risen indeed; Alleluia.

Let us celebrate like the early Christians did. They understood exactly what Easter was all about. It was the joyful commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ who brought forgiveness and peace to all. Despite the fact that Jesus' disciples had fled, leaving him to face death alone and also that Peter, his trusted disciple had denied him three times, Jesus, haven been raised from the dead met them and immediately said: *shalom!* Peace! After all that transpired, we are still family!

Let us celebrate the peace and reconciliation that Jesus brings us at this season. As we celebrate Easter, Jesus gives us a fresh opportunity to begin our lives afresh. Our sins and betrayals died with him. He took them to his grave and now he's come back without them. Let us rejoice for the Lord is risen! Alleluia!" He is risen indeed. Paul wrote in Romans 8:34. "It is Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us."

"If Christ has not been raised our faith is futile" (1 Cor. 15:17). This is our Catholic faith and we as a parish profess this faith and lives it. God surely expects that our Easter be filled with spiritual commitments. The name Jesus means "salvation" in Hebrew language. By shedding his blood on the Cross he gave the world forgiveness of sins and by his resurrection from the dead he gave salvation to the world. In the resurrection of Jesus on the first Easter Day, God showed his power over death – and his ability to give eternal life to all who believe in him as a free gift.

May his resurrection continue to assure our peace and reconciliation with Him and with each other.



Happy Easter. Sincerely yours in Christ,

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