

From The Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter. Jesus is risen Hallelujah Alleluiah.

On this joyful day, I would like to wish you and your entire family a wonderful and blessed Easter. Christ is risen, Alleluia Alleluia! This is not just a greeting; it is the heart of our faith and the reason for our hope. Easter reminds us that no matter how dark life may seem, God has the final word, and that word is life, not death; hope, not despair; joy, not sorrow.

In today's Gospel from the Gospel of John (John 20:1-9), we see Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning, while it is still dark. She finds the stone rolled away. At first, there is confusion and fear. Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb, and slowly, faith begins to dawn in their hearts. This moment reflects our own journey. Many times, we approach life with uncertainty, pain, and questions. Yet Easter teaches us that even when things seem lost, God is already at work. The empty tomb is not a sign of absence, but of victory, Jesus has conquered death.

This victory has meaning for each one of us. Jesus is alive, and because He lives, we too shall live. Death no longer has power over Him, and it no longer has the final say over us. In our daily lives, this truth gives us strength. When we face struggles in our families, challenges at work, or moments of grief, we remember that resurrection is possible. Just as the disciples moved from fear to faith, we are called to move from doubt to trust. Every act of forgiveness, every moment of kindness, every choice to love is a sign that the risen Christ is alive in us.

Saint Augustine of Hippo remind us, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." And St. John Paul II often encouraged the faithful: "Do not be afraid. Open your hearts to Christ." Easter calls us to live with courage and joy, knowing that Christ walks with us.

So today, let us celebrate with full hearts. Let us carry the light of the resurrection into our homes, our communities, and our world. Christ is risen—Alleluia! And because He lives, we have a reason to celebrate, a reason to hope, and a reason to believe that love is stronger than death. God bless you and your family this Easter season.

-Fr. Patrick