

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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– John 20:9

Glorious Easter! O day of great joy! The budding trees, blooming fresh flowers, greening tufts of new grass, and coloring Easter eggs, we and all of creation, celebrate this Resurrection day. We celebrate Jesus, who died and lives forever within and among us today and always.

We easily imagine that first Easter morning, a whirlwind of confusion, fear and hope. In the predawn darkness, Mary Magdalene, comes to the tomb, sees the stone rolled aside, runs to Peter and the other disciple, and tells them bluntly that the body of Jesus has been taken from the tomb. It seems that Resurrection understanding is still in the darkness of the tomb.

This Easter morning, we gather in the darkness of confusion and uncertainty, our days filled with challenges. We ask: How long will the virus be darkness? When will there be a cure? Even in this darkness, our risen Jesus breaks through in abundant healing love and Presence. We recognize his abundant healing love and Presence in the faces those who serve others: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, caregivers, volunteers, children and countless others.

The apostles' sadness and lack of understanding now gives way to joy. Their joy animates and transforms. They must proclaim Jesus' resurrection to all, to each of us today.

This scene is us, we who live by faith and seek understanding. Easter morning gives us understanding and the guiding Light who is our life. Jesus' destiny

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is ours; his new life is shared by us. On this Easter morning, we roll away the stone and marvel at the unexpected ways God works in our lives.

The Blessing of Pope Francis: God's blessing is upon you as a consoling embrace. Blessed God, you bless the world, giving health to our bodies and comfort to our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith sometimes is weak and we are fearful. O God, you are always with us in the storm...you are the calm. Blessed be God.

MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule: 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)**