

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is Risen Alleluia!

For nearly twenty centuries, this has been the primary Easter greeting of Christians. The Resurrection of Jesus has forever changed the world. As we know, there are still sorrows and tragedies in life, but followers of Christ know that He came to bring new life. Death is passing, life in Christ is eternal.

It is always a joy to see so many come together at Church for Easter (and at Christmas). It would be wonderful if we could all gather each day or each week to give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings. The greatest blessing we have received is the knowledge of God's love and mercy for all of us and the belief that the Risen Christ is always with us.

Whether you are literally here every day for Mass or we see you less often, let us all strive to live our faith each day and stay close to Christ in our mind and heart and soul.

Especially for those who come to Church once or twice a year or less, please remember that the sacraments are a tremendous gift and there is no more powerful way to encounter Jesus on Earth now than in the sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass is the perfect prayer of Christ to which we can unite ourselves in prayer. Christ offered His Body and Blood for us once for all on Calvary on that first Good Friday but He continually presents that same sacrifice to the Father on our behalf at Mass in union with the Holy Spirit. By His Resurrection, the Eucharist touches on eternity.

If we are not careful, we can all take for granted God's love and mercy for us and we can forget how much Jesus sacrificed for our sins. His love and His life in us are without end. We should always be thankful to God.

Blessed Easter everyone! The Lord is truly Risen Alleluia!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.