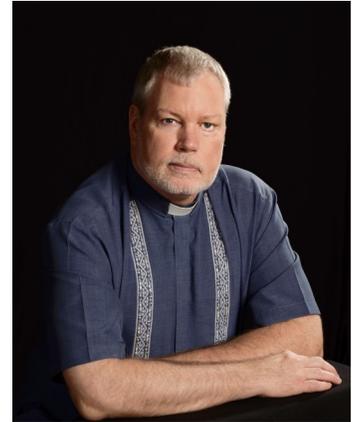




Pastor's Page



Dear Parishioners, Friends and Guests of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church,

Each year the Catholic Church begins the Easter Season with liturgical celebrations of special joy and importance. On Easter Sunday each year we bring closure to the great Paschal Triduum, the “Three Days” that began on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and included the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and the great Easter Vigil on the night of Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday also begins the Easter Octave (“Eight Days”) that concludes with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter). On these joyful days when the Church throughout the world celebrates the “Paschal Mystery” of our Lord Jesus Christ, this parish community, its pastor and its staff offer to all of you our sincere wishes—and, on your behalf, our fervent prayers for a truly blessed Easter. The Church's ancient cry of jubilation, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!! Alleluia! He is risen indeed!!", still echoes in our hearts, and in our proclamation of faith.

Our Easter celebrations remind us that at all times of the year we Catholics celebrate an Easter faith, for our faith is in the One who died on the cross for the sake of us all, and who rose triumphant from the grave to set humanity free from sin and death. While the ultimate consummation of this victory is yet to be achieved, we nevertheless believe in everything that Christ has already accomplished in his Passover from death to new life, even as we hope for all that it has yet to bring about in us and in the world. In this same spirit, we pray that our lives will draw ever-increasing strength from its saving power, so that we may face with steadfast courage and with unwavering hope all the challenges and trials that life places before us, including those of the COVID-19 pandemic that yet continues.

As we begin our celebration of the great 50 days of Easter, we thank everyone who joins us—whether in person or via our livestreamed broadcasts—in celebrating what God has done. May the new life of the risen Christ, and the new hope his divine mercy offers, be an ever-freshening source of joy and vitality for you and for those who are dear to you. We likewise hope and pray that you will join us again soon and often as we celebrate at OLG the fullness of the saving mystery of Christ in all the feasts and seasons of our Christian lives. We welcome your presence, we delight in your participation, and we pray for the gifts of God on your behalf—always. As the risen Jesus said to his disciples in the upper room when he appeared to them on the evening of the first day of the week....

Peace be with you!

Fr. Kevin

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Pastor