

St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
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Dear Parishioners,

I trust you are all well, as we prepare for the Easter season. Within a week we will celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Savior and relive and rededicate ourselves to God through our faith and witnessing life. Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. This feast has been called “the feast of all feasts.” Easter is a time of new life. That which was dead now lives. Darkness is gone. Life has a new meaning.

Easter is all about bringing out the best from within us. There is a lot of goodness and beauty within and around us in spite of the struggles that all of us now face. The question we must ask ourselves is: “Will we seize this opportunity to be a witness to our Risen Lord during this season?” There can be no better opportunity that God has orchestrated for us to be a witness at this difficult time.

I started off this New Year with a lot of hope and expectations. It was difficult for me to leave St. Lawrence Martyr Parishioners because they have been my home for past 10 years, but the warm welcome and acceptance from St. James Parishioners gave me comfort and peace. I was looking forward to celebrating my first Easter and the joy of the Risen Lord with you as one family in our Church, but that is not possible during this season. Although our Church building is closed, our hearts are open for the Grace and the New Life in Christ Jesus.

I sincerely thank you all for your warm welcome and for considering me as part of your family. Your faith and life are an inspiration to me, and I am truly blessed to be part of this wonderful parish and to serve you. I see that most of you consider St. James as your extended family. Thank you so much for your prayers, support and great love.

Please check your email, Facebook pages and our Website for more information and join us with our livestream services during the Holy Week. I know you can't join us physically, but we will be united in one heart and mind as you join us online. These are the scheduled services:

- 1. Palm Sunday Mass at 10 AM**
- 2. Holy Thursday Mass at 5 PM**
- 3. Good Friday Service at 5 PM**
- 4. Easter Vigil Mass at 5 PM**
- 5. Easter Sunday Mass at 10 AM**

In the coming days I will be calling you individually to let you know that I am praying for you and thinking of you, therefore if you hear an Indian accent please do not hang up on me. 😊

I also have a gift for you this Easter. As you know, we cannot physically come together as a parish family, but you can make your home a church. I was really blessed to talk with *formed.org* and got a subscription to one of the best Catholic websites for free movies and books for 40 days for each person in our parish family. **I humbly request** to you all please make use of this opportunity. There are plenty of Christian movies, documentaries, teaching and inspirational talks for all ages both in English and Spanish. These facilities are available on your cell phone too.

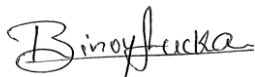
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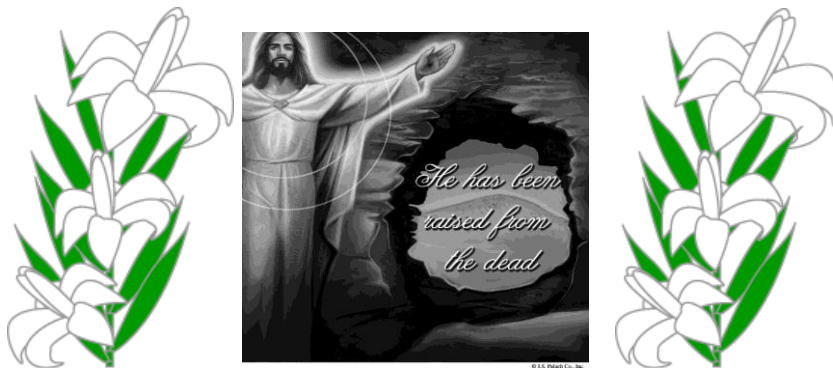
Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives is followed by Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his resurrection. Remember that we will overcome this Coronavirus as well, because Christ has conquered sin and death. We are the **Easter People**; let us all try to bring out the best within ourselves.

"CHRIST IS RISEN!" "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

Yours Sincerely,



Rev. Binoy Akkalayil Lucka, O.S.S.T
Administrator



Happy Easter