

April 18, 2021 Bulletin

*From the Pastor:*

My Dear Parish Family,

**Happy Easter!**

We continue to celebrate Easter as a Church throughout the world because Christ has truly risen! Easter is actually celebrated for fifty days up to Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and holy women gathered in the upper room where they had the Last Supper. They were afraid until the Holy Spirit came upon them and then they went out into the whole world to proclaim the Good News of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. We continue to celebrate that Good News! Since we remain in the season of Easter I get the chance to say thank you to a lot of people who made Easter special. Yes, it remains a strange time with COVID-19 and very much a part of all of our lives but there were people in Church for Easter and that made it special.

Thank you to all of you faithful parishioners who attended Holy Week and Easter Masses either at Church or virtually. Thank you for your generous donations to the parish. You have all been very generous and faithful to our beloved St. Benedict's. I can never say thank you enough for how much all of you have sustained the parish throughout this difficult year. God bless you all! Thank you, of course, to our amazing music director, Anne Myers, who led us without the benefit of our amazing choir, and did so - beautifully!

Although we did not order any live flowers for Easter this year because we were trying to keep our costs low, the altar looked beautiful. As always, I am grateful to all the dedicated people who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Easter amazing. Thank you to our liturgy committee!

We have received donations for both flowers and music from many of the parishioners and I assure you the money given for flowers and music are in a special account and will be used properly next Easter. To our altar servers (and their parents who made sure they came to practice and on time for Holy Week Services) thank you for serving throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The Lectors are also very much in my prayers of thanksgiving because of their dedication to the ministry of proclaiming God's Word for us during Holy Week, Easter and throughout the year. Thank you! We also have a faithful group of ushers who assist at Masses each week and I thank them for their service to us all.

One final note, congratulations to all our students who received First Penance on Saturday. God loves us all so much and He rejoices when we come to Him in the great Sacrament of Penance.

Until next week, blessed Easter! St. Benedict, pray for us. Terence Cardinal Cooke, pray for us!

*Fr. Stephen Norton*

