



## St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

### Reflections with Fr. Mark

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Dear Parishioners,

We proclaim the goodness of God and the joy of salvation with our own lives. Like the early Church, we are called to care for one another with a brotherly and sisterly love. In the old song of the 70's, "They will know we are Christians by our love." Does the world know who we are? I think sometimes we can get caught up in the "smells and bells" of our faith or the externals that are mere conventions of men and women rather than the will of God. Faith is a journey not a program, meeting or even sacrament. Faith is a relational journey with a loving God. Yes, this can occur in "a Church"; but I believe God wants it to occur first in the soul. But I digress!

On this day in 1970 the world celebrated World Earth Day and millions of people took to the street to celebrate Mother Earth. St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life. "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." (*Ladatio Si/Pope Francis*). In all things spiritual we are called "out of darkness" into light.

Today, let us acknowledge our relationship with God as one that calls us into that Eternal Light of His love and essentially calls our spirits that are born from above to live in that Truth. We are the children of God and our attitudes of gratitude issue forth from us in our positive relational journey with God, one another and nature itself.

Thank you once again for your generosity during this time of lean finances. May God comfort you in your place of journey and know of our prayers for you. Join us in spirit again this weekend as we lift our Easter song to God rejoicing in the Risen Lord.

*Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!*

*Fr. Mark*

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