



IMMACULATE HEART^{OF} MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR APRIL 5, 2020

Dear friends in the Lord,

Each year from the time of the apostles, after preparing with the Elect during the season of Lent, the church has approached the Paschal Triduum with the most profound reverence and the deepest joy.

In this moment of salvation history, even in the midst of a global pandemic, the privilege and the duty of celebrating resurrection faith belongs to us. The Sacred Triduum—the three high holy days of our Catholic calendar—call us to keep Christ's passion, death and rising, and to allow the mystery of his sacrificial love to change our lives yet again.

On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we keep one festival: our passover, our Easter. We join with all the people of the parish—and in spirit with all Christians in every time and place—to fast, to pray and to keep watch. A very large part of being a Catholic means observing the Easter Triduum each year. It's not that the Triduum is more important than a Sunday or a holy day. Rather, the Triduum is a Sunday celebrated with all our might!

Although the public health crisis will keep us from being physically together in church, I invite you to enter as fully as possible into these three life-giving days, especially in the three principal evening liturgies, which will be livestreamed from our website and Facebook page. Dying with Christ to sin and death and all that binds us, may we also rise with him to everlasting life.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,