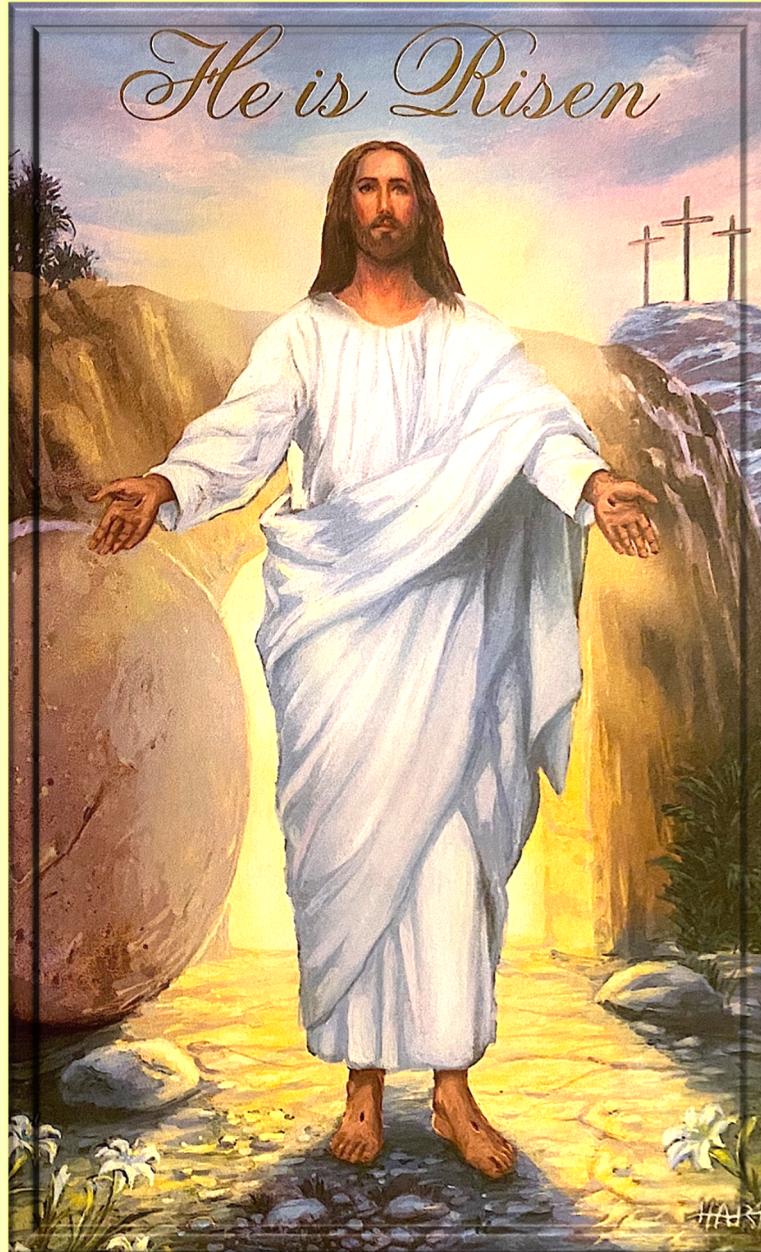


St. John Brébeuf Parish & St. Peter's Mission
EASTER SUNDAY – SOLEMNITY
SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024



PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE 2024

I am happy to send to you Easter blessings as we rejoice again at the celebration of Easter and the very reason we are Christians, for as St. Paul rightly puts it, "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty too, your faith in Christ Jesus" (I Cor. 15:12-19).

This explains why Easter celebration is at the center of our Christian life and faith. At Easter, we do not only celebrate that Christ is risen, but we also celebrate the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, goodness and righteousness over evil and wickedness, truth over falsehood, for Christ had made good His promise; "Destroy this temple and in three days, I will raise it up again" (Jn 2:19). Our Lord has indeed conquered sin and death for all eternity, why we shout the great Alleluia at Easter!

The Easter celebration also reminds us that though in life we are often confronted with pain and suffering, if we fix our eyes and faith on God, we can be sure of victory in the end for as He has promised, "those who put their trust in the Lord shall not be disgraced or put to shame" (Isaiah 50:7).

As we celebrate Easter this year amid all our life situations, let us be renewed and strengthened in our faith and mission by virtue of our baptism to be agents of God's peace, justice, and light in today's world.

Wishing everyone a very blessed Easter celebration and a nice new week and month ahead. Happy Easter to everyone!

~ *Father Gordian*