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He is Risen, Alleluia! May the Joy of Easter fill your hearts and the Hope of Easter lead you through the year. Easter joy is strong enough to carry the wounds of the world together with the deep conviction that hope always wins. Death does not have the final say. I pray that each one of you find this Easter season Joyful and Hopeful.

We were so blessed to celebrate the Easter Triduum with such devotion and reverence in our parish. I could feel the joy and the new life of Easter in every liturgical celebration we had this year. The five baptisms of children on Easter Sunday were indeed a sign of our new life in the parish, as we all renewed our own baptisms to become the new people of God.

I am so grateful to each one of you for making our Easter celebrations so special and meaningful. Throughout the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday, we experienced God's presence through the wonderful liturgy and the joyful participation of each one of you. A big THANKS to all our team members and volunteers for all your efforts. These are beautiful signs of a vibrant faith community.

Easter season is also the time our young children receive first Holy Communion and make their first Reconciliation. This year we have 12 children for first Communion. We also have 10 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers. May they grow in the grace and strength of the Lord. I thank all those who prepared them and all our religious education teachers in particular, who are dedicating their valuable time in helping all our children to grow in faith.

You may have already heard about the preparations we are making to enter into the **Eucharistic Revival** year. I am very excited for our parish to use this opportunity to center our faith once again with the most beautiful gift of Jesus to humanity, the EUCHARIST, his own body and blood, that gives us life and unite us into His Love. You will see in the coming months details of our plans to revive our parish through the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

I am praying for you all, especially those of you who are struggling through life in one way or another. Know that in all the Masses I celebrate; I raise your intentions to the Lord. Like the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus, let us prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us at Pentecost making us courageous witnesses of the gospel and proclaiming the living Christ to the world around us.

May God Bless us all.

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