



Christ is Risen!
Let us Rejoice!

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Psalm 118:24

Christ is Truly Risen, Alleluia!

Just as the disciples did after the first Easter, we too can shout "Alleluia" with joy, because we have encountered the risen Lord. On this Easter, and every day, Jesus is with us, and brings us new life.

We experience the joy of that new life in Christ in the sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Easter is a time for all of us to reflect on the great blessing that we have received by being invited into the Body of Christ – into God's family.

In the cleansing waters of Baptism and in Confirmation we receive a new heart and a new spirit. The gifts of the Spirit make us worthy to come to the table of the Lord, the Eucharist.

This new life through the sacraments could only happen in Jesus' death and resurrection. The Resurrection is meant for you and for me. Not only is Christ risen, but we are risen in him.

What joy this brings us! We are led by the Spirit! We bear the fruit of the Spirit! We grow in fellowship with God our Father and His family, the body of Christ, the Church.

What strength this gives us! We are able to discern the needs of our Church family. We are opening a new Preschool to welcome new families. We participate in Lifelong Faith Formation sharing the Catholic faith. We are extending interactive classes for High School students. We are beginning the architectural plans for the renovation of the sanctuary of our Church.

With my whole heart, I thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to move us forward. I greatly appreciate your strong faith, compassionate heart, and generous spirit.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Walter