Pastor's Column SS Medford Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Happy Easter 2021!

We are grateful this year for having services in our Church for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Last year, at the outset of the pandemic, we were only allowed to stream Masses as we were in lockdown. How much has changed over the year ... and yet much seems to be the same. It has been a difficult year, but we must transcend our material limitations and focus on the spiritual: Jesus, Our Lord, has risen from the dead.

Easter is a time for rejoicing. We have lived the six weeks of Lent, denying ourselves in preparation for this celebration. We have walked that final journey of Christ from Galilee to Jerusalem as he literally took up the cross of Crucifixion. Now it is time to rejoice for he rose and conquered sin and death and invites us to follow him into eternity.

Let us remember too, all the lives lost to COVID, especially our beloved parishioners. This is a terrible pandemic that we continue to endure. Let us pray for the vaccines to be successful and for the eradication of the disease.

May the risen Christ continue to bless you and keep you safe. And may his blessings descend upon us here at Saint Sylvester, that we soon may begin again anew free from restrictions.

Yours in Christ,

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