

28 March 2024
Holy Thursday

Dear Friends,

This evening we enter into the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the holy three-day period of celebrating Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Sunday). In just a few days, we will be able to joyfully proclaim once again: *Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

What a great joy it is to celebrate Easter once again at Mary, Queen of Peace! Please join me in congratulating and praying for those who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil: Hanna, Jin, Linda, Nancy, and Pat! As I preached about during the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we also thank them for being witnesses of conversion to us and inspiring us to our own deeper conversion and holding more closely to Christ!

After forty days of Lent, we now have 50 days of Easter to look forward to! As we learned from the Samaritan Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus, may the Easter Season be a time of allowing the Resurrected Christ to draw more true faith and more authentic prayer out of each of us. And, no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in, may our thoughts, words, and actions make the works of God visible through us. And may our lives be for the glory of God!

Please read through this Easter edition of *Inside MQP* and look for ways the Lord is inviting you to strengthen your discipleship, deepen your faith, and be equipped to fulfill your mission in the world! On this Easter Sunday, and throughout these seven weeks of the Easter Season, let's deepen our resolve to hold fast to Christ and love God above all!

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! (A few days from now...*Alleluia! Alleluia!*)

Fr. Chad Green

