

11 April 2024

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Dear Friends,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Holy Week celebrations two weeks ago were a fitting culmination of all that we prayed for, experienced, and received throughout Lent—as well as a beautiful sign of Resurrection here at Mary, Queen of Peace! In addition to thanking Jesus, please join me in thanking all those who helped in so many ways throughout Lent and the Sacred Paschal Triduum:

- Planning for, setting up, and decorating for all the Masses and liturgies
- Serving, reading, singing, playing music, ushering, leading prayer, preaching, and sharing reflections
- Catechizing, befriending, and praying for those who were baptized and received into the Church
- Creating worship aids, flyers, and all other forms of media and communications
- Setting up and running sound, video, and other technology
- Cleaning and beautifying the church facilities
- Praying for our parish and the needs of our world

I hope I'm not overlooking something that was done to support this sacred time (please forgive me if I am but, surely, the Lord knows!). It took many, many dedicated and faithful people, working and praying in a wide variety of ways over long hours to have worthy celebrations throughout Lent and in observance of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection throughout Holy Week. What a beautiful expression of the Body of Christ! Thank you to all of you for being a part of, once again, bringing Resurrection to MQP this Easter!

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I'm away this week, visiting with seminary classmates in California. I'm grateful to Fr. Dominic Bao Tran, CSsR, Fr. Augustine Hilander, OP, and our deacons for presiding at liturgies while I'm away, as well as our parish ministers who are taking extra care of the church during this time! The Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Mass schedules remain the same, but please check the parish calendar for updates to weekday liturgies.

If you missed the most recent update for Partners in the Gospel, please read [Archbishop Etienne's letter](#) to our community announcing the new pastor and parochial vicar for our Parish Family, as of July 1st. Although there is sadness in departing MQP, it is a consolation to know that two excellent, experienced, and gifted priests—Fr. Matthew Oakland and Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz—will be coming to MQP, Our Lady of Sorrows, and St. Joseph this summer. Also, please remember that we still have many blessings to look forward to in these next three months—and beyond! Let's remember to thank God ahead of time!

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!
Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. Chad Green

