

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Beacon Ambler where Faith and Family are One*

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THEN I, JOHN,  
SAW A NEW HEAVEN  
AND A NEW EARTH.

REVELATION 21:1

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

**PASTOR** *Rev. Eugene M. Tully, Pastor*

*Rev. Charles J. McElroy, Resident*

*Deacon Mark Kuhn (Fluent in Spanish) (contact number- 484-746-3414)*

**Pastoral Staff** *Mrs. Lisa Gallagher Parish Secretary, Music Ministry*

*Mrs. Suzanne Kuhn: Director of Religious Education (stjosephamblerdre@gmail.com)*

### Church Schedule



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### MASS SCHEDULE

**\*Saturday Vigil- 4:00 PM**

**Sunday-** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**\*\*Masses in Spanish- Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:00 PM**

**Daily Mass-** Mon. to Fri. at 8:00 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion

takes place every Friday at the 8AM mass. The rectory chapel is also opened daily during business hours for visitation.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays- 3:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

**Holydays of Obligation-** 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

**\*\*All Holiday Masses are at 9:00 AM/ Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day**

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS-

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

FRIDAY- 9:00AM TO 12:00PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED ON ALL HOLYDAYS/ HOLIDAYS

### First Friday of the Month

**Mass at 8 AM and then the Blessed**

**Sacrament is exposed for Adoration until 12:00 PM.**



*All those who have requested our prayers, Victor Balten,*

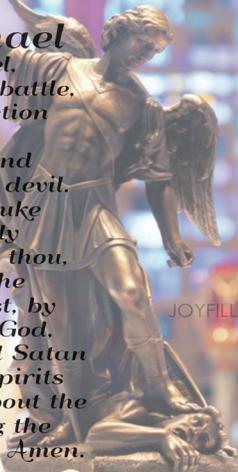
*Anthony D'Acunto, Diane Camasso, Clare Di Donato,*

*Kathleen Hart, Mary Marincola, Mary Robinson*

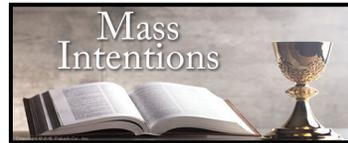
**\*\*Names will be removed at the end of the month unless notified. If you know anyone who would like to be on our prayer list, due to privacy issues, they or a family member must call the rectory. Let us know if they can be removed from the list.**

**It is so good to know that prayers are answered!**

**St. Michael**  
the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the  
wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke  
him we humbly  
pray; and do thou,  
O Prince of the  
Heavenly host, by  
the power of God,  
cast into Hell Satan  
and all evil spirits  
who prowl about the  
world seeking the  
ruin of souls. Amen.



JOYFILLEDFAMILY



St. Joseph Our Patron  
Pray for Us!

**VIGIL May 14**  
**Requested by**

**4:00 PM Lawrence/Catherine Tully**

**Sunday May 15**

**7:30 AM Members of St. Joseph Parish**

**9:00 AM Anna Ross**

**Stephanie**

**11:00 AM Special Intention**

**Ciavarelli family**

**2:00 PM n/a**

**WEEKDAY Morning Masses 8:00 AM**

**Monday Josephine Kamanns**

**Family**

**Tuesday Mike D. Zollo**

**Veronica/family**

**Wednesday Theresa Paone Millefiori**

**Maryann/Frank Paone**

**Thursday Stanley Miczenski**

**Floyd Family**

**Friday Dorothy Hughes**

**Kathy Tully**



**Candle Memorials/Intentions**  
**Remembering**

**The Sanctuary Candle**  
**Special Intention**

**The Mary Candle**

**Angela Braccio**

**The St. Joseph Candle**



### **Liturgical Schedule for MAY 21-22**

**Celebrants: (subject to change)**

**4:00 PM VIGIL FATHER Tully**

**7:30 AM FATHER Mc Elroy**

**9:00 AM FATHER Mc Elroy**

**11:00 AM FATHER Tully**

**2:00 PM FATHER Mc Elroy \*D**

**Mass Intentions for**

**4:00 PM Catherine Tully**

**7:30 AM Deceased members of St. Joseph**

**9:00 AM Anna D. Sparkman**

**11:00 AM Nina/Frank Isabella**

**2:00 PM Mass in Spanish**

### **DWELLING PLACE**

**God dwells wherever we let God in.—Ancient Jewish saying**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter***Reading I**

Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.

Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished.

And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

***R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

***R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

***R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

***R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

**Reading II**

Rev 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel**

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once.

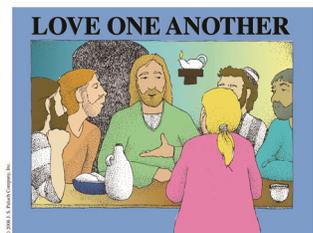
My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***



## Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Franciscan life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

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Mary, as mother, is the **guardian of the Divine Shepherd, Jesus Christ.** This is why the title "Divine Shepherdess" should be read as Shepherdess of the Divine Shepherd. The same title is well known in several Latin American countries, where she is known as the "**Divina Pastora.**"



"And on Juanita's quinceañera, Lord, please help her parents as they head deeper into her teenage years."

This year we have had quite a few of our wonderful young teen girls who celebrated and will celebrate their Quinceañera.

In Mexico, a girl who is having her 15th birthday is called a *quinceañera*. It is a combination of the Spanish words *quince* "fifteen" and *años* "years". The term may also be used to refer to a girl's 15th birthday party, although this is more often

referred to as a "fiesta de quince años" or "fiesta de quinceañera." It is customary to celebrate a girl's fifteenth birthday party in a very lavish manner. This celebration traditionally marks a girl's coming of age and afterwards she is considered a mature person who is ready to assume family and social responsibilities. It is somewhat equivalent to a [debutante ball](#), or a coming-out party.

In the United States it has traditionally been the sixteenth birthday which is celebrated most extravagantly as the "Sweet Sixteen", however the custom of the quinceañera is gaining traction in the United States in recent years, particularly among Latino families.



After attending a class to prepare for the quinceañera, a celebration usually begins with a liturgical service in church to give thanks to God for the girl making the transition to a young woman. The girl wears a full-length ball gown in the color of her choice and carries a matching bouquet.

Following the service, the guests repair to a banquet hall where the party will take place, or in rural communities tables, chairs and a tent area may be set up to accommodate the festivities. The party will consist of dinner and dancing, but there are also several special traditions that are a part of the celebration though these may vary regionally. The parents, godparents, and often other family members have roles to play in the celebration.

### Our Parish Family Congratulates:

**Azaira Gonzalez-Jan. 22nd**

**Emily Castillo-April 23rd**

**Jenifer Mexquititla-May 7th**

**Looking forward to:**

**Crystal Sacramento-June 4th**

**Michele Mora-July 9th**

**Melinda Jimenez-July 30th**



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"There is an appointed time for everything under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant."  
-Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

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May 15

**St. Isidore the Farmer**

Tall Spanish husband, father, and farmer in the 12th-century. He was renowned for his care for the poor and for animals. He is the patron saint of farmers.

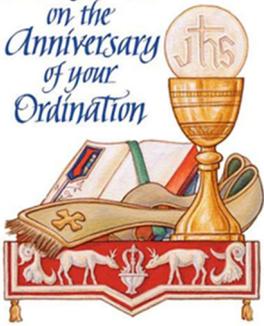
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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

John 13 : 34



**BLESSINGS**  
on the  
Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination



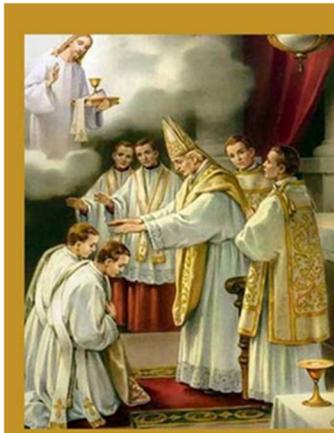
*This week we celebrate Father Tully's 49th Anniversary to the Priesthood. Father will celebrate his 50th Jubilee in 2023. We are looking forward to celebrating with him as his parish family.*

On May 19th, Father Tully and the Class of '73 will celebrate their **49th Anniversary to the Priesthood.** **Congratulations** to Father and all his brothers in Christ. We continue to pray for them and all those to be ordained as well as the young seminarians who have answered the call. **We also congratulate Father Mc Elroy as he will be ordained 58 years this week.**

Many of our priests/pastors are retired at the age of retirement or even over, as is Father Tully. Over 75 years of age, each year all priests are expected to hand in their resignation according to canon law. It is up to the Archbishop to decide if that priest willingness and request to remain in his parish is granted. Father has requested to DELAY his retirement once again and has been given permission to stay and continue to serve the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. We are ever so grateful for Father's generosity priestly service and dedication to our Parish family.

In June of this year, Father Tully will celebrate 16 years as pastor of St. Joseph's. Father's leadership and dedication has kept our St. Joseph family a strong, vibrant and growing community. We have been so blessed over the years. We pray Father stays, "happy, holy and healthy".

As Archbishop Nelson Perez has given permission for Father to remain here as Pastor, we say 'Thank you Father Tully (Muchas gracias Padre) for spending your 'golden years' with us, your St. Joseph Family!' We are beyond grateful!  
*St. Joseph protect us all! ...*



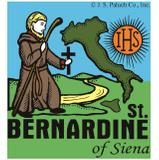
**Prayer for Priests**  
Heavenly Father, pour out Your grace on the priests You have made. Let them remember that in performing their tasks, they are never alone.  
Relying on Your almighty power and believing in Christ who called them to share in His priesthood, may they devote themselves to their ministry with complete trust.  
Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help them to serve their subjects. Through them, may Your Word be truly proclaimed, and may Your Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, be faithfully administered and devoutly received.  
**Amen.**

**THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH**

*The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.*  
—St. Boniface

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Wednesday: St. John I  
Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena  
Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions; Armed Forces Day



**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

*What does it mean for me to bear fruit for the reign of God?*  
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**WHO WILL REPLACE HIM?**

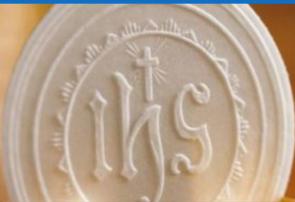
**THE PRIEST**

- If he preaches over 10 minutes, he's long-winded & wasting time.
- If his sermon is short, he didn't prepare it or cannot preach.
- If he thinks too much, he's an introvert.
- If he is handsome, you wonder why he is not married!
- If he is ugly, we think no one wanted him!
- If the parish funds are high, he's a businessman.
- If he mentions money, he's money-minded.
- If he visits his parishioners, he's nosy.
- If he doesn't, he's being snobbish.
- If he has fairs and bazaars, he's bleeding the people.
- If he doesn't, there isn't any life in the parish.
- If he takes time in the confessional to help and advise sinners, he takes too long.
- If he doesn't, he doesn't care.
- If he celebrates liturgy in a quiet voice, he's boring.
- If he puts feeling into it, he's an actor.
- If he starts Mass on time, his watch is fast.
- If he starts late, he's holding up the people.
- If he tries to lead the people in music, he's showing off.
- If he doesn't, he doesn't care what the Mass is like.
- If he decorates the church, he's wasting money.
- If he doesn't, he's letting it run down.
- If he has a nice car, we wonder where that money comes from!
- If he has an old car, we think he's not of our time!
- If he is in a cassock, it is said that he is traditionalist!
- If he is in t-shirt and baseball cap they say he can't possibly be a priest!
- If he's young, he's not experienced. If he's old, he ought to retire.

But if he dies...

**THERE MAY BE NO ONE TO REPLACE HIM!**  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS !**

# NOTHING COMPARES to Being There



*"I have greatly desired to eat this Supper with you." cf. Luke 22:15*

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to THE MASS...



**We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!** If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register with Father after any of the masses or you can also register online or contact the rectory office.

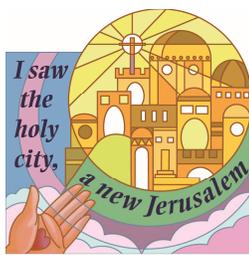
**THE GLORIA!** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

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*Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Pray for an end to this war and peace in our world.*



**May is the Month to honor Mary our Blessed Mother.**

Thursday, May 19th at 7 PM we will gather to say the rosary for Peace in Ukraine and the world and all your intentions. We hope you will join us! Indoor/Outdoor? To be determined.

**Behold, I make all things new.**



### MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION**  
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A baptismal preparation evening class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. The class is usually provided on the **third Thursday** of each month. Baptisms are on the Second Sunday of each month, however; other arrangements can possibly be made. Please contact the rectory office for more information.



**Godparent or Sponsor Requirement-** You must be a **practicing Catholic**, in good standing, and **attend mass regularly**, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Eligibility Certificates for another Parish- **\*We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** In case of serious illness, please contact the Pastor at the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.



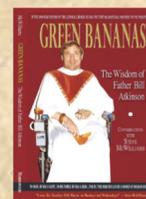
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
Parishioners planning wedding dates must make an appointment to set a wedding date at least six months or more prior to that wedding date. They must also arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting [www.philamarriageprep.com](http://www.philamarriageprep.com) or call **610-873-2017**.

Weddings are scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays. Saturday weddings cannot be scheduled any later than 2PM. Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor's discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request a letter of permission from their 'home' parish.

**Hallahan Alumnae Association's "50 Years & Beyond" Luncheon** is back! If you graduated from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' HS in 1972 or before, you are invited to attend. The luncheon is on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Connstatter's, 9130 Academy Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19114. The cost is \$40.00 per person or \$25.00 for Religious.

**Reservations are needed.** For additional information, please contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or by email at [mmkiefski@aol.com](mailto:mmkiefski@aol.com) or the alumnae Office at 215-568-3081 or [office@hallahanalumnae.net](mailto:office@hallahanalumnae.net).

**Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization:**  
Please continue to pray for his intercession. For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause-Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 [www.augustinian.org](http://www.augustinian.org)



Father Tully has asked that this be shared to as many as possible. As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'. Father Atkinson has a beautiful story of his journey of faith and carrying his cross. Please continue to pray for Father Atkinson and all those whose lives were touched because of him.



**QUEEN OF HEAVEN, REJOICE**

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. One beautiful way to pray to her is the rosary. Another prayer we associate with Mary is the Angelus. *Angelus* is the Latin word for "angel," from the opening words of the prayer: "The angel spoke. . ."

In the sixteenth century, church bells in many towns would ring at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m. The bells called people to pause in their work and say the Angelus. Many people continue this practice today. Does your parish church ring bells at the Angelus times?



During the Easter season the Angelus is replaced by the Regina Caeli, Latin for "Queen of Heaven." It reminds us of Mary's participation in Christ's saving work of redemption. The prayer is very simple. Perhaps you can choose a time to pray it as a family each day this week. Consider praying it throughout the Easter season.

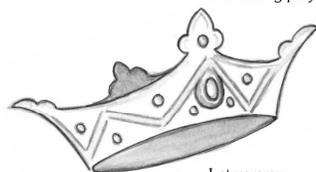
When prayed in a group, the lines of the prayer alternate between a leader (L) and the group who recite the responses (R).

The closing prayer is recited together.

L. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia  
R. For Christ, your Son and Son of God,

L. has risen as he said, alleluia.  
R. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

L. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia



Let us pray.  
God of life,

you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend". May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!



**MINISTRY SPOTS AVAILABLE...**  
AS WE ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL, NOW IS THE TIME TO ASK YOURSELF...HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN MY CHURCH? IF I AM ATTENDING MASS ALREADY, WHY NOT CONSIDER BEING AN USHER, LECTOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, ALTAR SERVER, OR CHURCH SACRISTAN? *The work is easy, but the benefits are out of this world!*



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