April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Happy Easter! I wish you many graces from our Victorious Lord this Easter Sunday and during the Easter Octave! The month of April is dedicated to devotion the Holy Eucharist. Let us ask Mary, the Mother of the Eucharist, and St. Joseph, to increase our Faith in the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist! I share with you a reflection on Easter joy. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times

"The Joy of the Resurrection - True joy has its origin in Christ: The Lord has risen from the dead, as He had foretold. Let there be happiness and rejoicing, for He is our King forever, alleluia.

(Entrance Antiphon)

this week:

Joy is never lacking during any part of the liturgical year, because the entire cycle is related in one way or another with the Easter Solemnity. It is in these days, though, that this joy is particularly made manifest. By the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ we have been saved from sin, from the power of the devil and from eternal death. Easter reminds us of our supernatural birth at our Baptism, when we were made children of God, and it is the guarantee of our own resurrection. St. Paul tells us that God has made us alive through Christ, and raised us up with Him. (Eph. 2:6) Christ, the first-born of men, has become the True Exemplar for us and the beginning of our future glorification. Our Mother, the Church, introduces us in these days to the joy of Easter through the texts of the liturgy - readings, psalms, antiphons...; in them she asks above all that this joy be the early solid assurance of our eternal happiness in Heaven. From ancient times, fasting and other bodily mortifications were dispensed from, as an external symbol of a joy at once spiritual and physical. The fifty days of Easter, says St. Augustine, exclude fasts, since it is in anticipation of the banquet that awaits us on high. (St. Augustine, Sermon 252) But this invitation of the liturgy will not be worth anything if a true encounter with the Lord does not occur in our lives, if we do not live with greater fullness the meaning of our Divine Filiation.

The writers of the gospels have left us evidence in each of His recorded appearances of how the Apostles rejoiced at seeing the Lord. Their joy increased when they had seen Christ, knowing with certainty now that He lives, for they have been with Him.

True joy does not depend on mere physical or material wellbeing, is not diminished by the presence of difficulties, by the absence of health...Deep joy originates in Christ, in the love that God has had for us and in our correspondence with this love. The Lord's promise is fulfilled - today: *I will give you a joy which no one will take from you.* (John 16:22) Nobody can. Nor can pain take it away, nor calumny, nor abandonment... nor even weaknesses and falls, if we turn promptly to the Lord. This is the sole condition of our remaining in it: not to separate ourselves from God, not to allow things to divide us from Him; to know at all times that we are His sons and daughters.

Sadness is born of waywardness and distance from Gd. Being optimistic, serene and happy even in the midst of tribulation: The Gospel of the Holy Mass tells us: the women came quickly away from

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Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at $8:25\,\mathrm{am}$, Rosary at $8:25\,\mathrm{am}$, Mass at $8:45\,\mathrm{am}$

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at 10:30am

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday
Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass
Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday
Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings', He said. And the women came up to Him, and falling down before Him, clasped His feet. (Matt. 28:8-9) The liturgy of the Easter season repeats these same words in a thousand different texts. Rejoice, never lose you peace and joy. Serve the Lord with gladness (Ps. 99:2), for there is no other way to serve Him. You are enjoying a few days of great happiness, and your soul seems to be filled with light and color. And funnily enough, the reasons for your joy are the same ones that at other times disheartened you! It is always the same: it all depends on the point of view. 'Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum!' - when you seek the Lord, you heart always overflows with happiness. (J. Escriva, Furrow, 72) At the Last Supper, Our Lord did not conceal from the Apostles the contradictions that awaited them. He promised them, however, that their despondency would turn to joy. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. (John 16:22) These words, that at the time may have been incomprehensible, were not completely fulfilled right away. But a short time later, those who had become cowards would now be seen taking leave of the Sanhedrin happy to have suffered something for their Lord. (Acts 5:40) In the love of God, Who is our Father and the Father of all men, and in the consequent forgetfulness of ourselves, lies the origin of that profound joy which is (cont. on pg. 3)

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021 2:00-4:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

All parishioners are invited to attend the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration on April 11 from 2-4pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island, MN. There will be a sermon on Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. *Jesus, I trust in You!*



Holy Hour for Men will be Sunday, April 11, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30-7:45pm
TOPIC for April: Kneeling Before the Majesty of God
(Eucharistic Adoration)

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WEEKLY TITHING for March 27-28, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 2,789.00
Plate: \$ 1,503.25
EFT: \$ 507.50

Total: \$ 4,799.75

Kitui Living Water Project: Please remember to turn in your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Church or the Parish office this week. We thank you for your donations and your generosity. God bless you!



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is Risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is Risen, and life reigns. Christ is Risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being Risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages." *St. John Chrysostom*

"The Lord's triumph, on the day of the Resurrection, is final. Where are the soldiers the rulers posted there? Where are the seals that were fixed to the stone of the tomb? Where are those who condemned the Master? Where are those who crucified Jesus? He is victorious, and faced with His victory those poor wretches have all taken flight. Be filled with hope: Jesus Christ is always victorious." *St. Josemarie Escriva*

"Now since you are celebrating the holy Pascha, you should know, brethren, what the Pascha is. Pascha means the crossing-over, and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to His Father. What gain is it to celebrate unless you imitate Him Whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evildoing to the light of virtue, from the love of this world to the love of your Heavenly Home?" *St. Ambrose of Milan*



<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> The items requested for **April:** Crackers (Saltines & Snack)

Rochester Rosary Rallies: There will **NOT** be a 3pm Rosary Rally at the Rochester Government Center on Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. The Rosary Rallies will resume Sunday, April 18.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed) 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 9, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00pm—4:50pm Individual Confession 5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, April 11, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 7, 2021 Janet Shannon

April 9, 2021 †Robert Sullivan (Katie Brost)

April 10, 2021 Barb Rolfson (SE Deanery Board)

April 11, 2021 (EF) Parishioners

April 11, 2021 Maximilian Jay (Anthony & Allison Jay)



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for April: Kneeling Before the Majesty of God (Eucharistic Adoration)

(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) the Christian's. (The Navarre Bible, Introduction to the Gospel of St. John) And this is usual for those who follow Christ. A pessimistic sadness must always be something foreign to the Christian. It is something that, should it ever occur, will require urgent remedy.

Remoteness from God, waywardness, is the only thing that can disturb us and take away this wonderful gift. Let us struggle, therefore, to seek the Lord in our work and in all our undertakings; let us chastise our caprices and our egotism whenever the occasion arises, each day if necessary. This effort keeps us alert and attentive to the things of God, and on the lookout for everything that can make life more pleasant for others. This interior struggle gives the soul a special youthfulness of spirit. There is no greater youthfulness than the youthfulness of one who knows he is a son of God and acts accordingly. If on any occasion we should have the misfortune to be separated from God, we should remember the prodigal son and with the Lord's

help return again to the Father with a repentant heart. In Heaven there will be a great feast on that day of home-coming; its echo will resound in our soul. This is what happens every day in little ways and small things. So it is that, with many acts of contrition, the soul is habitually at peace and in serenity.

We must always foster joy and optimism and reject sadness, which is sterile and leaves the soul at the mercy of many temptations. When one is happy, one is a stimulus and an encouragement for others; sadness, on the other hand, obscures and causes damage.

Giving peace and joy to others: To be happy is a form of giving thanks to God for the innumerable gifts He gives us. Joy is the first tribute we owe Him, the simplest, most sincere way of showing that we are aware of the gifts of nature and grace He showers upon us, and which we thank Him for. (P. A. Reggio, Supernatural Spirit and Good *Humour*) God the Father is pleased with us when He sees us happy and joyful with true gladness.

We do great good around us with our joy, for this brings others to God. Joy is frequently the best example of charity for those around us. Let us remember the first Christians. Their life was attractive because of the peace and joy with which they did the commonplace things of ordinary life. They were families who lived in union with Christ and who made Him known to others, small Christian communities which were centers for the spreading of the Gospel and its message. They were families no different from other families of those times, but living with a new spirit, which spread to all those who were in contact with them. This is what the first Christians were, and this is what we have to be: sowers of peace and joy, the peace and joy that Jesus has brought to us. (J. Escriva, Christ is Passing By, 30) Many people will find God behind our optimism, in the customary smile, in a cordial attitude. This example of charity to others - of forcing ourselves to flee from gloomy moods and sadness at all times and to remove their cause - is particularly communicated to those closest to us. To be more precise, God wants the home where we live to be a bright and cheerful home, never a dark unhappy place, full of tension due to egocentricity and lack of mutual comprehension.

A Christian household must be happy, because supernatural life leads us to practicing those virtues (generosity, cordiality, a spirit of service...) to which joy is so intimately united. A Christian home makes Christ known in an attractive way among families and throughout society.

We must also try to take this serene, kindly joy to our work-place, out into the street and into all our social relations. The world is apprehensive and anxious. It is in need, above all, of the gaudium cum pace (Roman Missal, Preparation for Holy Mass), of the peace and joy the Lord has given us. So many people have found the road to God in the cordial, smiling conduct of a good Christian! Joy is an enormous help in the apostolate because it leads us to give Christ's message in a cheerfully benevolent and positive way, as the Apostles did after the Resurrection. Jesus Christ must always have (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for March 28, 2021

Envelopes: 475.00 Plate: 59.00 **Total:** 534.00

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HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, April 8, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:25am Confessions/Rosary

8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 6, 2021 †Paul Novak (Lenny & LaVonne Feuling) April 8, 2021 †Souls in Purgatory (Karen Hodgman) April 11, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) demonstrated His infinite interior peace. We need it for ourselves too, in order to grow internally. St. Thomas Aquinas says expressly that everyone who wants to make progress in the spiritual life needs to have joy. (St. Thomas, Commentary of the Letter to the Philippians, 4, 1) Sadness debilitates us. It is like the heavy clay accumulating on the boots of a walker which, as well as befouling them, makes each step more difficult for him.

This interior joy is also the state of mind necessary for perfectly complying with our obligations. And the greater these are, the greater must be our joy. (P. A. Reggio, op. cit.) The greater our responsibility (parents, teachers, priests, superiors...), the greater also our obligation to have this peace and joy to give to others, and the greater the urgency of recovering it when its habitual possession has been interrupted or disturbed.

Let us think of the joy of the Blessed Virgin. She is unreservedly open to the joy of the Resurrection... She recapitulates all joys, lives the perfect joy promised to the Church: 'Mater plena sanctae laetitiae' she is, and with every reason her children on earth, turning their eyes toward the Mother of hope and the Mother of grace, invoke her as the Cause of their Joy - 'causa nostrae laetitiae'. (Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete in Domino, 9 May 1975)" (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Queen of all hearts, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may we all grow in the joy of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead!

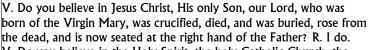
In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

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- V. And all his works? R. I do.
- V. And all his empty promises? R. I do.
- V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth? R. I do.



V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. R. Amen.

The ABC's of Mercy:

The message of Mercy is that God loves us - all of us, no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC. Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

Be Merciful to Others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

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