



My Dear Parishioners,

The Lord Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

On behalf of our parish staff and clergy, A Blessed and Happy Easter to all of you! This greatest of Solemnities is the Foundation -- the Kerygma—the Root—of our Christian Faith. Paul of Tarsus proclaimed this years ago when he wrote to the People of Corinth

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching, empty too your faith. (1 Cor 15, 13).

Today, as we rejoice in the empty tomb, let us be sure to acknowledge the fullness of our faith: Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of this Event, we know that all is now different and so may it be.

Over 50 years ago, Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote a song called *"Because He Lives"*, the lyrics are below. Perhaps you can give it a good listen in this Easter Season. But even if you don't, be sure to listen again listen to the countless voices who have testified to the living God, Jesus. Allow your mind to believe and your heart to receive, this Good News! Then, your actions and life can demonstrate that indeed He is Risen, Alleluia!

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Peace,

Fr. Rogers

God sent His son
They called Him Jesus
He came to love
Heal and forgive
He bled and died
To buy my pardon
An empty grave
Is there to prove
My savior lives

**And because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
All fear is gone
Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives**

And then one day
I'll cross the river
And I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then
As death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

Hallelujah
He lives