

# FROM THE DESK OF **Fr. Julius**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Grace and Peace!



Today we join the entire Catholic world to celebrate the great miracle of our faith, the glorious resurrection of Our Lord from the dead. This miracle is foundational for our salvation! On behalf of the worshipping community of St. Joseph the Worker, I want to wish you and your precious families a blessed and edifying Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Here in the life of our parish, we are honored to welcome six newly catechized Catholics who have chosen to become full members of the One True Church.

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humbled by our faith because no founder of any other religion ever left an empty tomb like Jesus our Lord. Neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus' Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus, for they found none. The Apostles and the early Christians became absolutely firm about the Resurrection of Jesus. Otherwise, they would not have faced martyrdom for a dead leader lying in the tomb. Herein we see that death and Resurrection coincide and depend on one another.

In every age, there are tragedies and misfortunes, but especially these past months, we have been staring at evil at its best with the unjust war going on against the Ukrainians. Can it be that the renewal of faith that comes with our celebration of Easter, always comes at a most opportune moment? It enkindles us, giving meaning to our personal, as well as our communal prayer. Easter confirms the resplendent message that we can aspire to being a "Resurrection People!" As we dedicated ourselves to our Lenten disciplines, it seemed evident that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our evil habits, dangerous addictions, anger, or pride. In eliminating those sins, we become an open conduit for Jesus' outpouring love.

Confident that Christ's Resurrection grants us the assurance of seeing our loved ones again, we pray to be bestowed with the graces to fight against temptations, and the freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. Each time we practice Christian charity, mercy, and forgiveness, we fight against temptations.

We are invited to live a joyful and peaceable life, constantly pursuing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives here and now. Indeed, we have every reason to be joyous as Christians because we are alive today to honor this remarkable occurrence as the basis of our Faith. That is why St. Paul writes: "*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain*" (I Cor 15: 14).

A very joyous Easter!