



FROM THE PASTOR
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Easter 2020 Message

How frequently the phrase comes up these days. "Life will never be the same again." We all know very well what people mean by that. All the distancing and disinfecting we experience now will have a way of carrying over to our future life.

As we understand the reality of those thoughts as it pertains to our physical life let's use the same thoughts to help us understand what Easter really means.

For those that were there for Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection, they experienced something that made life never the same again for them. The realization that in Jesus God came to visit and save us and gave them a whole new understanding of what life is really all about. They would never be the same person they were before. How? They learned about the importance of distancing and disinfecting! What is that about you ask? Think about it. The love of Jesus became so real and powerful to them that they never wanted to be without it. But being practical and realistic, they knew they had to worry about an invisible enemy (virus!), sin! So they began to live, preach and teach about avoiding anything that would separate them from God's tremendous mercy! To stay rooted in God's goodness they wanted to avoid (distance) whatever could lead them to sin and purify (disinfect) their minds, hearts and souls!

And for us today? If you visited the Church on Good Friday you saw a spot light shining on the life like crucifix in our Sanctuary. Didn't you experience a love that almost or did make you weep over the love of Jesus for you? No words necessary for looking at Him there said everything.

And if you are visiting the Church on Easter Day and are bringing some flowers or plants like I suggested to place at the cross that no longer holds His Body did not an Amazing Grace rush over you that made you want to give more and more of yourself to Jesus?

Yes, life, your life, should never be the same again. There is an invisible enemy always lurking to make us sick. Now, we can identify it. Now we are prepared to combat it. Now, the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus has given us the power to be victorious over all sin and even death. For Jesus promises and obtains for us not just a restoration to health, but Eternal Life!

My life was never the same again when I said "Yes" to Jesus' invitation to stay close to Him as a Priest. In Jesus' call to you this Easter do you find yourself more strengthened to want to cling to Him and distance and disinfect yourself from sin, the worst enemy? May your "yes" to Jesus last your entire life on earth so you will be able to know eternal life with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit and our Mother, Mary, and all God's Saints and all your loved ones in Heaven!

***The Lord Is Risen! He is truly Risen!
ALLELUIA!***

In Jesus, our Risen Lord,

Father Rich

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P.S. There is Blessed Easter Water by our Baptismal Font in Church for you as of Easter Sunday.

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