



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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My beloved Parishioners,
 I would like to wish all of you a Blessed and Holy Easter. May the power of the resurrection bring hope to our parish, our families and loved ones. Our faith, and the Church has been tested in the most challenging ways. Some have grown in faith, while others have become lukewarm. Easter is proof that what God has promised is fulfilled in the resurrection. We will all rise again. We are truly reconciled with God and nothing should separate us from His love. Not even our sins and weaknesses. This is also a special year for OMPH as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Despite the restrictions and obstacles, we must make our Jubilee one of thanksgiving and gratitude.

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We welcome to our community our Newly Baptized who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil – 16 April, 2022.
Congratulations.

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We have achieved so much over the past 50 years. Despite the pandemic our online Novena webcast has become a worldwide devotion with more than seven thousand subscribers. It is our contribution to the world especially for those who have not yet discovered Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Thank you once again for your faith and support in all that I have done in this parish. My four-year tenure as parish priest will come to an end this year and like the pandemic it was epic for me. On behalf for my assistant Fr. Philip Lai and the Redemptorist community I wish you and your family a blessed Easter and the fullness of redemption in the Christ, our Risen Lord!

Thank you to

- *Liturgical Ministries and all who worked behind the scene in all the celebrations throughout the Holy Week to make this Easter a faith-filled experience.
- * Parishioners who donated flowers to decorate the Altar for Easter and the creative team for the decorations and art work.

(food for thought) (Bulletin 17 April 2022)

Gospel: John 20: 1-9.

“Living Holy Week Every Day”

The story of the Passion is a one which continues today – and every day - in our lives and the lives of the people all over the planet – in the lives of the poor, in the lives of refugees and immigrants, in the lives of people in prison, in the lives of people on death row, in the lives of single parents, in the lives of the elderly, in the lives of soldiers and combatants and noncombatants, in those who are victims of racism, in those who are powerless, and even in the life of the planet earth which has been so abused.

We all need the experience of Passion Sunday, Holy Week, The Triduum and Easter to renew our faith and our hope, to reassure us that the love and power of our Father will not allow evil, sin and death to destroy us. We must not give in to despair.

Holy Week is a single story of the struggle for communion and solidarity in the midst of great challenges and even injustice and suffering. This struggle continues today, and it is not an easy one. As we enter Holy Week let us be more sensitive to the ways that we exclude certain people from the embrace of our affection. Let's try to resist the deep-rooted suspicions that we nurture against persons who, in some way, are "different" from us. Our reflection on the Passion should make it possible for people with very different spiritual needs to find true meaning in the Cross.

Holy Week allows us to discover that despite appearances God does listen to us, that we can forgive those who do us harm and that we can entrust ourselves totally to the Father. We can affirm the victory of a different kind of king, who has overcome the brokenness of the world.

And we will see that suffering and evil have no power over him nor over us whom he has called to Himself.

The Risen Christ is indeed our hope, and the guarantee of our ultimate victory.