

HOLY SATURDAY
JESUS HAS CONQUERED SIN AND DEATH

Saturday April 8, 2023

Tonight, is the most important night of all nights. It is the most important feast on the Church's calendar. This is because Christ has brought us victory and has brought us hope of salvation. Satan has been defeated and there is reconciliation between God and man.

This celebration takes us back to reflect on our salvation history; how God created us in His own image and likeness and man also breaking away from Him. We heard from the readings, how over the centuries, God in so many ways, has tried to bring us closer to Himself again, and when all failed, He decided to come as Man in His Son to redeem us.

Sin brought darkness, but through the passion, death and resurrection of His Son, light has shown on us. This was symbolized in the pascal candle we carried to the Church. The 'Exsultet' explains the importance of this night and what Christ has done for humanity; Adam's debt is paid, and we are set free. I am to rejoice and be glad in the Lord. A new life has been offered to me.

Now, I have no complaints to make about the sins of Adam and Eve. If I have started 'borrowing' after today, then I have to pay back by doing penance. It is not anybody's fault but my own. God has made His grace available for all good works through the victory of Christ over Satan.

This is the time to re-organize my way of life to be able to please God in all that I do and say and think about. It is also a period to resolve to do away with my former way of life which was not in line with the teachings of God and the Church. It is a time to begin to love more. If I want to grow in the Spirit, then there is the need to consider what I keep in my heart, especially hurts and unforgiveness. Self-discipline should be part of my daily thoughts and actions. There is the need to ask for God's grace all the time to be able to do the good things I resolve to do and avoid evil.

I should reflect more on the promises I made when I received baptism to know which ones I have broken and the ones I have been able to keep. I should be more serious about my life now than last year, because my salvation is nearer now than when I first believed, (c/f Rom13:11).