

Easter 2025 - Life in action



Early on the first Easter morning a mighty act of God took place – Christ rose from the dead, altered the past, and shaped the future. Nothing can be the same again. That is what makes Easter the greatest occasion of the year and Good News for all times. All our hopes and happiness stem from that event. Easter announces that there is a way forward out of darkness, transformation is possible, and changes can take place in our lives.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead affirms that death is not the end for us. Human life is no longer limited by the cycle of birth to death. Easter is a prelude to our second birth, our so-called eternal life. In other words, we may say that Love is stronger than death as we are made or filled with that love of the One who created us. Easter reminds us that we have a future greater than we dare believe in, provided we open our hearts to the grace and love of others with words in action.

Wishing a blessed, joyful, and peaceful Easter to all families living in this time and space of our journey of life. Alleluia!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family and friends, close or far, a Joyful and Blessed Easter.



Una Buona e Santa Pasqua a tutti i Parrocchiani della Chiesa piu' bella sulla collina con gli Auguri di ogni bene nel Signore Risorto e presente nelle nostre famiglie.

Sincerely

Fr. Luigi

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“The Lord is Risen!”

“He is risen indeed!”

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It seems almost providential that as I key my first pastoral letter as bishop, that I greet you with the Easter Proclamation. The fundamental truth of our faith. It is known by many as the Easter Greeting or as of old, the Paschal Greeting. It cuts to the chase of our identity as Christians and points to the hope we hold in one day sharing in the fullness of Christ’s resurrection.

It is taken from Luke 24:34. The story of Cleopas and an un-named disciple of Jesus, who spent the first Easter Sunday with a stranger (the Risen Jesus) while on their way to a town called Emmaus (a pilgrimage of sorts). You are familiar with the story. It is only after the stranger breaks the bread during their meal, that the two disciples recognize their new acquaintance as Jesus. Jesus vanishes and the two disciples hurry back to find the other disciples when one of the others proclaims, **“The Lord is risen”**, and has appeared to Simon!” You can well imagine the joy and enthusiasm shared by Jesus’ closest friends and followers.

Like the disciples who were grieving the death of their Lord and savior, not knowing what to do next and fear for their future, we know grief and loss and uncertainty and fear. And yet, this Easter greeting helps us to put everything into perspective as we hold firm to the hope expressed in the greeting itself. Every-thing we hope for is summed up in the joyful exclamation and confirmed in its response, **“He is risen indeed.”**

Although we use the Easter Greeting most freely during the easter season, it is not restricted to it. I would trust that we share it often and with the same joy and enthusiasm expressed by the disciples. That it speaks boldly as to who we are as *pilgrims of hope*.

May the Risen Lord fill you with hope and joy!

+ Alan Campeau