



Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of ABVM,

Happy Easter Sunday! Jesus has risen from the dead! The Church resounds with the singing of 'Alleluia, He is alive and forever in our midst'. This Good News has lit a new flame in a world that faces the crucial challenges of war, division, and all the trials that hinder human life.

We are grateful, as we gather as a family to celebrate the Easter Mysteries. The universe revolves around our decisive belief that there is another world we are moving toward - body and soul. We reject the intimidation of death because we know Jesus has died and has risen, and He promised us the same destiny. We reject fear, and because we are fearless, we are joyful. We transmit joy from heart to heart, beginning with our families and our fellow parishioners. We infect others with hope.

In his 2020 Easter Message, Pope Francis said:

"The fact that Jesus rose from the dead is not a magic formula that makes problems disappear. We must understand that the resurrection of Christ is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not 'pass over' suffering and death, but goes beyond them, opening a path in the abyss, our transforming evil into good, a distinctive sign of the power of God."

Remembering that we don't pass over suffering and death is important. During Holy Week, we participate in suffering and death, and because we are like Jesus, we will do the unthinkable and conquer death. Our journey leads us through a higher door into a perfect existence beyond this fallen world

I ask all of you to please be present with us for the liturgies from Holy Thursday through Easter. These days are the center of the mystery of time. Your participation is evidence of your faith commitment and will increase your love for our parish community, If you are present at the Easter Vigil, you will be able to welcome new parishioners who desire full communion with the Church.

My gratitude to our parish ministers and volunteers is overflowing. As our sacramental life is reinvigorated, I would love to see more lectors, ushers, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers: church decorators, musicians, altar servers, ministers of the Word and Eucharist, money counters, parish staff, and our secretary, Wynne S. Garcia, for their devotion in making our Holy Week beautiful and reverent.

United in prayer and Easter Joy,

Father Ricardo Ortega, Jr.
Parish Priest.

"I am the Lord's servant. May it be done to me as you have said."

Luke 1:38