

## Easter Sunday Year A 2026

Happy Easter dear beloved parishioners,

Easter is the greatest of all Christian feasts—the “Feast of Feasts.” It is the day that changes everything. From the darkness of Good Friday, bursts the radiant light of the Resurrection.

The Paschal Candle, lit from the new fire, carries a powerful message. In the darkness of fear, sin, and even death, Christ rises as our light—our hope. The tomb that once held sorrow now proclaims victory.

And yet, on that first Easter morning, it was not immediately clear. *“On the first day of the week, before dawn,”* no one saw Jesus rise. The disciples had buried Him.

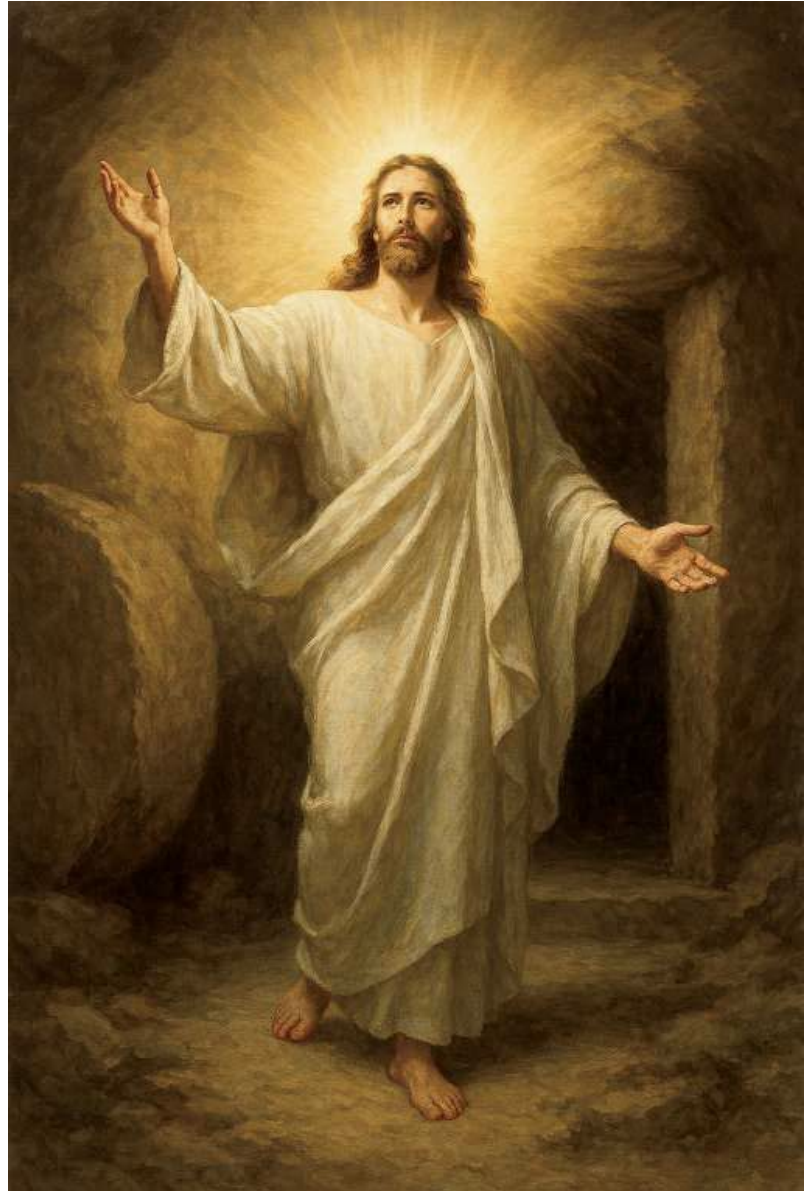
The stone was sealed. Guards stood watch. It seemed like the end. But God was already at work.

When the tomb was found empty, confusion gave way to wonder. The risen Lord appeared—not to everyone, but to those who believed. Not just to prove something, but to invite them into a living experience of hope.

And that same invitation is given to us today. Jesus rises to bring life where there was death, to begin some-thing new right where everything seemed finished. The stone was rolled away—not only from the tomb, but from the hearts of the disciples.

It is so with us that sometimes we carry our own stones: fear, disappointment, sin, grief. Sometimes we bury hope and feel stuck in what weighs us down. But Easter proclaims this truth: **the stone can be rolled away**. God is greater than our darkness. He does not abandon us. He enters into our pain—and transforms it.

Sisters and brothers, let us not give in to discouragement. Let us not place a stone in front of hope. If some-thing in your life feels buried, do not give up, Christ is risen. His light reaches even the darkest corners of our hearts. We are Easter people. We are people of hope. And with God, nothing is ever lost.



As we rejoice in this great feast, we also thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish community. We commend you for your wonderful support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025.

We now look forward to the **2026 Bishop's Annual Ap-peal**, with a parish goal of **\$67,294**. The schedule is as follows:

- Announcement Weekend: April 18/19
  - Commitment Weekend: April 25/26
- Follow-Up Weekends: May 2/3, May 9/10, May 16/17,  
and May 23/24

We hope to conclude the appeal on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.

May the risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, joy, and renewed hope.

**Alleluia! He is truly risen!**

**Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike**