

FATHER STEVE'S EASTER MORNING REFLECTION

Christ is risen! The tomb is empty!
Hope has a name!



Dear parishioners and friends,

These past weeks of Lent, I have been thinking about you in a very real way. Faces, names, conversations after Mass, and those quiet moments when someone shares what they are carrying. I see more than you think, and I carry more than you know. I have watched you come forward for Communion with full hearts, seen you kneel in prayer when no one else is watching, and witnessed the sacrifices you make for your families, for this parish, and for one another. That kind of faith holds everything together.

I want to say this clearly. I love you. I am grateful for you. You are my people, and it is one of the greatest gifts of my life to be your pastor. I also know this road is not always easy. Some of you are carrying heavy burdens. Some of you are tired. Some are searching for peace. I see that, and I stand with you in it, keeping you close in my prayers, especially at the altar.

Now we arrive at Easter. Christ is alive. He is present. He is walking with you right now, even in the places that feel uncertain. That is where our hope stands. As we move forward, we do it together. We stay close to the Lord and close to one another. We keep showing up. We keep praying. We keep trusting. We are building something here together, a parish that feels like a home, a place where people are known and loved.

Thank you for letting me walk this journey with you. Thank you for trusting me as your pastor. Thank you for the quiet and faithful ways you live your love for God each day. From my heart to yours, I wish each and every one of you a blessed and joyful Easter. We are moving forward together.