

## Bulletin Letter April 18, 2021 Third Easter Cycle B

### *From the Pastor:*

How often have we heard the saying “We are an Easter people.” Phrases like that can be tossed around and lose their meaning, but we truly ARE an Easter people. No matter who we are or what our circumstances are, we gather in joy today because our Lord Jesus Christ truly rose from the dead. In conquering death, Christ has given us the gift of eternal life. Two weeks ago on Easter we renewed our baptismal promises, we reaffirmed our faith, and we renounced sin and evil. Let us keep the promise to follow Christ in this newness of life. We all slip and stumble, but each passing day gives us the chance to start anew with joy and hope in Christ. May we all be Easter people, living in the joy of the Resurrection and may we spread that joy to all we meet!

We are heading into a season of Sacraments! **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, for all three parishes. For IC on April 27 and on May 11 for St Joseph’s and OLG. First Eucharist celebrations for the various parishes will also begin in May. We will also offer a number of baptisms and at long last some weddings. Please pray for all of those awaiting sacraments, for those who prepare them, and for their families!

**It is such a joy** to go from parish to parish and see so many familiar faces and to encounter new ones as well. It seems as if more and more people are returning to church after being vaccinated. I am so thankful for all of you, your presence, and for how you share your time, talent, and treasure. This is the new life of the Easter season. Thank you!

Until next week, be well, do good deeds, and say your prayers.

*Fr. Jerry*