

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Pearl City, Hawaii

H E I S R I S E N

C E L E B R A T E T H E R E S U R R E C T I O N

April 4, 2021

“The Lord has risen from the Dead, as he said: Let us all exult and rejoice, for he reigns for all eternity, alleluia.”

Happy Easter to you and all your family! I write this Easter message in rather renewed and hopeful situation and reality as we have ploughed through the darkness of the pandemic for the past year, together in faith and in spirit. The corona virus had scattered us all and put us through uncharted territories and life situations that we never experienced before. Through this past year we depended on our faith as family and parish community together as the real sheep guided by the true shepherd, Christ Himself. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it can’t bear much fruit”.

Today we celebrate the victory of Christ over death and darkness. It’s a victory through obedience to the father’s plan to save humanity. It had the centrality of Thy will be done and not mine. Yes this victory had a painful and cruel history of the passion week and it got its momentary success on Good Friday when Jesus was brutally murdered. Yes Good Friday belongs to the dark world and sin just like the days of the pandemic, but Easter Sunday belongs to God and His faithful. We had gone through Good Friday when the pandemic broke out but now we see the light at the end of the tunnel as God has saved us from it. We celebrate Easter, the victory of Christ over sin and death and devil. We are Easter children and we believe in the empty tomb and the words of Jesus, “Do not be afraid I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, He has been raised just as He said. Come and see the place where He laid.”

He is risen and He offers us His eternal life and peace. Let us not be afraid but be strong in faith. The paschal mystery, the Eucharist and priesthood was established by Jesus for us to experience Him intimately. Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and life. Through the Eucharistic Lord we experience the freedom and peace that he won for us. The darkness and pain of Good Friday can’t last long or take us away from the Father’s LOVE and His Paradise. The fear and uncertainty that the corona virus brought can’t keep us away from the love of God. He is in charge! He reigns! He is the Lord! He is the savior! Let us welcome Him into our heart and homes and community and be transformed. We bond with our family with the grace of the HOLY GOST during this HOLY WEEK just as the apostles gathered together in the upper room, and live them we will receive the HOLY GHOST and be transformed in love. Mother Mary is always on our side and nothing can stop us from coming to our risen Lord and love HIM and be moved in passion to witness and to proclaim the Risen Lord to the world.

I, as your pastor, along with Fr, Joseph, Deacon Jeff, and staff, remain close to you and your family. We wish you a happy Easter and great life ahead in God’s love, peace and freedom!

Yours In Christ,



Fr. Santhosh Thottankara, Pastor

Holy Thursday: 7 PM Mass (Adoration after Mass until 12 AM)
Good Friday: 12 PM Living Stations
3 PM Service, 7 PM Service
Saturday, Easter Vigil: 7 PM
Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM
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