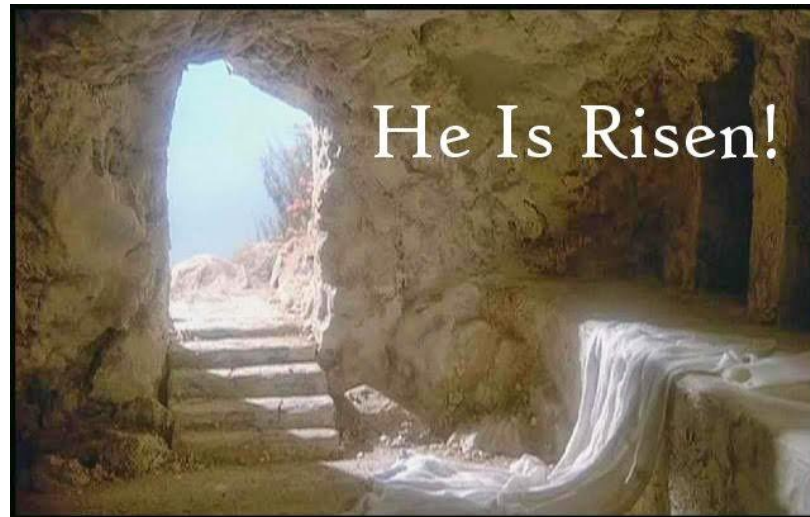


A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!



It is hard to believe how rapidly we have arrived at this most pivotal Feast on the Church's calendar, but here we are!

Lent 2025 is now history and we have the opportunity to bask more fully in the presence of the Risen Lord for another forty-nine days. O what a joy! Easter offers to us the symbols of light and life and love.

And hence, while Easter bunnies are cute, they were originally intended to symbolize new life because of their rapid reproduction. The Easter eggs on the other hand, are symbolic of the empty tomb. That poignant reminder that we serve a Risen Lord, who is not dead, but alive and active. Lambs are symbolic of Jesus the Paschal Lamb who sacrificed his life to save us. And the most powerful symbol of all- the holy cross, *which warrants no explanation for the believer it is the universal symbol of our salvation brought about by pure unadulterated love for sinners.*

As we enter these Easter days let us make a concerted effort to ensure that we, like the woman of Galilee proclaim the good news, of a Resurrected Lord, through our words and deeds. Let us resolve to be heralds of this good news especially for those who are downcast because of terminal illness, financial challenges, the rigor of work demands, family wars, or the death of loved ones. Indeed, let us provide them with the assurance that there is absolutely nothing too great for God to do. For even in death there is the hope of new and everlasting life.

My friends this is a Jubilee Year that provides for a wonderful combination of hope intermingled with joy. Having yet again revisited a close up and personal encounter with the greatest story ever told, our lives should be enriched and enlightened. Enriched and enlightened through the knowledge of Saviour whose love is unconditional. A Saviour who invites us to proclaim daily "He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia"

HAPPY EASTER!