

He is risen! He is alive!

Core to our Christian faith is the belief that Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died, and was buried, is risen and lives. It is this faith above all that gives us hope in times of despair.

During this time of worldwide pandemic quarantine, this Easter will be one not easily forgotten. Much like the passion and death of our Savior, we should strive to focus on the blessings that have come from this scourge, and there are many. It has forced us as Church, collectively to think outside the box. To remain in touch with our worshipping communities we have been forced to embrace technology which will prove useful to help our sick and shut-ins (and snowbound) to participate in our liturgies through livestreaming in the future (I hope to have permanent and quality equipment installed, and a ministry established where we can livestream all the liturgies from the basilica church – who knows, it may become a source of revenue for livestreaming and recording weddings and baptisms). Catechism classes (Sunday School), can take advantage of this broadcasting technology to eliminate Snow Days and missed classes due to sports – sorry kids. 😊

Also, through this pandemic we have been reminded that each of us is essential in Christ's mission of building the kingdom of God by recognizing that what is essential is that which is life giving, and each of us has the capacity to be life giving – until now, many thought certain occupations were, for the most part, meaningless. Who would have considered a grocery store clerk essential? Or truly thought about how much we rely on each other?

Hope for humanity has shone through the front line workers risking their health to serve their communities, the businesses risking their bottom lines to help curb the spread of the virus, the companies retooling their plants to produce medical equipment and supplies, the governments risking their nations' economies to help slow the demand for the services of our health care systems. In other words, people putting others first.

The Finance Council, Fr. Dass and I thank you for your continued financial support of St. Michael the Archangel Parish during these difficult times. Fr. Dass and I miss you and look forward to welcoming you back to the churches; we hope you keep us in your prayers, as we do you.

Easter Blessings, and stay well,

Fr. Dass and Fr. Paul