



Reflection

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Easter!

Easter has finally arrived, and Christ has risen from the dead; therefore, let us rejoice! Easter is a time for deep introspection, renewal, and hope. It is significant to our faith because it commemorates Jesus Christ's resurrection. The Easter narrative tells us that even in the darkest of times, light may break through. Thus, death does not hold the ultimate word, but life, love, and grace prevail. Every new beginning, every reconciliation, and every moment of peace contains echoes of resurrection. As I think about Easter, I am struck by the contrast between the agony of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday. I find that Easter is a journey that reflects our lives, with periods of anguish, waiting, and finally unexpected redemption or joy.

We must also realize that Easter is more than just a historical event; it also speaks to us today. It pushes us to examine our lives and ask, "Where do I need resurrection?" What aspects of myself require reawakening? Easter will allow us to start afresh. It is also time to recognize that we are not alone. The rising Christ travels alongside us, often in quiet, subtle ways, and through acts of charity, forgiveness, and the beauty of nature. Finally, Easter prompts us to live differently. To spread the message that love is stronger than death, forgiveness is deeper than suffering, and hope is brighter than hopelessness. Moreover, Easter is more than just celebrating a miracle; it's about becoming a part of it.

As Catholics who recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, we should gladly welcome everyone to our Easter celebrations and make sure that all feel welcome. Happy Easter!