

Never Isolated in Christ

YOUR WEEKLY SIX-FOOT VIEW FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH

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*For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
By waiting and by calm you shall be saved,
in quiet and in trust shall be your strength.*

*Truly, the LORD is waiting to be gracious to you,
truly, he shall rise to show you mercy;
For the LORD is a God of justice:
happy are all who wait for him!*

-Isaiah 30:15, 18

Pastor's Note

Dear Assumption Parishioners,

Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!) These are the triumphant words of the Paschal Greeting, with which Eastern Christians greet each other with great joy during the Easter Season. "Christ has risen! Truly he has risen!"

I had the privilege of attending a Greek Orthodox Easter service with the family of a close college friend of mine back in 2010, and I have never forgotten that liturgy. Unlike the very practical, functional Roman context in which our Mass developed, the Eastern Christian liturgies are *full* of ceremony and repetition. Why do something once, when we can do it three times? Why go directly from Point A to Point B, when you can do a procession through Points C through Z instead?

I happen to like our relatively simple Roman liturgical tradition ... except for Easter. On Easter, the joy of the Resurrection cannot be contained! It should burst forth from our churches and from our hearts like a tidal way, overwhelming everything in its path! Our bells should be ringing, our trumpets should be blaring, our voices should be shaking the rafters. Jesus is risen! He is truly risen! Just saying those words should bring us incomparable gladness, because those words are the source of all of our hope. Because Jesus has risen (*because Jesus has truly risen!*), we have nothing to fear, not even death itself. We are free from anything that could ever harm us, because Jesus has won the ultimate victory. Amen! Alleluia!

I know that this year, particularly, it is hard for us to feel the joy of Easter. We still feel confined to our tombs and find it harder and harder to believe that Jesus has won a victory over anything, let alone sin and death.

Dear Christians, so not despair! Our Easter hope has been renewed yet again! And even if we are stuck in our homes, the power of the Resurrection reaches even there. In Christ is our hope, and our hope does not disappoint!

May the risen Lord bless you and your families always!

F. Moore

(P.S. If you would like to exclaim the Paschal Greeting like a good *Latin* Catholic, one person exclaims "Christus Resurrexit!" and the other responds "Resurrexit vere!")

Bellingham Herald Article

The good people at the Bellingham Herald wrote a lovely article about Assumption's attempt to stay connected to its parishioners through streaming Masses. We encourage you to check out that article on their site.

<https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/coronavirus/article241862921.html>

Video from Archbishop Etienne

The Archbishop has created an Easter greeting for all the people of the Archdiocese, which you can view at this link.

<https://vimeo.com/405245518/8ba7e9e1ed>

Streaming Schedule

Now that Holy Week is over (and assuming nothing drastic changes before May 4th), here is our recurring liturgy schedule until the stay at home order is lifted. **These are the times when these liturgies can be attended "live" on Facebook.** However, a recording of all the liturgies will also be available once the liturgy has concluded. All liturgies can be found live and recorded at

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicjeffreyhmoore>.

Normal Schedule:

- Mon. – Fri., **9:00 a.m.** Mass, followed by Holy Hour
- Saturday, **3:45 p.m.** Holy Hour, **5:00 p.m.** English "Sunday" Mass
- Sunday, **11:15 a.m.** Holy Hour, **12:30 p.m.** Spanish Sunday Mass

Home Altars

This week's home altars come from the Janaszak, Lukes, and Tobon/Crosby families. Additional pictures of your celebrations at home can be sent to frmoore@assumption.org, to be featured in future letters.



