

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue in the joyful celebration of the Easter Season our readings for this weekend give us another account of the Risen Lord. Jesus seemingly appeared out of nowhere in our Gospel and stood in the midst of His friends. They were terrified to see Him and thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus gave them His peace and reassured them that He was real and alive and not a ghost. He invited them to touch Him and He showed them His hands and feet. He even asked them for some fish to eat and ate it in their presence. He appeared to His disciples in His glorified Body, a body that has flesh and bones and is not subject to the laws of nature.

Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and pointed out to them that “everything written about (Him) in the law of Moses and in the Prophets, and psalms must be fulfilled.” He told them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations...”

Jesus made His Apostles witnesses of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. They were commissioned to go out and preach this truth and bear witness to the Risen Lord.

As we continue to celebrate the 50 days of the Easter Season we are reminded of the closeness of our Lord. He invites us to touch Him as He did to His incredulous Apostles. Easter is a season of joy and closeness to our Lord. He wants us to draw closer to Him through the graces that He lavishly pours out on us.

He wants to open our minds to His word in the Holy Scriptures so that we can know and understand Him better and come to love Him more.

He wants us to experience His presence among us and to hold onto the joy of Easter so that we too can bear witness to the world that Jesus is alive and He has been raised from the dead. He has taken away the sins of the world. The graces that He has won for us on the Cross are given to us through His Church and her sacraments. In this season of Easter the Lord invites us to touch Him especially in the Eucharist-the sign of His covenant and His True Presence among us.

Parish Life:

A special thanks to the Hautau Family for once again providing our sanctuary with the beautiful Easter Flowers.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,
Father Ed,
Pastor