

Alleluia

Christ has Died, CHRIST IS RISEN, Christ will Come Again

Blessings for the Easter Season 2022!

If life is a process of giving and caring, of believing and hoping,
of going on when the end is not in sight, and of starting fresh again each day,
of knowing that our journey is never alone
but is always accompanied by a love we call God,
then the resurrection of Christ which we celebrate this Easter
should bring to our hearts and our homes a spirit of unbridled happiness and joy.
Everything we dare to dream -- the well-being of our families and friends,
the success of our endeavors, an end to the hunger of the poor,
a return to civility and integrity in politics and a restoration of peace to the nations --
finds its fulfillment in Jesus' triumph over the grave.
His victory is ours if only we incorporate our life into His.
By living as "resurrection people," acting courageously in the face of injustice,
loving generously no matter the cost,
believing wholeheartedly despite our daily challenges,
we can bring new life to the world around us.

We enter this Easter Season in the hope that the pandemic is behind us and we stand
in solidarity with the people of the Ukraine, praying that their nation be freed from
the ravages of war. As Jesus rose from the tomb in darkness conquering death, we
ask Him to let the Light of His Resurrection brighten the darkened corners of our
lives and our world.

Enclosed you will find the prayer schedule for the Triduum -- *Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday*. Join with your neighbors and parishioners to celebrate our faith at any or all these events. I look forward to celebrating these days of Holy Week with you for the last time. July will mark my 25th anniversary as pastor of St. Perpetua Parish. It has been my honor and joy to serve this wonderful community for so many years. As I close this chapter of my ministry, I will take with me fond memories of our faith journey, especially our prayer and worship. If you cannot be present with the community at public prayer, allow these days to be a special time of spiritual renewal for your children and family in your home and in your travels. Let the power of Jesus' Resurrection awaken your heart to God's love and celebrate a Happy and Blessed Easter.

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On behalf of the parish and staff of St. Perpetua Church

