



ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day." (Luke 24/5-6)

After forty days of preparation, we are celebrating the joy of the Risen Christ. Easter means experiencing the power of the Risen Christ; changing a great tragedy in our lives into a glorious new beginning. Take the lives of the disciples, before Good Friday they pledged their lives to Jesus. They placed their hopes and put their dreams on Jesus. On Good Friday, all their dreams, hopes and pledges got smashed into a million pieces. When the sun went down on Good Friday, they, too, were buried in the tomb with Jesus. It was all over.

On Easter Sunday morning, Jesus rose with it and appeared to his disciples. He was more radiant and more fully alive than they had ever seen him before. And at the moment the power of Easter began to work in the lives of the disciples. They were transformed from their hopelessness into hope. At the command of Jesus they carried the good news of Easter all over the world. Lots of new things happened. Despair began to give way to hope; darkness began to give way to light; hatred began to give way to love; sorrow began to give way to joy. Easter invites us to open our hearts to the Risen Jesus and let him do for us.

At this time, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the ministries, leaders, and staff who helped us celebrate Lent and Easter in a more profound and meaningful way. I thank you as a parish for your generous support to St. Jerome through your talents, gifts and treasures. This is a wonderful parish with gifted people. I thank God every day for being part of this family.

We have been counting God's blessings, one by one, especially the future Multi-Purpose Activity Center. With your support we are progressing slowly but steadily. I express my heartfelt thanks for your fervent prayer and sacrificial support for the future growth of St. Jerome. So far we have raised \$2,914,150.32 through our capital campaign and have \$1,780,535.89 available in cash. The architect, a few building committee members, and I met with the building commission of the Diocese of Austin on April 10, 2015. We continue to have challenges with regards to space but this new building project will help us solve the major part of the space issues. This may not solve all of the issues but we can solve them one by one. I request your continued prayer for the success of this project and your continued financial support.

I pray that Our Risen Lord may bless you and your family and journey with you as he was with the apostles and church. Alleluia! Praise the Lord.

God Bless you,

Rev. Rakshaganathan Selvaraj, Pastor