

Dear Family,

The empty tomb on Easter morning and the proclamation Alleluia! Christ is risen!, define the essence of our Catholic faith. This is the moment when Jesus the great teacher, Jesus the prophet, Jesus the healer, Jesus the worker of miracles, becomes Jesus the Savior.



Jesus becomes our Savior who defeats death and heralds the truth that there is life after this life. Today is the day when we proclaim that the grave could not hold Jesus. Rather, God loved him and all of us so much that even after we nailed Him to the cross, God raised Him from the dead; and we are promised that God will do the same for us.

But Easter is not just about what happened to Jesus two thousand years ago or what happens to us after we die. On Easter, we also celebrate the truth that the resurrected Christ lives among us now, opening the tombs that we create for ourselves, the tombs of anger, despair, fear, discrimination, hatred, envy, violence, selfishness, racism, and addiction. As Easter people, we are invited to listen to Him, follow Him, imitate Him, and, in so doing, discover new lives of love, hope, meaning, and purpose. What happened on Easter morning is happening still in the everyday lives of those who follow Jesus.

We are delighted that you are part of our family at Lourdes, and we hope that you too will find yourself resurrected on this Easter morning. For you are precious in God's sight, you are loved more than you know, and God will never let you go. Christ is risen! The world has changed forever and that is good news worth sharing. Happy Easter!

Paz,

Fr. David G. Sánchez

Pastor