

EASTER LETTER TO THE PARISH  
April 17, 2022

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Summit of Easter:** Happy Easter! Our uphill---and uplifting---endeavors of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, along with repentance and reconciliation, have brought us to the summit of Easter, where we behold the glorious Risen Christ. Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

What could Easter concretely mean for St. Elizabeth Community?

**RISING:** Easter for our parish could mean that we, like the Risen Lord, need to keep rising to new heights. We need to give up the levels we may have settled for and be drawn to the grandeur of love and service, forgiveness and fidelity, and faith and freedom.

**NEWNESS:** Easter means the new life for Christ and for all who believe in him. We can sense it in a renewal of energy and vision, a new way of seeing, thinking, feeling---and being. In the Easter mystery, the Lord himself is creating a new heaven and a new earth. We are new beings now capable of glorious things for God and others.

**PEACE:** Easter also means peace. The Risen Christ constantly offers peace to the fragile and frightened. His peace transcends human logic and wisdom and pervades our entire being, despite our sinful, fragmented lives. The world is in desperate need of the abiding peace only the Risen Christ can give.

**Thank You:** I thank each one of you for being an integral part of the faith community of St. Elizabeth. You have been amazing parishioners through your participation, encouragement, inspiration, good will, prayer, liturgical celebrations, volunteering, and donations, despite the Covid-related constraints. With your continued generosity and engagement in the parish, we will be able to sustain and strengthen our parish ministries and provide for the parish needs.

Here's wishing you a Happy and Blessed Easter! May the Risen Lord fill you and your families with peace, hope, and love!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.