

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners of Holy Family,

He is Risen!, truly He is risen! This is the Christian greeting from ancient times! My hope is that we put this to practice in our own homes and among our circle of friends. Easter is the most ancient feast that Christians would celebrate, it is likely to have predated the celebration of Christmas by some three hundred years.

This feast is the reason for our hope, the God who created time and space some 13.8 billion years ago by the estimate of the astrophysicists, chose to enter into our world through the profound mystery of the Incarnation.

I am convinced that the primary goal of the enemy, some call him Satan, some translators suggest it means competitor, is to distract us into thinking that God does not exist or at the very least He really does not care about us! Why else would God allow such suffering and hardship in our world?

If you are a parent, do your children have a great grasp of your attempts to form them into being charitable, kind, loving human beings, who are neat, courteous, thoughtful and fostering perfect harmony among their siblings? Are they quick to say in response to your discipline, "Oh thanks mom, dad, I realize your love for me and thanks for being so thoughtful in correcting me!" I would be astounded if this were their response.

God gave us freedom, and freedom comes at great cost, but it is what makes us who we are. When someone exercises their freedom to say, "Yes Lord, I come to do your will!" (As Christ showed us the way!) By saying yes, we will be on the path of understanding the depth of God's love for us. Why is it so easy for children to resist their parents guidance? Why is it so easy for us to resist God's guidance that He offers us from His Divine Revelation? God has given us all we need through the Sacred Scriptures and His Sacred Apostolic Tradition.

In the end, God invites us to take a stand. Will we accept Him and the witnesses that He has given us? Tax cuts and affordable healthcare will not make America great again, but rather the pursuit of the True, the Good, and the beautiful. What makes anything great?

God is great, because God is Good, True and Beautiful. My prayer for myself and you is that we resist our resistance to happiness! God wants us to know our Master's joy! God wants us to embrace whatever crosses come our way, knowing full well that resurrection awaits us!

This last year I lost my aunt, the last sister of my mother, and a very dear friend I had some 30 years ago. These losses have reminded me, in very deep and profound ways, that in some mysterious sense they are closer to us now than when they were alive.

For the Christian who really believes, death is swallowed up in victory, and the story has no ending, but rather an eternal destiny of Peace and Joy! Please proclaim the Good News so that we can all be great, by pursuing the True, the Good and the Beautiful, Jesus Christ! He is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Praised be the Master
Now and Forever!

Father Glenn Kohrman