



Reflection from Fr. Mike

An Easter message from our pastor, Father Mike Roach:

This weekend as we come to the conclusion of the Paschal Mystery, we have walked with Jesus in the last days of His life. In the beautiful reflections that have guided us through this Holy Week, we have been encouraged to reflect on where in our lives right now is God's presence, hope and love. We have been challenged to think of those we could reach out to and include them in God's hope and love. Pope Francis on Palm Sunday said, "Do not be afraid; you are never alone". He went on to say, "Open your heart to my love. You will find consolation of the God who sustains you." He assures us, "We were put into this world to love God and our neighbors. Everything else passes away, only this remains."

As we celebrate this Easter Sunday, it is different than any other Easter celebrated. We cannot gather as a community, but still the message that the tomb is empty is loudly proclaimed. Hopefully we will be back together soon and be able to proclaim that the "Lord is Risen from the dead and is alive among us." May we be an Easter people and proclaim the ALLELUIA!

As a community may we continue to care for each other or anyone in need. That is what makes St. James strong; that's the message of Easter. The tomb is empty.

Jesus is not confined in the earth but among us whenever we gather.

I firmly believe that when we return to gathering as a community, we will be stronger than before. We know what we have missed, and God will continue to do the great work that happens here at St. James.

Happy Easter to all. May all of us continue to be that ALLELUIA for one another!

Peace, Fr. Mike