



Our Lady Help of Christians

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Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!
Christ Conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands!

This is my favorite Latin phrase. I've walked around saying it so much that others began to know me by that phrase. And today is the perfect time to say it again, as Christ has accomplished His rescue mission. God had become man, took upon Himself our sin and the death that stems from it, and conquered it on the cross. It is sin that enslaves, and in liberating us from the bondage of sin, it is Christ, the truth, that sets us free.

In the joy of this freedom, I and the priests of Our Lady Help of Christians wish you and your families a Happy Easter!

In 2022, two years after churches were closed due to the pandemic, I am heartened to see our church begin to fill up again. During Holy Week, it has given me hope to see so many people together again in Church and I pray that our church will continue to fill up week after week. We will continue to do our best to make our parish community a safe place for all those who join us for prayers and the liturgy.

With the start of the Easter season, I am happy to announce the return of Holy Water in the fonts of our Church. I am also excited to announce the return of in-person parish events going forward, such as "Paint and Sip", Loaves & Fishes and celebrating Our Lady Feast day with a family BBQ.

At the same time, we are committed to continuing to serve our online community for those who cannot attend in-person events, such as the homebound, and for those who might not feel comfortable returning in-person at this time. We remain in fervent prayer with you and look forward to welcoming you back in-person in the future. We will continue to livestream the 12:00 daily Mass, the Sunday 11:30 Mass, and other Church celebrations on our Website. We plan to continue to offer activities via Zoom, such as Bible study and book clubs. We plan to have some events that will be hybrid events, with both online and in-person access.

As we move forward, may we all grow closer to God by growing closer to each other, and grow closer to each other by growing closer to God.

As always, please allow me to thank all of you. *You* are the church, and without you, our parish would not be able to run. Thank you to the parish staff, ushers and ministers of hospitality, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, members of music ministry, sacristans, pastoral council, our many leaders of ministries and parish organizations, and each one of you who attends Mass online and in-person. Thank you to all who continue to give of their time, talent, and treasure.

We wish you and your families a blessed Easter season! Remember always that Jesus has risen from the dead, and therefore your whole life must be rearranged around Him.

Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pray for us

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Dwayne