

*From the Desk of the Vicar*

*Easter was celebrated last Sunday. Consequently, we are, forever, “Easter People,” renewed in the Spirit and Grace of the Risen Lord. Many thanks are in order for all who helped, in any way, to make our Triduum Liturgies and Easter Sunday so profoundly beautiful. Countless people made quiet sacrifices and donations of all sorts that went on, constantly, “behind the scenes.” As priests, to all these, we say, ‘Thank You’ for ourselves and a very grateful parish.*

*Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, marks the end of the ‘Octave (8 days) of Easter’. Next, we are in the ‘Easter Season,’ until Pentecost Sunday, 50 days from Easter.*

*The challenge for us is to internalize the message of Jesus, that life, with all its distractions and trials, is a time to serve one another with hope and faith. We need to remember that Jesus came, not to be served, BUT... to serve. As his disciples, we are called to do no less! We are to serve (help) one another, i.e., to love one another, as he has loved us. This is not meant to be some lofty theory or platitude, BUT... to be a practical way of life.*

*FURTHERMORE... we have to remind ourselves that we are not meant for this world, that we are vulnerable and will not live forever. This is a fact of life, the gift of life that God has bestowed upon us. For, we are meant to be with him, family, and friends in the next world, where every tear will be wiped away. Life is wonderful, though often difficult. (After all, we lost the Garden of Eden a long time ago!) BUT... this is exactly why Jesus came into our world... to show us the way, the truth, and the (eternal) life. We ARE... ‘Easter People’. We have a destiny that is beyond the stars. With his presence, his grace, in our lives, we can make it happen!*

*Sincerely and in Him-Resurrected,*

*Fr. Tusky (...just a priest & loving it!)*