



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT

May Christ's peace be with you, today and always.

As we celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday, may your hearts and homes be filled with peace, faith, hope, and love.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we entered into Holy Week. During this time, we recall our Lord's deep commitment and love for us. We experience unconditional, humble commitment and sacrifice. Jesus' life, passion, death, and resurrection compel us to recommit to our baptismal promises and to continue the path of ongoing transformation in our hearts and lives. Jesus' "yes" gives us courage and strength to follow his example of service to others.

Throughout the season of Lent, we rededicated ourselves to prayer, fasting, and giving. Our gifts have included time, reflection, resources, and increased engagement with our faith journey. In all of this, there have been many signs and symbols that have helped us, and there are many more that lie ahead this weekend and throughout the Easter season. For example, the water of the sprinkling rite affirms our joy in following Jesus and our baptismal promises. Our participation in the sacraments, with increased focus and dedication, reminds us of our discipleship. The ashes that marked our foreheads when Lent began reflect our determination to turn away from sin and follow the Gospel. Palm leaves were waved as we recounted Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Candles and fire illuminate our need for God, and our appreciation for all of creation. We are blessed with many tangible signs of our faith. The season of Lent and Easter bring us into ongoing encounters of these, which nurture, restore and inspire us.

Amidst distraction, disruption and division, Easter focuses us on the central story of our lives: Jesus' life, passion, death, and resurrection. God calls us to be people of faith, hope, and love. At Huron-Perth Catholic, we trust that God's saving love prevails over all challenges. Jesus dwells within us through the Eucharist, empowering us to live out this sacred truth.

Easter reminds and invites us to return to right relationship with God, ourselves, and others. In the days ahead, we will experience delight as we welcome new members into our community at the Easter Vigil and at many baptisms that will occur. As we gather this weekend, may the peace of Christ overwhelm our hearts. May our words and actions reflect unconditional love, welcome and compassion. May we build the kingdom of God each moment.

Have a blessed Easter weekend, everyone.

Peace,
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