



# Rejoice

## CHRIST IS RISEN

February 23, 2018

Dear Parishioners:

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter! Thank you for your presence and prayers as we embark on Holy Week and Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus is not just an event of the past but is a mystery to be lived every day. Christ is alive today.

Jesus Christ is present among us today through our Sunday Eucharist and the Sacraments of the Church as He heals the sick, reconciles sinners and calls us to service. As a family, we have many opportunities for spiritual enrichment, reflection and celebration as we continue on this journey to the Resurrection. In particular I invite you to the Lenten Mission preached by Fr. Tom Bonacci in the first week of March.

Jesus lives among us in the community as we gather to welcome the two newest members of our family, Kimberly and Charlie at Easter Vigil Baptism. At the Lenten Reconciliation services, Jesus is with us as we pray for forgiveness together as a family of God. He is present in our mission of social outreach to the poor with our continued support of Welcome the Stranger, Oakland Catholic Worker and St. Vincent de Paul.

Where two or three are gathered in His name, Christ is Alive! I invite you all to please join us at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday March 18, the feast of our patron Saint Joseph, as we celebrate as one family. We come together, from the pillars of our church to the youngest baptized children, to celebrate with Jesus. We are blessed to have members of our parish who have celebrated our faith for well over 50 years within our parish. We celebrate **St. Joseph Family Day!** Bishop Michael Barber will preside and preach. Following the mass there will be our annual International Potluck Food Faire in the gym. Please come dressed in your ancestry traditional wear as we celebrate our diverse community and family.

On behalf of Father John and the parish staff, I thank you for your continued gifts of time, talent and treasure to our family. I continue to hold you in my prayers. Easter blessings from the Parish, Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School and Saint Joseph Elementary School.

*George Alengadan*

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Pastor

