

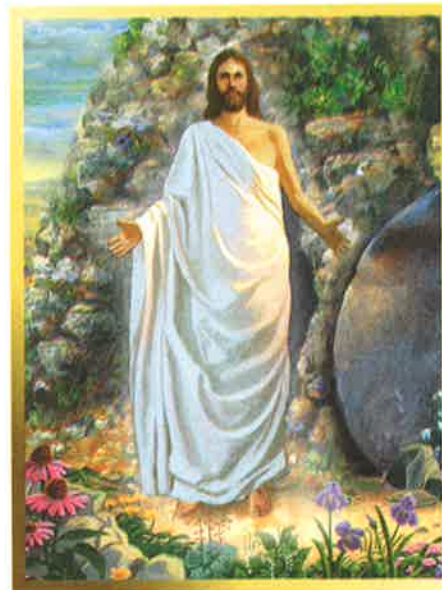
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HE IS RISEN

Easter, 2018

Dear Members of St. Leo Parish and all baptized Catholics
in the greater Hilton community:

Spring is in the air. We can feel it. We can smell it. We have daylight
until 7:30 or so. All these natural signs lead us to see the spiritual signs.
Not only is spring coming, but Easter is coming.



Just as the plants rise from the dead earth, so shall we celebrate our Savior's rising from the dead. It is a time of new life and hope. It's so easy to get the blahs in the winter time. We suffer gloomy skies and cold temperatures. But with springs comes the sun – and with Easter comes the Son. The shut in feeling of winter gives way to the openness to new life.

Our spiritual journey does follow nature. Easter time presents us with all new possibilities. We have a chance to renew our faith and believe with vigor once again. All it takes is for us to invite Jesus into our lives once again.

Living through this Holy Lent, and especially Holy Week is one of the best ways to reconnect. Come celebrate those special times with us.

On Tuesday, March 14, from Noon till 7:30 PM, we will celebrate the **Diocesan Day of Penance**. You will have a wonderful opportunity to get your life right with God. It doesn't matter how long it has been since you have been to church or to confession. Come and experience God's great love for you and His forgiveness.

On **Palm Sunday**, March 25, we celebrate the Lord's Passion and the distribution of Palms.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral, on Tuesday night, March 27.

On **Holy Thursday** (March 29 - 7:00 PM), we will celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and the Priesthood.

On **Holy Saturday** (March 31- 7:00 PM) and **Easter Sunday** (April 1- 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM), we will celebrate the Passover of the Lord. Jesus, our Savior, will pass from death to life, saving us from our sins and promising us life eternal.

You can continue the celebration of Easter by coming to our **Divine Mercy Sunday** celebration (April 8- Adoration begins after the 9:30 AM Mass with the recitation of the Chaplet at 3:00 PM followed by Benediction).

Come join us for the great feast. You won't be sorry.

Yours truly

Rev. Joseph R. Catanise