

# St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc

*O God, who on this day,  
Through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may,  
through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
(Collect – Easter Sunday Mass during the Day)*

April 16, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the entire staff of St. Joan of Arc Parish, I wish to extend to you and your family our prayers and best wishes as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. If you are a visitor this weekend know that you are always welcome at our awesome parish! We are glad you came to worship with us.

We rejoice with all of creation in Christ's resurrection and the power this day brings. Yes, there is great power in this day for it "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty."

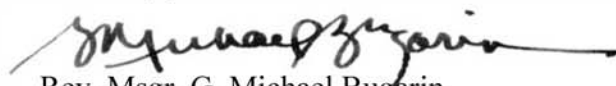
Yet the question remains whether we truly recognize and use the power and grace given to us in the resurrection of Christ. Have we allowed this great message to transform our hearts and our lives? Do we allow it to bring us joy, drive out hatreds and bring us peace?

May we become like the early followers of Christ who used the power and grace of the resurrection to transform lives. In Christ's name may we go forth to bring peace to our family and friends, may we go out and bring mourners joy and, most importantly, may we go out and help dispel all kinds of evil so that the kingdom of Christ may continue to grow in our midst.

Happy Easter!

With best wishes and prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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Pastor