

## Easter Letter to OLM Parishioners – 2018

The Paschal mystery is at the very heart of our Christian faith. The Bible story on the life of Jesus culminates on this very significant event. Indeed, every celebration of the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is a memorial of Christ's Death and Resurrection. Yet, once each year, the Church sets aside an entire week to commemorate the spiritually-enriching realities of that first Holy Week.

This coming Sunday is the start of Holy Week. We are printing at the back of this letter the schedule of the church services so that you be guided accordingly. The high drama of this Holiest of Weeks begins with Palm Sunday with the blessing of palms at each mass, commemorating the solemn entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, followed by days of conspiracy and betrayal which led to his crucifixion and death on the cross. But since death did not have the last say, Jesus' Resurrection is the cause of our Easter joy. This whole paschal mystery comprises the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. These three most holy days are called the Easter Triduum. At the Easter Vigil, we will welcome new members into our faith community thru the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and first Communion. Thru the RCIA parish program, we will baptize 3 new members into the Church, 8 Confirmations and 1 Reception into Full Communion. A reception in the hall follows to welcome our newest members in the faith.

It is my hope that you will make a special effort to participate in these solemn services of our Catholic tradition. Encourage your loved ones to join you, so that you all may have the happiest and holiest Easter.

May the peace and joy that you experience on Easter morning be a foretaste of the eternal happiness that God has prepared for those who love Him. I pray that the faithfulness to your Lenten journey has prepared you well to renew your Easter faith all the days of your lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Orimaco", written in a cursive style.

Rev. Domingo Orimaco  
Pastor