Dear OLM Parishioners:

This weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of the most solemn days of Holy Week when we recall the raucous welcome of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem with palm branches and hosannas to the Son of David. Then follow the days of conspiracy and betrayal which led to his crucifixion and death on the cross. The mystery of our salvation is truly the great mystery of Divine Love and Mercy.

But death did not have the last say, for with Christ's Resurrection the joy of Easter signifies the triumph of God over worldly evil. This whole paschal mystery comprises the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. These three most sacred days are what we call the Easter Triduum. At the Easter Vigil, we will baptize 6 new members into the Church and 11 for Confirmation. We will have a small reception afterwards at the hall 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. See the Holy Week schedule in a separate paper. And Pope Francis has encouraged us in this Jubilee Year of Mercy to go to confession and feel the inner joy and peace of a forgiven soul.

I pray that as a parish, our faithful keeping of our Lenten Journey has prepared us well to renew our Easter faith. May our Risen Savior bestow on us that peace and happiness which He alone can give.

A Blessed and Joyful Easter to all of you!!!

Fr. Domingo Orimaco
Pastor