



Easter Joy!

One of the sad things about our secular society is that it often does not know how to handle “the day after” major celebrations and holidays. It seems that with advertising and the media, once the day has passed, it is back to the old grind. One time, on December 26th, I saw something really sad: a Christmas tree stripped of decorations, thrown by the curb for the recyclers. For that particular family, Christmas was one short day. We do not have to worry about one short day to celebrate Easter. Our celebration of resurrection and new life continues for fifty days! Easter is the principal celebration of the church year and we don’t stop our celebration the day after. It is too important to confine to one day, week or month.

At Easter time our relationship with God takes on new life. Days and months of selfishness have weakened our relationship with God who loves us so much. During Lent we tried to face our sinfulness and began to open our hearts to God by acts of penance. During Holy Week we relived the last days of Jesus and remembered His love for us.

Easter is the time for Lent and Holy Week to come to fulfillment in our lives. Hopefully, we have made changes in our lives during the last forty days. If not, we can still look forward to an Easter miracle: the risen Jesus can do wonders if we surrender to Him. The crucified and risen Jesus will intensify our prayer and deepen our charity. His concerns will become our concerns. The experience of rediscovering God’s love and all of our dying to selfishness makes us people with new insights, purpose and energy. May the risen Lord continue to be with us and may He grant us the gift of new life with Him and one another!

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