

EASTER LIFE: WHERE DO YOU FIND IT?

“Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that...we too might live in newness of life.”

That magnificent passage from Paul’s letter to the Romans proclaimed at the Easter Vigil always sends chills up my spine; it is such an urgent and dramatic call for each of us to reclaim the grace of baptism and live life to the full in the Risen Lord. But how do we do that? For many Christians, it’s all about a “personal relationship” with Jesus as Lord and Savior. But for Catholic Christians, that’s not nearly enough. We believe that we can only experience the **fullness** of Jesus’ risen life in the community of the Church. If faith is just about “me and Jesus”, we’re not living the faith of our baptism, we’re not finding life where Jesus commanded us to find it.

If today is one of the few days of the year you join us in the community of the Church, we’re happy you’re here, and we hope to see you here more often. If you want to return to a more active practice of faith but perhaps need to let go of some hurts from the past and would like to talk to someone about that, please feel free to call Fr. Dan or me and we’ll be happy to sit down with you. And if you’re here every week of the year – thank you for your faithfulness. The **fullness** of life that a Catholic Christian can only find in the Church, is here for all of us every day of the year. Easter blessings!

Fr. Bob