



Central City Catholic Parishes
All Saints, St. Martin de Porres, St. Michael and St. Rose of Lima

Easter Sunday 2026

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the sure and certain hope that is our horizon, keeps us strong and impels us to continue forward. Having prayed these most holy days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (the “Triduum”), we are renewed in our faith that God’s love revealed in Jesus is so powerful that it conquers even death.

The Triduum is a uniquely rich part of our liturgical life, where our prayers and services around the Paschal Mystery are especially experiential. On Holy Thursday, we experience the shock of Jesus being taken away right after the intimate sign of the washing of the feet. On Good Friday, we hear the crowd cry out “crucify him!” and then have the audacity to adore the cross on which our Savior was hung as a criminal. We do so because we know it from this cross that the blood of “the new and everlasting covenant” flowed.

The scriptural language of the covenant refers to God’s promise of fidelity and this is fulfilled once for all in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. For this reason, starting with the Easter Vigil, we celebrate in jubilation by sharing the light of the new life we have in He who is risen, giving us direction and hope. Throughout several weeks we will continue to celebrate our baptism with the sprinkling rite (especially when I preside!). Jesus’ resurrection is the consummation of God’s love and mercy for us, and we cannot help but be changed by it. I invite you take some time to reflect on how you are “made new” today at this very moment of your life by Jesus’ resurrection.

In this spirit, let me close with a quote from Pope Francis:

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another “seventy times seven” (*Mt 18:22*) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

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Yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Michael Wolfe, Pastor