



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our journey through Lent is a journey from darkness to light. Through prayer, penance, sacrifice, and acts of charity we have been disciplining ourselves and drawing ourselves closer to Jesus who desires for us to be close to him. Jesus has so much affection and concern for us that he would have died even if we were the only person on the planet. As St. Augustine said, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." Easter is the celebration of the light of the glory of the Resurrection, the proclamation that nothing can hold us back from the glory of God, not even death itself. So, as we experience the light of the Resurrection of Jesus our own darkness is dispelled. Our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our hearts are expanded through works of charity, our souls soar as we experience as the light of Jesus entering them through the glory of Easter. The highest form of prayer we can participate in all the year is the sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Then after having walked that journey from darkness to light our lives are indeed elevated on Easter Sunday as we are filled with the grace of the Resurrection through our reception of the Word of God and the Bread of Life at Easter Mass and we renew our baptismal vows.

Enclosed please find our schedule for Holy Week and Easter services and Masses. The beautiful Hungarian music and scripture readings recall our Hungarian ancestry and traditions. We invite you to all of our Holy Week and Easter services and encourage you to invite your relatives and friends to join you. Everyone is welcome at St. Stephen King of Hungary Church.

Thank you for supporting St. Stephen King of Hungary Catholic Church. Your support will continue to bring the light of Jesus to all the people of the world. Each one of us, in living out our faith, can bring the love, joy and peace of Jesus to the world one person at a time. Together we will call people out of the darkness into the light of Jesus. I thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of St. Stephen King of Hungary Church. Your generosity will certainly be appreciated by many and most especially by God.

May God bless you and all of your family members and friends this Easter

In God's love,

Rev. Michael P. Knotek