St. Boniface & St. Peter’s Parishes
Easter Message 2017—Alleluia!

Dear Parishioners: The Lord is risen—truly risen indeed! The joy & relief of Easter fills our lives & our world these blessed days: I pray that all our families may be re-born in the light of the Resurrection.

Jesus’ triumph over the powers of sin & death is the cause of our joy: despite the uncertainties & violence of our world, the life & love that God offers us in Jesus makes us able to accomplish great things. Who would have thought a year ago that the El Mohammed Family would become part of our community so quickly? I am constantly amazed that the faith of our local Churches has borne such fruit in the world, that peoples’ lives are better because of our efforts.

Our Parishes’ Lenten Mission was really a workshop in prayer: I cannot tell you how much my own faith was bolstered by hearing the experiences of other praying people! I cherish those experiences of prayer, and look forward to extending those graces in our common journey of faith. (With God’s grace, we will introduce a Christian Meditation Group in the near future; also, we hope to start Morning or Evening Prayer before the Daily Masses, looking ahead to the day when we will not be able to offer a Daily Mass in every church. The importance of having some time every day to speak with God was abundantly clear to all who participated in the Mission. As an Easter Observance, may I suggest praying The Regina Caeli at noon (or whatever time you have a pause in your day? This brief (less than a minute!) prayer can remind us of Jesus’ Resurrection, commend ourselves to the heavenly protection of Our Blessed Mother, and re-orient us to eternal life!

Our Bishop will soon announce the new Parish Families, the latest re-organization of our parishes. We need to find a new way to live our faith lives, calling upon all the gifts God has lavished on the Faithful. (You will notice some slight changes in the weeks ahead, as we try to better reflect the diocesan guidelines in reverencing the Altar, & only consecrating enough hosts for each Mass.) All the Baptized have been lifted up in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead: may we be lifted—and help lift others—in the days ahead! God bless you & your family this holy Easter Season.

Fr. Matt

The Regina Caeli

ψ. O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
χ. For he whom you chose to bear, alleluia!
Is risen as he said, alleluia!
ψ. Pray for us to God, alleluia!
χ. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia!

Let us pray:
O God, by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord,
You were pleased to make glad the whole world.
Grant, we beseech you,
That through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother,
We may attain the joys of everlasting life,
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen