

The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John Carlos, Holy Cross Church, Harrison, NJ, April 19, 2020

IN HIS LIGHT



In our yearly celebration of Easter, we joyfully mark God’s renewal of his creation and his renewal of our lives through Christ’s victory over sin and death. At the dawn of creation God said: “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:4) and his powerful word made light to guide the crown of his creation, the human person.

Jesus Christ is the Light that redeems us and leads us to eternal life. God continues to enlighten the world through our faith in the Lord Jesus and in the countless

acts of sacrifice of so many selfless individuals during this difficult time.

Although we were not able to celebrate all the beautiful rites of the Easter Vigil this year, such as the blessing of the new fire and the solemn preparation and lighting of the Pascal Candle, I was touched by the nearly 1100 of views of all the services of the Easter Triduum via the livestream. A heartfelt appreciation to all your prayers and support and charitable praises which were personally edifying. As pastor, I’m also grateful for your loyalty to the Sunday collection, which in normal times continues challenging, in these difficult times can become critical. Thank you sending us your weekly contributions and parish envelopes.

As we continue to live through this historic time, it can either shake our spirit or strengthen our resolve. I encourage you to find solace in our Catholic faith we hold so dear. May God deliver from harm all of those who suffer in the midst of this pandemic and protect all who attend to their care. May he keep each of us safe in his loving embrace.

With affectionate prayers,

Father John Carlos