



## EASTER 2022

***“...grant that by these paschal celebrations,  
we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires...”***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As the priest prepares to bless the fire at the Easter Vigil, he prays that we might be *“inflamed with heavenly desires.”* For one hundred and fifty years, the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have been inflamed with the heavenly desire to follow Jesus. We remember with much gratitude those who came before us, sowing the seeds of faith and building up the Body of Christ.

Over the last century and a half, beautiful parish churches and schools have been erected through the sacrifice and generosity of so many. Parish families have celebrated the Sacraments throughout the broad expanse of our North Country. Since our founding in 1872, thousands of women and men, inflamed with heavenly desires, have come into the Church and celebrated the Easter sacraments. We welcome and congratulate those who are entering the Church this Easter. We are so blessed!

Every generation encounters unique challenges in their faith journeys. Ours is no exception. While the demographics of the North Country have changed significantly, the Church continues to proclaim the joy of the Gospel. We accept our crosses with hope inflamed with heavenly desires because we are an Easter people. Jesus is risen and that has made all the difference in the world.

I hope that this Lenten Season has provided you with the opportunity to think of things of heaven. Sadly, for many today the focus is on worldly desires. Inevitably, such a focus feeds hatred, greed, and disrespect for our neighbor. Crime, violence, war, and terror haunt humankind. This Easter we want to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ. We are eager to embrace the mission He gave the Church as we begin another chapter in the story of the Church of Ogdensburg.

Easter blessings to you and your loved ones!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

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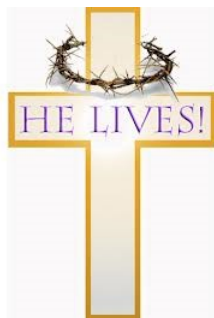
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HAPPY EASTER



### TOP TEN REASONS TO COME BACK TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. **Because they hunger for the Eucharist.** It happens when they attend a wedding, baptism, funeral or sometimes it happens when people are alone or facing difficulties in life. They describe a deep hunger for the spiritual nourishment that comes when they receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.
2. **Because they want to help other people.** There are lots of opportunities within the secular world to volunteer. What's missing is the spiritual dimension that service within the Catholic Church provides. It's more than just a "feel-good" activity. It's part of the great commandment ; "to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself."
3. **Because they want to be part of a faith community.** Many people seek a sense of belonging.
4. **Because they want their children to have a faith foundation.** Raising children in a culture that promotes "doing your own thing" can lead to disaster. Children need to experience the spiritual dimension of life. They need a firm moral foundation upon which their children can build their lives.
5. **Because the Catholic Church has the fullness of truth and grace.** Many who leave the Catholic Church are blessed by the experience of worshiping for a while in another Christian denomination. But, some people come back when they realize Catholicism has the fullness of truth and grace.
6. **Because they want to be healed.** Some people carry deep spiritual wounds. They struggle with anger at God over bad things- - terminal illness, a debilitating injury, a broken relationship, mental or emotional problems, the death of a loved one, or some other deep disappointment. The Catholic Church cannot change these situations but the Church can assist in spiritual healing and help you get on with your life.
7. **Because they need to forgive others.** Sometimes people hold on to anger or resentment toward individuals who have hurt them deeply. Maybe it was a family member or a friend. Our modern culture condones and encourages anger and revenge. But, hatred and bitterness are spiritual cancers that eat at the heart "Will God ever forgive me?" of a person. The Catholic Church provides the opportunity to seek God's help in forgiveness. The ability to forgive is a gift that opens a person's heart more fully to god's love and peace.
8. **Because they made a mistakes.** Sometimes people become burdened with the weigh of accumulated sin. They want to get rid of the guilt of having hurt themselves or others. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation you can ask for God's forgiveness and the grace to start over again with a clean heart.
9. **Because childhood memories surface.** Some people say childhood memories of feeling connected to God surface in later life. They begin to ask themselves, "Is it possible to recapture that simplicity of faith?" Can I ever believe that God is watching out for me? The secularization of our society leads people away for the spiritual side of themselves. The Catholic Church offers religious and mystical experiences that feed the heart, mind, body, and the soul.
10. **Because they want meaning in life.** In the hustle of today's busy lifestyles, or in the quiet of this COVID pandemic, lots of people suddenly realize that their lives have lost a sense of meaning or purpose. They begin to ask themselves, "What is my life all about? Why do I do what I do?" There is widespread of confusion with regard to morality and truth. The Catholic Church offers a beacon of light that gives meaning to our existence and leads to eternal life.

***NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU'VE BEEN AWAY, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME HOME!***