

Homily for Easter-Resurrection Sunday March 31, 2024 Fr. Karl Schray

The resurrection tells us death does not have the last word in any of our lives.

God wants us to share in Jesus' resurrection and new life and to be with him forever. God has better plans for us than for us to live out our lives here in this world and then for it all to be ended.

Jesus tells us: **"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."**

These words keep me going; they keep me **full of hope**; they keep me **full of expectation** even when very good friends pass away – and I am experiencing that more and more as I get older.

St. Paul says clearly: **"if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."**

Is today significant? It is central for everything we do.

It is the basis for **our hope for heaven**.

It is the reason I know Christ is **in the Holy Eucharist**.

It is the reason **we participate in Holy Mass on Sunday** because Jesus rose from the dead on the day after the Sabbath.

The Romans called it Sunday but gradually most Christians called it **the Lord's Day**, for example, in Spanish it is Domingo.

For some unknown reason the Germanic languages kept calling it Sunday.

This is why we try with God's graces **to live good lives**.

Thank you for coming today; thank you for your faith.

You inspire me! My prayer is that we always live our lives **with resurrection faith. Amen.**