



# St. Paschal Baylon Church

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We began the forty days of Lent with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday when, in the proclamation of the responsorial psalm, we prayed: *“Give me back the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit”* (cf. **Ps 51:14**).

The Lenten journey is an invitation to rediscover the joy of being **children of God** and to respond to St. Paul’s question: *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”* (cf. **1 Cor 3:16**).

Through prayer, reflection, and almsgiving, we are invited to purify our hearts and rediscover the presence of Christ in our lives and the joy that comes with this awareness.

Now, as the St. Paschal Baylon Parish community, we come together once again to celebrate the mysteries at the center of our faith: the Eucharist and the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ—the Easter Triduum.

Easter invites us to celebrate our salvation, the joy of our salvation. May the light of the Risen Lord shine in our lives, making them more like His. May the joy of His Resurrection be mirrored in our community as a source of peace and serenity.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter and invite you to join in our Easter Triduum celebrations.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ezio Marchetto, c.s.  
Pastor, St. Paschal Baylon Parish Thornhill