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My dear Kirkland Catholics,

Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen and has given us new life in Himself. That is truly the best news ever!

When Jesus walked this Earth in his three years of public ministry; His impact and time to spend with people was necessarily limited. He had time to really form and “pour into” his twelve apostles and a handful of women who accompanied Him throughout His ministry. Probably only around 10,000 – 15,000 heard Jesus preach first hand.

By Rising from the Dead and Ascending into Heaven, however, Jesus is NOW infinitely available to any person who wants to know Him. It was strategically the strongest move God could have made to be maximally available to His people. Jesus is present in the Eucharist, but also whenever we call upon Him. God is closer to us than we are to ourselves, but for this to impact our lives we must cultivate the awareness.

Where do I begin if – upon reflection – I am not cultivating this awareness? The one simple idea I suggest is to download the Hallow App for your smartphone. It’s the #1 Christian app, is Catholic, and has a lot of great Catholic audio and other content. I have heard many people tell me that downloading this app helped them get the habit of daily, fulfilling prayer. The paid version has a massive amount of content, but the unpaid version has a lot in itself as well. I encourage you to check it out if you’re looking for a boost in your spiritual life.

I hope and pray that this Easter Season abounds with holy moments. My prayers are with you and your families in this holy season.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Brad