

**My Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

**The message of Easter is this:**

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!***

**Before Adam and Eve walked in the Garden of Eden, "...when the earth was a formless wasteland and darkness covered the abyss..." God set in motion His plan for our salvation. He knew that once He created us and endowed us with the gift of Free Choice, we would invariably abuse our freedom, that we would sin. God in His Wisdom, anticipated this eventuality and directed the course of salvation history in order to save us from ourselves.**

**By the Power of the Holy Spirit, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus offered up Himself on the cross for our sins, so that we might be redeemed. He sacrificed His life, so that we might live forever. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a preview of what awaits us!**

**Let us celebrate this joyous feast of Easter with gratitude and love, because we have the confident assurance of knowing that:**

***GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!***

***Happy Easter,  
Fr. Leo***