



My dear Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish:

Welcome back after the summer break. As we come together again, we are once again reminded of the sign of Hope in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do we have HOPE?

With the death and resurrection of Jesus, HOPE was given to us. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 5:5 said: "...and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been given hope and new life. as people of faith, this is our strength. And the love of Jesus for you and me created Hope, because hope is with Jesus who is working in us and with us and around us.

This hope which is anchored in Jesus give us a light of hope in the midst of suffering, of pain of trials that come our way. In spite of all the difficulties and challenges of life, there is hope! there is hope! as St. Paul advised us in his letter to the Galatians 6:9, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." May we not give up as we begin a new era of our life, as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, because we are all "Pilgrims of Hope."

May God accompany us in our journey of hope, with our Blessed Virgin Mary our mother, the mother of Hope, so that she will guide us as we follow the way of Jesus her Son. Amen.