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Overcome with Easter Joy

Each year, the fifty-two weeks of the liturgical year are broken down into the following schedule: thirty-four weeks of Ordinary Time, five weeks of Advent/Christmas and thirteen weeks of Lent/Easter. Lent lasts for six weeks, and Easter is celebrated for seven weeks. We are primarily an Easter people. We are finishing the fourth week of Easter. During each celebration of Mass during this season, the Preface before the Eucharistic prayer concludes with the words, "Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,..."

In the first centuries of our Church, St. Irenaeus wrote, "The most infallible proof of the presence of God in a person's life is the presence of joy." Easter is the reminder that love and life win over the forces of sin, evil and death. That is good news. How do we live that and choose that each day? Obviously, there are challenges, problems and difficulties. but we are called to be a joyful presence in our world. St. Francis de Sales states that one of the worst things is a sad saint. Be joyful, share joy and let's show the world that Easter is our calling and Alleluia our song.

Live Jesus!

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