

PASTOR'S MESSAGE
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WE CANNOT BE DEFEATED

The cluster of events and festivities in March and April is more than we can readily absorb.

Spring occurs in March with all the magic and miracle which never ceases to amaze us.

It is in the full moon of spring that we celebrate Easter and Passover. The rituals and music, the memories and hopes of these two feasts are, indeed, the richest in the liturgical calendar.

All of this abundance of life emerges rapidly after the ashes of Lent and the chains of slavery and the bloodshed of the cross.

We are reminded at every turn that God does not accept defeat as the way human history is to be defined.

And so, winter becomes spring. The bondage of slavery becomes the exodus of freedom. The death of the crucified becomes the Risen Body of Christ.

It is only in our minds and fears that defeat seems final and irrevocable. Nature instead gives us spring; God gives us Passover; Christ gives us Easter.

Defeatism is only possible if one has no faith and, we might add, no eyes to see or heart to love or spirit to rejoice.

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