



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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As I write this column, I see in the news that global tensions are rising. The civil war in Syria has been ongoing for years and yet horrible acts of despotism and violence still ravage the innocent.

I had the blessing of visiting the strong Christian minority churches in Syria about eight years ago when relative peace reigned. They cherished their freedom of religion. To see this great country now in shambles breaks my heart.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Breaks as well. His heart breaks when he sees any of his children suffer. His heart breaks when we choose selfishness and revenge.

Here is the good news of Easter: when Jesus' heart breaks, redemption is at hand. This is what we celebrated this Holy Week. Jesus went to the cross and now brings the ultimate solution to every human tragedy. He tells us that when our heart breaks, we can turn to Him. We can tell him that we believe that he is the Messiah, the only Son of God, who was sent into this world so that anyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

Watching all the bad news in the world and even feeling the tensions rise, we can say truly, "We have no fear". God is in control and even when we walk in the shadows of death, we fear no evil for our Good Shepherd is near us.

This is the story of Easter!

**God Bless,
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