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Living Catholic in the 808: Mothers, Marriage and Easter Joy

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I was born on Easter day and this season reminds me to hold on to my faith, to be expectant of God's loving and generous providence, and to be thankful for family and especially my husband.

Marriage is not always all "happy" as it comes with struggles such as getting up early in the morning to go to work and caring of children. Raising children lessens time spent for each other, and words are said that neither one means to say.

Struggles are a beautiful part of marriage. Each marital struggle deposits into the bank of relationship greater patience and forgiveness of each other. The ability of the couple to cope with marital challenges is sharpened. Easter Joy becomes more readily experienced.

Easter joy is not possible without going through struggles. And, luckily, there is no struggle bigger than God, no struggle that God cannot provide an abundance of grace for. Struggles lead to Easter, where God's presence is felt and experiences as a solid source of strength.

My husband and I are now grandparents. Easter joy continues! Death and life. Struggle and joy. Enjoying our first grandchild, we are able to know and experience another delightful aspect of God's generous love.