



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY – MARCH 11, 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

Let us meditate a little bit about this verse from the Gospel of the Fourth Sunday of Lent as Jesus said: *“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.”*

First, we need to say thanks to the Lord for letting us recognize His Light, inviting us to live under His Light, and helping us to remain in His Light. Next, we need to say thanks to the Church for sharing that Light with us.

We all know that Jesus is the Light of the world. This Light came to the world, but people *“preferred darkness to light.”* Why is that? That is *“because their works were evil.”*



When our pride is *“too big,”* there is no place for the virtue of humility to work; we will not recognize *“the wicked things”* that we have done. And we will continue to live in the darkness of sin.

Being prideful is one of the biggest obstacles, I think, keeping us from coming toward the Light of Christ. The Light of Christ is bright enough to expose the smallest wicked things. Under the Light of Christ, nothing can be hidden.

One day we will stand before the Light of Christ, and our life will be exposed under that Light. We will not be able to *“argue”* or *“bargain”* with God. Our life on earth – how we welcome, approach and live under that Light – will be our verdict. In other words, we would have known *“our eternal verdict”* (based on God’s laws and commandments and decrees, which is the Light) already while we are still on earth! Each of us is the one to *“give”* the verdict to himself or herself. Here on earth, God still gives us chances to *“change”* our unfavorable verdict.

Let us come to the True Light of God, and let the radiance of this Light shine upon us. The Light may *“irritate”* our eyes for seconds, but after that we can see clearly. We can live in the Light without any irritations. We will live with the peace and joy that only God can provide.

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

During the last few weeks of Lent, let us pray to God for ourselves and others that God will give us courage and humility to come toward the Light if we are not living in His Light yet. Let us also pray for strength and (again) humility, so that we will live and remain in His Light. The Light will lead us to the Eternal Kingdom, where many have tried to enter but could not get in!

“Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!”

In praising Jesus Christ, Fr. Tien



There is a Lenten Penance Service this Thursday, March 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fr. Coleman and Fr. Domingo will be here to assist Fr. Tien. There will also be a Penance Service at St. Mary’s in Sylva on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault.

CLASSES – MEETINGS

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30-11:30 am

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am -12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday...Confirmation Class ... 7:00 pm

Wednesday...First Communion Class ... 7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-4:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$5,220
Envelopes & Cash	\$4,850
Online Giving	\$ 370

Capital Improvements \$1,810



Attendance

Saturday 4:00 pm	139
Sunday 9:00 am	238
11:30 am	378

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish



Each of us has a "Way of the Cross" to walk with life being so full of challenges. Along this way we discover God's presence and what it is that He wants us to hear and to know and we discover how we might change. Indeed the Way of the Cross, understood this way, dying so to grow and live in newness, is so integral to Christianity that it is dignified with the title: Pascal Mystery. Join us this Friday at 7:00 p.m. as we meditate on the Scriptural Way of the Cross or Scriptural Stations of the Cross which was meant to add nuance to an understanding of the Passion.

The Women's Guild will meet this Monday, March 12th at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Joe Deal, from Deal Farms, will be our guest speaker. All women of the Parish are invited!



Don't forget to get your tickets this weekend for the Knights of Columbus fish fry which will be next Friday, March 16th, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in our Family Life Center. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children. Carry out is available.

We still need someone to be a "back-up" or a substitute for the 5:00-6:00 p.m. hour for First Friday adoration. If you are interested or willing, please call 524-2831.



Ushers are needed for our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested in serving on this Ministry, please call Kasmer Pleskach at 369-0109.

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 a.m. Our Saturday Vigil Mass will now be at 5:00 p.m. and Confessions at 4:00 p.m. beginning next Saturday, March 17th.



Please submit all bulletin announcements for next week's bulletin to our Parish Office by Wednesday. Thank you!

Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Dennis Ensley, Casper Erb, Danny Fowler, Debbie Fouts, Dorothy Gordon, Lisa Graber, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Carl Huebler, Sarah Hughes, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Lucy LaRoche, Brandon Lowery, Christopher Marinari, Debbie Matthews, Fred Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Lad Mezera, Jean Mezera, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Laura Moore, Kathy Obenshain, Wanda Orf, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Elijah Whiteside, Teresa Williams, Brailyn Grace Williamson, Larry Wilson, Thomas Wimpey, Alice Yuzzi, Art & Mary Ann Zoeckler.



Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Peggy Gibson, Jeanette Peters.

Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Elizabeth Scoone.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 10

4:00 P.M. ✕ Maria Ried by Rosie Greenwood

Sunday, March 11

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. ✕ Roger Kloeppe by Brian Kloeppe

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, March 12

9:00 A.M. Linda & Ray Behr by Barbara Johnson

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 A.M. ✕ Betty Ann Rice

Wednesday, March 14

5:30 P.M. ✕ James Bush

Thursday, March 15

9:00 A.M. ✕ Annie Gallagher

Friday, March 16

9:00 A.M. ✕ The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 17

5:00 P.M. ✕ Joe Cukla by Pat Tuscany

Sunday, March 18

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass

11:30 A.M. ✕ Maria Cruz by Luis Romero

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Friday at 3 P.M.

Looking Ahead: Holy Week and Easter Triduum

Palm Sunday - Saturday Mass Vigil - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (En Español)

Chrism Mass - Tuesday - March 27 - 10:00 a.m., St. Patrick Cathedral, Charlotte

Holy Thursday - March 29 - Mass of the Last Supper - 7:00 p.m.

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) until 12:00 Midnight)

Good Friday - March 30 - Stations of the Cross (Inside) - 12:00 Noon

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m. Living Stations En Español - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - March 31 - Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 1 - Masses - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 (En Español)

