



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
SUNDAY - MARCH 10, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday, when we received ashes on our foreheads we heard the minister say: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." What did it mean to you when you heard that?

All will go through the gate of death one day. All will face the "ugliest thing" - t death. There is no doubt about it. It is sad to hear this, but that is true. That is, however, real sad for those who have no faith at all in Jesus Christ, those who try to cling to the corruptible things of this world.

The Church, with that saying, wants to remind us to live our life PLEASING God, so that, though our bodies will go back to dust, our IMMORTAL SOUL will be with God.

If our life is not pleasing God now, this is the right time to turn to God and try to please Him in all we do. The Lenten Season, or Holy Season, gives us a chance to think, to examine our life, to be determined to change in order to please God, so we can be with God for eternity. Eternity begins here on earth when we reverently, sincerely and worthily partake of the Holy Eucharistic Celebration and embrace Jesus into our soul.

There is, however, a big obstacle on our way to please God. You can tell, can't you? Yes, you are right. That is the devil and his followers! They do not want to see us return to God! They don't want to see us trying to please God! They don't want us to remain in God's peace! They are jealous to see us receive God's mercy and forgiveness! And they are afraid to lose more "members." The "Devil Company" works very hard day and night, - 24 hours a day, to tempt us first to doubt God's love for us. They will not tempt us not to believe in God's existence; in fact they tempt us to doubt God's love and mercy.

They even tempt us to believe that they are above God and can give us eternal life! Yes, that is eternal life with them in the "eternal flame," not in eternal happiness with God in Heaven - our true Home.

We are tempted, because the devil wants more members for his "LYING COMPANY." And we fall into their temptation many times, don't we? It was because we relied on ourselves rather than God's power and help; it was because we wanted to please ourselves more than God; it was because we did not want to take advantage of God's love and forgiveness.

The devil will never give up tempting us to follow him. Do not be afraid! God equips us with the weapon of "MASS" destruction that can destroy any "temptation." If we know how to use it, we can win any battle against the devil.

Friends, the Holy Eucharist is our strength and courage. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is for our healing when we are injured during the fight against evil. Studying and meditating on Holy Scripture equips us with the knowledge of God's plan for our salvation. Fasting and other sacrifices help us to recognize our weaknesses and atone for our sins. And so forth.

Do you know how to "USE" these "weapons?" I am sure you do. So what are you waiting for?

Have a Blessed and Holy Lent!

Peace,  
Fr. Tien

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$4,803
Cash/Envelopes	\$4,373
Online Giving	\$ 430
Capital Improvements	\$1,743

**Attendance**

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	129
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	237
11:30 A.M.	387



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



**CLASSES - MEETINGS**

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30 am-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...First Communion Class...7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm

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 Christ's final walk through the streets of Jerusalem carrying the Cross.

Walk with Jesus...



The Knights of Columbus first Fish Fry will be Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale after Mass. They are also selling raffle tickets before and after each Mass this weekend. The funds are used to help ministries within St. Francis Parish and several worthy causes.

The Women's Guild monthly meeting will be this Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. All women of the Parish are invited!



Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church for those wishing to donate towards our Easter flowers.

Cold and flu season is here. Please be mindful of partaking of the Sacred Blood or offering handshakes at the sign of peace during Mass if you are recovering from a cold or flu .... your fellow parishioners will understand.



Need to register? New phone number? Change of address? Please notify the Parish Office with any information that will help keep our records current.

Remember, the Saturday Vigil Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. next weekend.



**Pray for everyone who seeks healing:** Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralowski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Bill Himschoot, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski Brandon Lowery, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Wade Morgan, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Chris Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgandien, Mary Ann Zoekler.

**Elderly & shut-in:** Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson,  
**Parishioners & al I 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, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. **Thank you for your service!**



### Ministries and Organizations – Nursing Home/Homebound Ministry

Some of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are called in a special way to minister to those of our community who are sick or are homebound, either due to illness or old age, and cannot attend Mass. In addition, they minister to the faithful who are in nursing homes or in the local hospital. These ministers are a tangible link between the parish's celebration of the Eucharist and the communion of the sick or homebound. There is a ministry that fulfills Christ's command to visit the sick and to be concerned about their bodily and spiritual welfare.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, March 9

4:00 P.M. † Anne Grabeck  
by Doris Kelly & Joanne Lewis

### Sunday, March 10

#### The First Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. † Josephine Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault  
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

### Monday, March 11

9:00 A.M. † Theophile Tauzin by Glenn Deimel

### Tuesday, March 12

8:00 A.M. † Pauline Catania by Carol Todesco

### Wednesday, March 13

5:30 P.M. † Thomas St. John by Theresa Williams

### Thursday, March 14

9:00 A.M. Barbara Broadwell and family  
by Pat Tuscani

### Friday, March 15

9:00 A.M. † Brian Jennings by Rosalie Perreault

### Saturday, March 16

5:00 P.M. † Joseph P. Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault

### Sunday, March 17

#### The Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. † Gene Gonzalez by Ginny Gonzalez  
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

## 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 each Friday at 3:00 P.M.



Abortion should be listed as a weapon of mass destruction against the voiceless.  
*E. A. Bucchianeri*