Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks be to God for His love and mercy which endures forever. Amen. May we never forget Him, and may He listen and answer our prayers. Amen.

As we approach the big celebration of our faith - the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ - let us be more attentive to what we are doing: physically (performing works of charity, being ready to forgive those who have wronged us, having good behavior wherever we go, committing our time to follow Jesus, particularly on His last days - the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday)...and spiritually (reconciling with God and others, attending Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross, to our best ability avoiding any occasions that may lead to sin, being humble and obedient to God and His true Church,...)in preparation for this great celebration.

With all these physical and spiritual works, we will truly “enter” into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. Prayerfully we will feel and understand how joyful the Mother Church is when she celebrates the Resurrection of Our Lord.

By practicing these physical and spiritual exercises, we are like the grain of wheat that died and then produced much fruit. We will die to sin for the love of Christ, for our salvation, for the sake of others.

However, pride, disobedience, quick judgment or criticism, anger, resentment and many vices are ready to jump into our life to prevent us from coming closer to God. We somehow are very easily letting/allowing these to overshadow our actions. Then, we fall into the trap of the devil, who will do whatever in his power to take us away from the path to eternal life with God - the devil wants us to be with them for eternity as well.

We have to let the “grain of wheat” die! We have to enter the battlefield to fight Satan! We have to sacrifice! We have to go to the root of sin and pluck it out: the Seven Deadly Sins, and the first one on the list is PRIDE.

Again I invite you come to Church for the Triduum:

+ **Holy Thursday**: Celebrating the Mass of the Last Supper, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, when Jesus instituted the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. Adoration downstairs until midnight.

+ **Good Friday**: Stations of the Cross inside at 11:00 a.m. Commemorating the Passion of our Lord at 3:00 p.m.

+ **Holy Saturday**: Waiting for the Resurrection of our Lord with the Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m., which is the most profound and joyful celebration of our faith. On this “Holy Night,” the Church everywhere in the world will baptize and welcome new members of the Church: they will “cross the Red Sea and enter the Promised Land.”

Peace, Fr. Tien

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Are you aware of what our Knights of Columbus do for our Parish and our local community? They support our Youth Ministry, the Seminarians, March for Life, Coats for Kids, Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center, our Veterans, a Soccer Challenge and host a Christmas dinner for the mentally challenged. The Knights would like to thank everyone who has attended their fundraisers in the past.

Our Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets after Mass this weekend to benefit these charitable works. Cash prizes for the winning tickets range from $200 to $5,000.

Please support our Knights!!!
**Stewardship**

**Budgeted Weekly Needs: $4,825**

**Weekly Collection**

- Cash/Envelopes: $3,408
- Online Giving: $793
- **Total:** $4,201

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

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**F.** Tien will be hearing confessions this Thursday and Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in his office.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of Min Galbrecht by Charlene Galbrecht.

There are small packets of “Blessed Salt” in the foyer of the church to be sprinkled in small amounts on property, throughout your neighborhood, and at the threshold of your door (praying against the threat of the evil one). These will always be available so please take only one packet. Thank you!

Our Food Pantry could use hams or chicken (at least 3 lbs.), spaghetti sauce and sweet peas for our Easter distribution on March 31th.

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**Invitation to Liturgy of the Hours** with Deacon David Min Galbrecht this Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the small chapel. Printed sheets will be available, or if you have a book you can bring it. I look forward to praying with you.

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**Pray for those who seeks healing:** Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Francis Bourgeois, Alexander Canelas, Robert Cerritelli, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Terry Dully, Lakelynn Ellis, Joseph Fernandez, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Becky Fricks, Mickey Goodwin, Curt Halter, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Brandon Hatch, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Emilee Janson, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Dwayne Edward Johnson, Larry Joseph, Jr., Lauren Kennedy, Brandon Lowery, Holly Marsten, Lenore Maynard, Pat McSherry, Danny Mercer, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Mofitt, Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Laura Moore, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Berry Rankin, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scalletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shielks, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastingter, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Pat Thompson, Irene Tisdale, Adam Vanbouguardien, Travis Verge, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Marlene Woods, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Donna Zacarias.

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**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, March 20**

- 5:00 P.M. ♕ Clyde, Kerry, Michael Blue by Helen Blue

**Sunday, March 21**

- **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
  - 9:00 A.M. ♕ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia
  - 11:30 A.M. ♕ Lucila Galvez Garcia; ♕ Marielena Peña

**Monday, March 22**

- 9:00 A.M. James R. Swanson

**Tuesday, March 23**

- Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- 9:00 A.M. Rebecca

**Wednesday, March 24**

- 5:30 P.M. ♕ Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, March 25**

- The Annunciation of the Lord
- 9:00 A.M. Josette Roisin by Marilyn Ricke
  - Ryan Boland by Stella

**Friday, March 26**

- 9:00 A.M. ♕ Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, March 27**

- 5:00 P.M. ♕ Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, March 28**

- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
  - 9:00 A.M. ♕ Dolores Andrews by Richard James
  - 11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

**The Rosary**

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before Mass.

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**Elderly & shut-in:** Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson

**Parishioners & all armed forces:** Edmund Cameron, Matthew Cameron, Wallace Cameron, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Josh Legere, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Lauren Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. Thank you for your service.