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 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; there will be no recognizing “the wicked things” that we have done. And we continue to live in the darkness of sin.

Being prideful is one of the biggest obstacles, I think, for us to come 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 – would 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 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

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The Anima Christi is a beautiful and poetic Communion prayer dating to the 14th century. It is commonly prayed before or after receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Separated from you let me never be. From the evil one, defend me. At the hour of death, call me. And close to you bid me. That with your saints I may be Praising you, forever and ever. Amen
Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of Margaret L. Swanson by Charlene Galbrecht.

Beginning next Saturday, March 20th, our Saturday Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Confessions will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Our Knights of Columbus will sell raffle tickets after Mass this weekend and next to benefit the KC’s charitable works. Cash prizes for the winning tickets range from $200 to $5,000.

Our Food Pantry could use canned ravioli, chili, spaghetti, spam, green beans, peas and tomato soup. We will begin collecting items for our Easter distribution and could use meats such as hams, chickens, and pork roasts between 3 and 5 pounds.

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. Come join Deacon David after Mass every Monday morning to share and learn the Liturgy of the Hours.

Pray for those who seek healing: Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Francis Bourgeois, Alexander Canelas, Robert Cerritelli, Michael Giochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Terry Duffy, Lakelynn Ellis, Joseph Fernandez, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Becky Fricks, Mickey Goodwin, Curt Halter, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Brandon Hatch, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Emilie 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 Mollitt, Germaine Mollitt, Dolores Moler, Laura Moore, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Berry Rankin, Freeman Robinson, Josette Rosin, Derrick Scalaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Pat Thompson, Irene Tisdale, Adam Vanbouguardien, Travis verge, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Marlene Woods, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Donna Zacarias.

Stewardship
Budgeted Weekly Needs $4,825

Weekly Collection
Cash/Envelopes $4,285
Online Giving $ 603
Total $4,888

Capital Improvement $1,030

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 13
4:00 P.M. +Josephine Hoefeyes by Rosalie Perreault

Sunday, March 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 A.M. +Nicky Schnittjer by Carol Todisco
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, March 15
9:00 A.M. +Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 16
9:00 A.M. +Antonio Hernandez by Gabriela Hernandez

Wednesday, March 17
St. Patrick, Bishop
5:30 P.M. +Joseph P. Hoefeyes by Rosalie Perreault
+Gene Gonzalez by Ginny Gonzalez

Thursday, March 18
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00 A.M. +Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Friday, March 19
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 A.M. Theresa Downey by Mary Murphy

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. 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.

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 Hage, 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.