



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024



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



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:

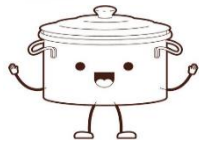
Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Separated from you let me never be. From the evil one, defend me. At the hour of death, call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



Confessions will be available next week on  
March 20<sup>th</sup> after our 5:30 p.m. Mass and on  
March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling State Raffle Tickets next weekend. There are some great Prizes! Our Council gets to keep half of the ticket sales which we plan to share with the Youth Group and donate to other worthy causes here at St. Francis.



The Crock Pot Party was a huge success!!!  
Thank you to all those who supplied the delicious crock pot food and to those who attended. We look forward to the next one!

OCIA (RCIA) - Adult Education on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is  
**The Scrutinies - Man Born Blind - Fifth Sunday in Lent.**  
Scrutinies - profound Gospel passages. Come share the reading of this Gospel with our RCIA candidates. Video from the Movie **Jesus of Nazareth**. Snacks provided. Deacon David and the Education team



Our Women's Guild meeting will  
Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10<sup>00</sup> a.m.  
All women of our Parish are invited to attend!

A HUGE Thank You to all who have participated in our recurring first of the month food collection. Thank you for food items, monetary donations, and prayers! Together we are making a difference. With Easter quickly approaching we would like to do something fun for our pantry on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please, if you can, bring small individually wrapped Easter candy before the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.



**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Ray Behr, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Carter Hellerer, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Dee & Germaine Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Doris Price, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene and Joe Youdell

**Please pray for our parishioners and  
all men and women in the armed forces:**

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards,  
Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m.  
and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, March 9

#### **Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

- 4:00 P.M. †Josephine Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault  
†Flora Bandi by Martha Schroeder  
†Rogelio Damian Gonzalez

### Sunday, March 10

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 9:00 A.M. †John Turner by Nikki Turner  
†Justina Gonzalez Cortes  
†Calletana Cortes Lopez  
11:30 A.M. †Alcasia Lopez Valencia, †Rosenda Valencia  
†Holy Souls in Purgatory  
†Guadalupe Pena by Aura Monzon  
Misericordia Group Intentions

### Monday, March 11

- 9:00 A.M. †David Ruiz-Ordaz, †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
†Mr. & Mrs. Steve Fontes by Stan Michalik  
†Clarence Tauzin by Glenn Deimel

### Tuesday, March 12

**NO MASS**

### Wednesday, March 13

- 5:30 P.M. John and Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik  
Pat Tuscany by Becky Peeling  
†Susan Rocci by Cindy Derry

### Thursday, March 14

- 9:00 A.M. Ortiz-Ruiz Family  
†Holy Souls in Purgatory  
†Geraldyn Leonard Hine by Chris Hine

### Friday, March 15

- 9:00 A.M. †Francisco Ortiz, Raquel Merlin  
Joe & Charlene Youdell by Charlene Galbrecht

### Saturday, March 16

- 5:00 P.M. John and Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik  
Germaine Moffitt by Dee Moffitt  
†Joseph P. Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault  
†Ann Patton by Cheryl Vasky

### Sunday, March 17

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 9:00 A.M. Felipe and Angelina Rios Ortiz and  
†Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Angelina Rios Ortiz  
†Justina Gonzalez Cortes  
†Culletana Cortez Lopez  
11:30 A.M. †Alcasia Lopez Valencia,  
†Rosenda Valencia  
†Holy Souls in Purgatory  
†David Ruiz Ordaz  
†Manuel Ramos by Felipe Diaz