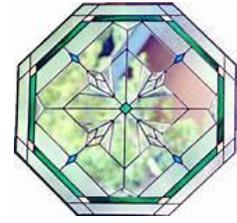




THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are over half way through Lent, so how is your Lent so far? “It is just like other liturgical seasons,” some might say. Or “Nothing much happens.” Or “I am really in a big battle against the devil!” Or “I feel stronger,” or “I feel the same.”

Whatever you feel or whatever you have done, remember that we are in the Fourth week of Lent, and the Church today is calling us to “Rejoice” for what we are going to celebrate: our Salvation is coming near. Take advantage of these last two weeks of Lent and try to correct your “spiritual life,” steer your path of life to **match** the path of life that God wants you to follow.

Most of the time we suffer from “spiritual blindness;” we do not want to see things as God wants us to see. We want our way above God’s way; we think our wisdom is better than God’s wisdom; we like to listen to the voice of the Devil and the world instead of God’s; we doubt God’s plan. When we suffer, we blame God and question Him; when we are happy or successful, we forget God. When we need something out of our reach, we run to God; when we get what we want, we do not say “Thanks” to God. We try to keep God’s law to its minimum, not putting much effort in pleasing God, but just enough to avoid “sin.”

Friends, we do have “spiritual blindness.” Jesus offers a cure to our blindness which no one else can offer. First, we must “recognize” that Jesus has that power and know that Jesus willingly wants to cure our blindness. Then, come to Him, ask for a cure and do whatever He asks you to do in order to be cured. Then, say thanks to Him and “take good care of your eyes.” Above all these, we must know that we have “spiritual blindness.” This is a **MUST**.

All these steps cannot happen overnight. It requires a lot of courage and humility. Though this Lenten season will pass away, we do need to have courage and practice the virtue of humility all the time no matter what liturgical season we will be in or whatever disposition God puts us in.

With courage we will do what God asks of us; with humility we learn to obey God and depend on Him.

Today Jesus wants to open our eyes, so we can “see” the beauty and marvel in God’s works of giving us salvation which comes from God alone.

Friends, let Jesus “open” your eyes!

You can witness His Resurrection. We will wait, with hope, for that to happen to us on the last day and be with Him forever in Heaven. Again, you need **COURAGE** and **HUMILITY**.

Peace,
Fr. Tien



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



The envelopes are available at the entrances of the church for those who would like to contribute to our Easter flowers.



The Knights of Columbus next Fish Fry will be Friday, March 27th from 4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.



OCIA--Adult Education on Monday night March 16th at 7:00 p.m. is **The Scrutinies-Raising Lazarus-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. Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided.



Deacon David & Education Team



Our Food Pantry served 167 families, consisting of 407 individuals in February. Thank you for your continued support.

The Food Pantry plans to add some Easter candy to the March 25th food boxes. If anyone wants to participate by donating some Easter candy, please place them in the designated box in the foyer.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez and 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 and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 14

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. † Gonzalo Barriga
all Priests, living & deceased
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls, † Brian Jemmings
† Benito Lopez Aparicio
Alfonso Trujillo, Guillermina Nunez

Monday, March 16

9:00 A.M. † Gina Miller, † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 17

Saint Patrick, Bishop
NO MASS

Wednesday, March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 P.M. † Ethel Grant by Allene Ramsey
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 19

Saint Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Melquiades Rios Cruz
† Antonio Ordaz Acevedo

Friday, March 20

9:00 A.M. Caydem Kible, Brian Brock
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 21

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls, † Antonio Cruz Arango,
Joyce Mielnik

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. † James R. Swanson
all Priests, living & deceased
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls, † Jose Sanchez
Alfonso Trujillo, Guillermina



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