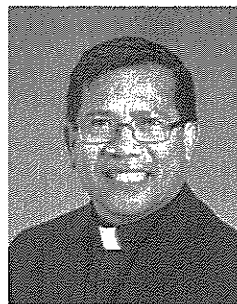


PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Lent is a journey with Jesus, a journey from death to life. Last week we entered the desert with Jesus to resist temptations. This week Jesus invites us to go up to a mountain to witness his transfiguration. In the gospel, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him to the mountain and when he was praying, he was changed, he was transfiguring before the disciples (Mark 9:1-9).

Why did Jesus want to be transfigured before the disciples? There are several reasons: First, even though the disciples followed Jesus several years, but they did not truly understand the person and mission of Jesus because they many times argued among themselves who would be the first in the kingdom of Jesus. Therefore, Jesus intended to show them his glory, the glory of the Son of God. He is the Messiah who comes to fulfill the law and the prophets. Second, Jesus wanted them to catch a glimpse of his glory in order to strengthen their faith to follow Jesus. And third, Jesus also wanted to show them that his true glory would be in Jerusalem where he passed from death to life.

Yes, true glory would come after Jesus has triumphed over the power of death, to rise from death to life. In the same way, if we want to share in the glory of Jesus we have to follow him, to take up our daily cross. The way of the cross is the way to glory.

If you have complained much about your life, your job, your burdens of life, Lent invites you to look down to see that you are much fortune than billions of people on earth. You have been blessed by the Lord. You need to give thanks to the Lord. If you are pursuing your own desires and selfish ambitions, Lent is the time for you to reflect upon your life. The way of the cross is a difficult way, full of sacrifices, but that way is the way to glory and eternal life promised by the Lord. If you have not committed to anything, Lent invites you to work harder than before. It is a time for you to commit yourselves to daily prayers, devotions, Stations of the Cross, to your daily and weekly Mass with the Lord, to serve the Lord through serving others.

Yes, Lent is a time of grace, joy and fulfillment. May the Lord bless you and journey with you throughout this holy season!

May God bless us all!

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MaryAnn Graham from Finance Council will give a finance report to our parish this weekend.
2. **Thank you to those who made either a pledge amount and/or made a one time donation. Together we collected \$1,507.05 in last week's collection. This included pledge amounts and one time donations. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so. Together we can make our goal of \$12, 690.00. Thank you for your support.**
3. During Lent, every Friday we have Mass at 7:00 am followed by Adoration and Benediction. In the evening at 6:00 pm, there are Stations of the Cross followed by fish fry dinner in the parish hall. Please come and support our church. The fish dinner is only \$5.00 a plate.
4. We invite you to join our parish's Altar Guild. The main duties are to clean up the church and set up things for the liturgical seasons throughout the year. Please contact Betty at 336-965-8171 or the church office.
5. **RCIA has its largest group of candidates and catechumens making their sacraments this year. As we approach the Easter Vigil, we ask that you keep all 19 candidates and catechumens in you prayers.**
6. *Faith Formation is selling Bibles for your children and families. It also makes a great gift for those making 1st Communion, Confirmation as well as our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens. We have Adult Bibles in both English and Spanish. If you are interested in a bible, please come to the Parish Hall.*

PARISH NEWS

In Our Prayers

We pray for: Alana Murphy, Gladys Ozor, Hector Sanchez, Maria Selam, Dulce Moreno, Charles Keefe, Fern Trotter, Jose Guzman, James & Willy Lilly, Felicia Murphy, Linda Styron, Marianne Smith, Dan Lynk, Therese Frentz-Rice, Fr. Martin Carter, Charles Ramsey, Jorge Lagueruel, Georgia Tassopoulos, George Lautz, Pat Sanchez and all military service men and women.

We are Called: 2018 Diocesan Support Appeal

The purpose of the Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) is to help provide the annual funding necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese – namely to fulfill our call to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and Western North Carolina.” Our parish assessment for 2018 is \$12,690.00. Thank You!!

FISH FRY FRIDAY

Every Friday during LENT!!
Feb 16-March 23rd
6 pm to 8 pm
Dine in or Take Out
Call Parish Office To place your order

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection.....	\$ 2,431.54
DSA Collection	\$ 547.05
Mass Intention.....	\$ 20.00
Donation.....	\$ 100.00
Memorial Donation.....	\$ 95.00
Coffee and Conversation.. . . .	\$ 290.00
Fish Fry.....	\$ 300.00

Thank You! TOTAL: \$ 4,484.48

No matter what we return to God, we can never outdo his generosity

Minister Schedule: March 03th & 04th, 2018

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>
02/24	5:00pm	Shannon Flaherty
02/25	7:30am	Ray Barber
	9:30am	Shelia Atkins Mary Magna

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Scripture Readings This Week

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tue: Is 55:10-11/M 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thur: 1 Pet 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gen 22:1-2,9-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



Parish Penance Service
Christ the King, March 14, 6:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- FRIDAY DURING LENT

These groups will take turns leading the Stations of the Cross:

1. March 02: Hispanic Community
2. March 09: Food Pantry and Altar Guild
3. March 16: Confirmation Children
4. March 23: RCIA (English and Spanish)



LENTEN PROGRAMS

8th Annual Men's Conference:

Saturday, February 24th, "Transformed in Christ." St. Therese's, Mooresville. Join us for great Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, confession and lunch. Information & registration at: CatholicMenoftheCarolinas.org. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Women Retreat - Clemmons

Saturday, February 24th, 9:00am— 3:00pm at Holy Family, Fr John Eckert, Pastor of Sacred Heart in Salisbury, will lead "Called to Sainthood: Holiness a Day at a Time." The fee is \$25/ person and includes lunch and all retreat materials. Pre-registration is required. Contact Kathy Thomas at jkskthomas@me.com or 336-970-0284 (call/text).

Abortion Healing Retreat (English)

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever present love. **March 9-11 in Asheville, NC**
Contact: Jackie Childers (980) 241-0251
jackie.childers1@gmail.com

Pro-Life Corner

There are certain things God has called us to be. Being silent is not one of them, especially regarding abortion and euthanasia.

40 Days for Life 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/

Greensboro/February 14 to March 25, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

Feb. 14—March 25 <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/greensboro/>

Mass Intentions for the Week

02/24	Saturday	5:00pm	+Frank Skunta
02/25	Sunday	7:30am	+Marianne Kelsy
		9:30am	For Special Intention of, Charlie & Chris Creene
		12:30pm	+Maria Isabel Torres
02/26	Monday	No Mass	
02/27	Tuesday	7:00am	+Jones Hedges
02/28	Wednesday	6:45pm	For the Long Family
03/01	Thursday	7:00am	+Peter Anre
03/02	Friday	7:00am	+Teresa McKinney

Next Weekend

03/03	Saturday	5:00pm	+Frank Skunta
03/04	Sunday	7:30am	+Jones Hedges
		9:30am	+Special Intentions of Ken & Sally Hedge
		12:30pm	In thanksgiving to God

*denotes deceased (S) special intention