**BULLETIN 02-25-2024**

***2ND SUNDAY OF LENT***

 ***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This Sunday, all three readings can be expressed in this way: faith is a journey, a journey that demands sacrifice; a journey that leads to glory.

***The first reading presents the journey of Abraham. Abraham was seventy-five years old when God called him to make a journey of faith. God called him to leave behind his homeland for the Promised Land.  Out of faith Abraham began the journey. It was not an easy journey towards the Promised Land.  His faith was challenged over and over. Each time he was challenged he took another step of faith in God. Abraham’s life is a journey of faith. He is indeed the Father of the faithful.***

Saint Paul tells us in the second reading that his own journey of faith demands bearing "the hardship that the gospel entails." His journey of faith was filled with hardships, difficulties, shipwrecks and imprisonment. For Saint Paul, the Gospel is the good news which we need to bring to share with others even though we have to accept hardships and sufferings for the sake of the Kingdom.

***Yes, Faith is not just something we profess. Faith is a life that we lead. Faith is a journey from death towards life. Faith demands that we make that journey from sacrifice to glory. It demands that we separate ourselves from the powers of the world, from our own selfish desires in order to give ourselves to others. This is the path to glory for a Christian. And it is a path full of joy.***

Let us joyfully set out for a journey with the Lord and with one another.  It is a journey of joy, a journey of sacrifice, and a journey leading us to the Glory of God.

***May God bless us all!***

 — Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***1.*****Our parish Lenten penance service will be on Thursday March 07 at 7:00pm. There are several priests coming to hear the confession. Please come to be reconciled with God and with others.**

***2.******Easter flower envelopes in loving memory of your loved ones are available in the back of the church.***

***3.*****Every Friday during Lent, there are the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the church, followed by fish fry in the parish center. Please come to meditate on the way of the cross and support our parish fundraising.**

***4.******Please take home the Lenten rice bowls and put coins or cash into them and bring them back to church at Easter to support the Catholic Relief Services to feed the hungry throughout the world.***

***5.*****If you need a financial statement of your financial contributions to our church last year for your tax purposes, please call the church office. We are happy to do it for you.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

02/24 Saturday 4:00 pm + Emmery Evans Jr. & Terrence Richardson

02/25 Sunday 7:00 am + Bob & Jeanne Rathburn

 9:30 am + Linda Styron

 12:00 pm + Salvador Perez Galindo

02/26 Monday NO MASS

02/27 Tuesday 7:00 am (SI) In Thanksgiving to God

 from the Rin’s Family

02/28 Wednesday 7:00 am + N.S. Paily

02/29 Thursday 7:00 am + N.P. Jose

03/01 Friday 7:00 am +Joseph Ron

**NEXT WEEKEND**

03/02 Saturday 9:00 am + Phaolo Dinh

 4:00 pm + George Lautz

03/03 Sunday 7:00 am + Iolanda Brewer

 9:30 am + Gary Lang

 12:00 pm + Elvira Flores Sanchez

 **(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention**

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*All are welcome*

**Fridays in Lent**

**Stations**

**of the Cross**

**6:00pm**

**Followed by Fish Fry In the parish center**

(Eat-in or take-out)

***VIRTUS*** is changing to **CMG Connect**

Existing Users: If your VIRTUS account contains your email address look for an email from the Diocese

**Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...**

Johnny Apodaca

Tracy Barber

Joseph Carter

Angel M. Cuellas

Marie Forbert

Theresa French-R.

Amanda Garcia

Mario Garcia

Willa Graham

Myles Harris

Maria Hdz.

Aber Johnson

 Jorge Lagueruel

Deacon Larry Lisk

Daysi Martinez

Linda McKinney

Felicia Murphy

Nancy Nkwokolo

Gladys Ozor

Hector Sanchez

Maria G.Sanchez A.

Mariane Smith

Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Royster

***DePaul Academy*** *at Christ the King*

\* NC Pre-K Program

\* Children must be 4yrs old by Aug 31 2024

\* Program starts September 2024

\* Free to all who qualify

\* Pick up Application at the school

\* For more info contact the school

**(336) 781-0064 or (336) 875-1449**

 **LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

 Offertory: $ 3,231.00

 Ash Wednesday: $ 2,176.00

 DSA: $ 1,989.00

 Fish Fry: $ 1,030.00

 Food Pantry: $ 65.00

 Total: $ 8,491.00

 ***THANK YOU!***

DSA - One Body In Christ

**Thousands of people** across the diocese benefit from the DSA-funded ministries through the Faith Formation Office, Catholic schools, Campus Ministry, Catholic Charities (served in Asheville, Charlotte, Murphy, Greensboro and Winston-Salem); the Permanent Diaconate program, religious sisters serving in our diocese, and seminarians currently in formation for the diocese. You may drop your pledge cards/donation in the collection basket or donate at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. **Our parish assessment for 2024 is $23,396.00.** Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Support Appeal.

CURSILLO

The Christ-likeness in a few good people is contagious. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, work, Social Environments, etc., is the Christianizing of environments the Cursillo promotes.

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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 Men’s: June 6-9 | Women's: June 27-30

Weekends are at the Catholic Conference Center Hickory, NC

**Raffle**

Charity Fundraiser—Sponsored by the Knights

Tickets are $5.00 each \*\* Top prize $5,000.00

**Sales end on April 13th, 2024**

**Please see a Knight for tickets**

— Curtis White — Dan Shea — Oscar moreno

 — John McKinney — Brian Moser

 **PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

- Peanut Butter - Saltines - Cookies

 - Cookies - Canned Pork & Beans - Canned Corn

- Box Pasta (1 LB only) - Pasta Sauce

 (NO GLASS PLEASE)

 (NO MORE EGG CARTONS PLEASE)

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*Please be Sure All items are in Date & Unused*

***THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT***

***OF OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY!***

**Courage International**

A Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions (COURAGE) and for the family members and loved ones of those who identify as LGBTQ+.
(EnCourage). Discover confidential support for living chastity, growing in holiness, and keeping family bonds intact.  courage@rcdoc.org & encourage@rcdoc.org.