**BULLETIN 03-17-2024**

***5TH SUNDAY OF LENT***

***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

In today’s gospel, the incident of the Greeks asking to see Jesus marks a turning point in the gospel of John as Jesus points out: “**The hour has come** for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit” (John 12:23-24).

***The concept of “the hour” has a deep theological meaning in the Gospel of John. At the wedding feast of Cana when Jesus says to his Mother, “Woman, how does your concern affect me?  My hour has not yet come.” Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well that the hour is coming when people will worship in spirit and in truth. Jesus says that the hour is coming when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God. The Temple officials often tried to arrest Jesus, but they couldn’t because*** his hour had not yet come.  
  
And now Jesus announces that “the hour” is upon him. When Jesus uses this phrase, “the hour”, he isn’t merely referring to the time of day or night. No, he is speaking about a central moment of human history when he accepts his death on the cross for human salvation. The hour is the moment that the world will be transformed through his death and resurrection. The hour is the moment when the power of evil and death will be defeated by love. The hour is coming when we are invited to share in the very divine life of our Lord.

***We Christians are called to live in that moment, “the hour.” The hour of the Lord is real for us whenever we come into the Church, stand and meditate before the Cross. We are there with the Lord. The hour of the Lord is real for us when we let ourselves be united to Jesus on his cross through accepting our daily burdens and pains with faith and hope. The hour is real when we are willing to be drawn to him, to be lifted up from the burdens of this life into the mysterious experience of his new life.***

Yes, we are living that moment since we trust in the Lord’s promise: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself” (John 12:32).

May God bless us all!

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***1.*****Please join the Knights of Columbus for dinner with an Irish flavor and a movie in honor of St. Patrick this Saturday March 16th after the 4pm Mass. “The Quiet Man” is an Academy Award-winning classic showcasing a romantic tale of love and redemption set in the beautiful**

**countryside of Ireland.**

***2.******Our parish weekly Saturday Vigil Mass will be changed from 4:00pm to 5:00pm beginning on Saturday April 06. Please mark your calendar for this change.***

***3.*****Holy Week Mass schedule:**

**\*Holy Thursday:**

**+5:00pm- Mass in English**

**+7:00pm- Mass in Spanish**

**(*Adoration in the church until 11:00pm)***

**\*Good Friday:**

**+2:00pm- Stations of the cross-Spanish** **Followed by Good Friday service**

**+4:30pm: Stations of the cross-English Followed by Good Friday Service**

**\*Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm**

**\*Easter Sunday: Like other Sundays except 6:00am: Sunrise Mass**

**4. *Please mark your calendar for these two***

***important dates: Sunday June 02: First Communion celebration, and Sunday June 23: Confirmation celebration.***

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| **MASS INTENTIONS**      03/16 Saturday 4:00 pm + Al & Phyllis Ghosn          03/17 Sunday 7:00 am (SI) In Honor of Our Lord  9:30 am + Ronald Murray  12:00 pm + Raul Olivas Perez      03/18 Monday NO MASS  03/19 Tuesday 7:00 am + Maria Bui  03/20 Wednesday 7:00 am + Giuse Khanh Hoang  03/21 Thursday 7:00 am (SI) Thansgiving to God from The Huong’s Family  03/22 Friday 7:00 am + Siby Joseph    **NEXT WEEKEND**    03/23 Saturday 4:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez          03/24 Sunday 7:00 am + Bob & Marian Dilloway 9:30 am + Linda Styron  12:00 pm + Elvira Flores Sanchez      **(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention** |

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| HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE    **Holy Thursday**  **5:00PM- Mass (English)**  **7:00PM- Mass (Spanish)**  **(Adoration in the church until 11:00PM)**    **Good Friday**  **2:00PM- Stations of the Cross (Sp)**  **Followed by Good Friday service**  **4:30PM: Stations of the Cross (En)**  **Followed by Good Friday Service**  **Holy Saturday: Vigil Mass at 8:00PM**  **Easter Sunday:**  **6:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM &12:00PM** |

**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: $ 3,297.00

DSA: $ 545.00

Fish Fry: $ 910.00

Easter Flowers: $ 75.00

Food Pantry: $ 550.00

Total: $ 5,377.00

***THANK YOU!***

DSA

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may drop your pledge cards/donation in the collection basket or donate at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. **Our 2024 parish assessment is $23,396.00.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**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*

**UPCOMING**

**March 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

April 13-17 Spring Furniture Market

April 22 Elder Ministry— SPRING FLING

May 3-5 Marriage Encounter Weekend

July 17-21 National Eucharistic Congress, Indy

July 19-21 Retrouvaille Weekend