**BULLETIN 03-31-2024**

***EASTER SUNDAY***

 ***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

The Lord has risen. Alleluia! Let us rejoice for the Lord has been raised from the dead! He is our hope and our salvation.

***Last week, throughout the Holy Week, we reflected upon the passion and death of Jesus. Yes, we always remember and honor the Passion of Jesus because our glory is the cross of our Lord. But we are not the people of suffering and death.  We are the people of life and of hope.  Jesus Christ has risen from the dead to give us life.***

Pope John Paul II began his pontifical ministry with these words: “Be not afraid. Be not afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power.”  The world, for him, was afraid of itself and its future.  To all those who were afraid, to all those who were caught up in the great loneliness of the modern world, the Holy Father said, “I beg you, let Christ speak to you.  He alone has the words of life, He alone has eternal life.”

***We may celebrate Easter this year full of fear and anxiety for the future of our nation and of our families.   Yes, we come to Church this Easter full of fear and worry, but we are seeking hope.  Hope is here.  Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. He has triumphed over the power of evil, darkness and death.  He has won.  We also have won with him.  Death has been conquered.  The new world has begun in Christ. United with the Risen Christ, nothing and nobody can destroy us. The celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord is the celebration of our hope, our joy, our sharing in the New Life of Christ.***

The tomb is empty because Jesus has risen; but the world of those who believe in Jesus is filled with hope and joy.  “Do not be afraid,” Jesus says to each of us today.  There is great reason to hope.  Jesus Christ, our hope, has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

***Have a Blessed Easter!***

 — Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***1.*****Happy Easter to you and your family! May you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new in the light of Christ’s resurrection!**

***2.******There is a second collection this Sunday for Seminarian education. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!***

***3.*****The Knights of Columbus will meet this Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30PM in the meeting room. We encourage men in our parish to join this special organization.**

***4.******Please take home the book titled The Rocking Chair Prophet as an Easter gift to you from our parish. We hope that the book would inspire you to grow closer to the Lord. And also remember to return your Lenten rice bowls to feed the hungry throughout the world.***

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

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

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

03/30 Saturday 8:00 pm (SI) RCIA Candidates

03/31 Sunday 6:00 am + All Souls

 9:30 am + Deceased benefactors of Our Parish

 12:00 pm + Seferina Navarrete Cortez

04/01 Monday NO MASS

04/02 Tuesday 7:00 am + Joseph Thoms

04/03 Wednesday 7:00 am (SI) In Thansgiving to God from The Doan’s family

04/04 Thursday 7:00 pm + Goan Baoxita Nhan Nugen

04/05 Friday 7:00 pm (SI) For the Sang’s family

**NEXT WEEKEND**

04/06 Saturday 9:00 am + Deceased members of

 The Staubs family

 5:00 pm + Margaret Janawitz

04/07 Sunday 7:00 am + Iolanda Brewer

 9:30 am + Tess & Robert Black

 12:00 pm + Maria de Jesus Fernandez Lechuga

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

**Second Collection for Seminarian Education**

We are grateful for the 45 young men studying for the priesthood at seminaries in Charlotte, Columbus and Rome. Please pray for them and invest in the lives and ministry of our future priests now. The great growth in the number of Catholics in our diocese requires us to support the young men answering the call to serve. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**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: $ 4,655.00

 DSA: $ 287.00

 Fish Fry: $ 1,115.00

 Food Pantry: $ 20.00

 Total: $ 6,077.00

***THANK YOU!***

DSA

**2024 Parish assessment: $23,396.00**

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters & 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.

CURSILLO

Would you like to connect with a group of joyful

Catholic friends who are thriving in a disconnected

secular world? If so, Cursillo may be just the thing you are looking for. Consider an upcoming weekend:

Men’s: June 6-9 | Women's: June 27-30

Weekends at Catholic Conference Cntr, Hickory, NC

**For more information contact:**

Dr. John McKinney - (336) 886-3086 DOCLUV2RUN@HOTMAIL.COM

**Knights’ Charity Raffle**

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

**Drawing on May 4, 2024**

**Please see a Knight for tickets**

— Curtis White — Dan Shea — Oscar moreno

 — John McKinney — Brian Moser

 **Do you have an answer for Pontius Pilate?** Standing face to face with Reason Incarnate, Pilate asks, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). Discover how we can know the truth in a world desperately trying to deny it. **Traditional Logic starts April 23rd. FREE. FAITHFUL.**

InstituteOfCatholicCulture.org

**Catholic Charities Counseling Services**

**336-288-1984**

**UPCOMING**

April 6 Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 5:00pm

April 13-17 Spring Furniture Market

April 22 Elder Ministry— SPRING FLING

May 3-5 Marriage Encounter Weekend

June 2 CTK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 23 CTK CONFIRMATION

July 19-21 Retrouvaille Weekend

**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

- Mac & Cheese - Saltines - Cookies -

 - Canned Fruit - Pasta 1Pound Box

 - Pasta Sauce (NO GLASS PLEASE)

 (NO MORE EGG CARTONS PLEASE)

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

**The Octave of Easter**

The Octave is the 8-day period that begins Easter Sunday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. It marks the beginning of “Eastertide” with every day being a solemnity or another “little Easter”.