

## **BULLETIN 03-16-2025**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

### ***Pastor's Message***

**Brothers and 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 up to the mountain and when he was praying, he was changed, he was transfigured before the disciples (Luke 9:28-36).

***Why did Jesus want to be transfigured before the disciples? There are several reasons: First, even though the disciples followed Jesus several years, 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 and sin, to rise from the dead toward resurrection. But the disciples did not see that. Peter said to Jesus; "O Lord, it is good that we are here. We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." They just wanted to stay in the glory of Jesus' transfiguration. They just wanted to possess that glory on the mountain. But the true glory of Jesus would be in Jerusalem. So Jesus invited them to come down from the mountain, to journey with him, to take up their cross and follow him. And they did, Peter and other disciples took up their own cross, died for their faith, and then shared in the glory with Jesus.

***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 more fortunate than billions of people on earth. You have been blessed by the Lord. You need to give thanks to the Lord by taking your daily cross for the sake of your family and children. If you are pursuing your own desires and selfish ambitions, Lent is the time for you to stop. The way of the cross is a hard 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, to your weekly Mass with the Lord, to serve the Lord through serving others.***

Yes, Lent is a time of grace and fulfillment. May the Lord bless us all!

**— Fr. Joe**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Please take home the Lenten rice bowls placed at the entrance of the church to feed the hungry throughout the world. During Lent, please fill the bowls with cash or coins and bring them back to church at Easter. Thank you!**

***2. Every Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross begin at 6:00pm in the church, followed by fish fry in the parish center. Please come to imitate the way of the cross and also support our parish fund raising dinner. Thank you!***

**3. Please continue to support our parish DSA campaign this year. Without your help, it would be difficult**

**for us to meet our parish DSA assessment. Thank you!**

***4. The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for the North Carolina State Raffle! Tickets are \$5.00 each. The top prize will be \$5,000.00. The drawing will be May 17th, 2025. Please see a Knight for tickets.***

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

03/15 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez  
03/16 Sunday 7:00 am + William & Ruth Wells  
9:30 am + Donald J Baldwin  
12:00 pm + Guadalupe de la Cruz

Nicolas

03/17 Monday NO MASS  
03/18 Tuesday 7:00 am + Maria Hoa Vo  
03/19 Wednesday 7:00 am (SI) For the Rin's family  
03/20 Thursday 7:00 am + Maria Then Vu  
03/21 Friday 7:00 am (SI) For Bundy Family

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

03/22 Saturday 5:00 pm + Robert Digiovanni  
03/23 Sunday 7:00 am + Catherine & Warren Cundell  
9:30 am + Siby Joseph  
12:00 pm + Buenaventura Luna

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### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

“What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”

**Friday, March 21**

**Join us at 6:00pm** as we pray and meditate on the **Stations of the Cross**. *Following Stations the Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry*

### **UPCOMING**

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| March 21        | Knights' Fish Fry following Stations     |
| March 22        | <b>Rite of Election</b> , St. Pius X     |
| <b>March 25</b> | <b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>          |
| March 27        | Partners in Hope Dinner, W-S             |
| Mar 29          | Health Care Ethics Conference, Charlotte |
| April 3         | Penance Service, IHM                     |
| <b>April 13</b> | <b>PALM SUNDAY: HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>     |
| <b>April 20</b> | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>                     |
| Apr 26-30       | Spring Furniture Market                  |
| <b>April 27</b> | <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>               |

### ***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  
Rosario Martinez  
Linda McKinney  
Felicia Murphy  
Nancy Nkwokolo  
Gladys Ozor  
Rosemary Peterson  
Hector SanchezMaria G.Sanchez A.  
Paula Rodriguez  
Andrew Royster  
Mariane Smithh

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Regular Offertory: \$3,246.00  
DSA: \$ 745.00  
Fish Fry: \$ 1000.00  
Ash Wednesday: \$ 2,328.00  
Food Pantry: \$ 500.00  
Total: \$ 7,819.00  
***THANK YOU!***

## Dsa

The Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) provides annual funding to help carry out our mission: 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.” The DSA provides funding for over 50 ministries and programs. . Every act of kindness, no matter how small, is a seed planted in faith, destined to blossom in God’s perfect time

### DE PAUL ACADEMY - NC PRE-K PROGRAM ENROLLING NOW!!

- \* Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open January 13,2025 for Guilford County children age 4 on or before August 31, 2025
- \* Program starts in September 2025
- \* Program is free to all who qualify
- \* We encourage families to apply in early Spring 2025!
- \* **Apply online at [GuilfordChildren.org](http://GuilfordChildren.org)**

## BIBLE STUDY

DEACON FRANCIS SKINNER  
Tuesdays at 7:00pm  
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**40 Days for Life (March 5–April 13)**

**In his Apostolic Letter entitled Patris Corde,** Pope Francis wrote, “In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father. He watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses’ words to Israel: ‘In the wilderness ... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled (Deuteronomy 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

### PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MARCH!

- Ramen Noodles - Canned Fruit
- Canned pork & Beans - Cookies
- Cereal - Boxes or bags (regular size, not large)  
*No glass containers,*  
*No fresh food or outdated food, please.*  
*As always, we are grateful for monetary donations.*

***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY***