

Bulletin 03-09-2025

1st Sunday of lent

Pastor's Message

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Lent to all! We begin our Lenten season with ashes as a symbol of penance, of dying to our sins and then we end our Lenten season with the water of Baptism at Easter vigil, as a symbol of rebirth, of new life in the resurrection of Jesus. So Lent is a journey with Jesus, a journey from death to life, a journey from dying to our sins to a new life in Jesus.

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, as we begin our journey with Jesus, Jesus invites us to enter the desert with him as the gospel of this Sunday says: "And Jesus was filled with the Spirit and he was taken to the desert. He stayed in the desert for forty days and was tempted by devils."

We Christians possess the most valuable treasure in the world: Jesus Christ is among us and within us. Sometimes we are out of touch, out of touch with the treasure that we possess, and out of touch with the riches that we already have. Why? Perhaps, we focus much on some of the external dimensions of life. We are tempted to identify ourselves with material possessions, with earthly riches, with social positions and with fame. But we miss something. We are like some who just looks at the outside of the box while missing the treasure inside the box. While focusing on material riches we forget the treasure which we have and possess in our life, that is the Lord, the Lord of life and of our being.

The journey with the Jesus during Lent is a journey of spiritual discovery. Jesus invites us to go to the desert with him in order to discover ourselves, to recognize who and what we are. Even though we are sinners and unworthy to be with the Lord, but the Lord has granted us grace to possess the Lord in our life. Let us joyfully journey with the Lord during this holy season.

All of the practices we do during Lent, our daily prayers, daily Mass, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, fasting, reconciliation with the Lord and with others, are wonderful ways of strengthening our spiritual lives. They remind us that each of us has the capability of making the Lord present in the world. God can and will use each of us to transform the world if we just allow him to be with us.

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to transform the world. He invites us to join Him on the journey during this Lent. May our Lent be for each of us a journey of discovery, the discovery of the Life of Christ within us. That is the most valuable gift we have in our life.

May God bless us all!

— *Fr. Joe*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Happy Lent to all! 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!**
- 2. *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!***
- 3. 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.**
- 4. *If you need a financial statement***

regarding your contributions of 2024 to our church for tax purposes, please call the church office. We are glad to do it for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

03/08 Saturday 5:00 pm + Betty Hrinko
 03/09 Sunday 7:00 am + Robert Digiovanni
 9:30 am (SI) For the Black Family
 12:00 pm + Tomas Ibarra Olvera
 03/10 Monday NO MASS
 03/11 Tuesday 7:00 am + For the family
 of Suc Nguyen
 03/12 Wednesday 7:00 am + Maria Hoavo
 03/13 Thursday 7:00 am (SI) Intensions of Ac
 Quyen
 03/14 Friday 7:00 am (SI) For the Hanh's
 family

NEXT WEEKEND

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to soften our heart so that it may open itself to experience the hidden thirst and hunger for communion with God."

Friday, March 14

Join us at **6:00pm** as we pray and meditate on the Passion & Death of Jesus through the **Stations of the Cross.**

UPCOMING

March 14 Knights' Fish Fry following Stations
 March 19 **An Evening with Bishop Martin,**
 BMHS
 March 20 The Mystery of Holy Confession
 (ICC.org)
 March 22 **Rite of Election, St. Pius X**
 March 25 **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

March 27 Partners in Hope Dinner, W-S
 Mar 29 Health Care Ethics Conference,
 Charlotte
 April 3 Penance Service, IHM
April 13 PALM SUNDAY: HOLY
WEEK BEGINS
April 20 EASTER SUNDAY
 Apr 26-30 Spring Furniture Market
April 27 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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 Laguereuel
 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: \$ 4,072.00
 DSA: \$ 985.00
 Votive Candle: \$ 100.00
 Mass Intension: \$ 40.00

Total: \$ 5,197.00

THANK YOU!

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.
Our 2025 DSA assessment is \$25,012.00

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!

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP MARTIN

This 45-minute parent-focused event offers practical takeaways to help with parenting a Holy Family when you aren't the Holy Family. This event is open to community members in the Diocese of Charlotte. WEDNESDAY, March 19th at 6:30pm, Bishop McGuinness High School in Kernersville. Information/RSVP on BMHS Facebook page.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

— Days of required fast & abstinence for Catholics ages 18-59.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

— Days of abstinence for those 14 & over.

*Health & circumstances considered

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.