**FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 9-10th, 2024**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Gospel reading**

Jn 3:14-21

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world,

but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light,

so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,

so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

**Intercession**

That, alive with the joy of Jesus, our Diocesan Ministry Appeal may bless our community greatly.

**Copy for bulletin announcement**

Jesus says in today’s Gospel *that “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God”* (John 3:21).

Our parish wants to do everything in the light, so hungry souls can see Jesus living through us. Without His light, souls who need Jesus can’t see that He lives in our parish, in our tabernacle.

Already more than halfway through Lent, the Church bids us rejoice! Laetare Sunday is a day of light. Jesus gave purpose and power to human suffering. *“In the Lord your labor is not in vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you support our Diocesan Ministry Appeal, you help your neighbors find His light in the darkness and hope when it’s needed most. May God be with you.

**Copy for pulpit announcement**

Today, Laetare Sunday, the Church reminds us of the joy we have because of Jesus. Our faith is not in vain! We want to help people find the same hope and through your gifts, you help our parish succeed and provide hope and light to others. Drink deeply of his joy today, taking strength for tomorrow! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Social media post/content**

Photo: A beautiful sunrise landscape.

Text: *“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light.”* – John 3:21

Copy: Laetare Sunday is a reminder that joy is always available for Jesus’ followers. Christ holds the keys of life and death. He loves us! Our faith is not in vain.

When you support our Diocesan Ministry Appeal before Lent ends, you’ll help others find the truth, light, and hope that we all have in Jesus.