Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Happy 2nd Sunday of Lent. Every Lent, the first and second Sunday always refer to the same Gospel story - the temptation of Jesus in the desert and the Transfiguration of Jesus. Although about Jesus, it actually applies to us. We recognize that due to the fallen nature of humanity, temptation is a part of our regular lives. The devil is cunning and will continue to tempt us, even in the little things, to choose him over God. He lures us in by offering us power, possession and pleasure. That is what he tempted Jesus with in last week's Gospel. But, Jesus remained firm in his faith in the Father and the "angel's ministered to him." The Lord sends the same angels to us to help us fight against sin and temptation. Be prepared and be on guard and choose the Lord in all things.

This week, Jesus is transfigured before the Apostles - Peter, James and John. He reveals to them the glory of God and the heavens which they are invited to enjoy one day. This revelation helps them see what awaits them, but once again, only if they have faith. Rather than staying on the mountain top in the glory of the God, they returned back down into the life they briefly left. This act signifies our own lives. When we have powerful encounters of God it is as if we are on a mountain top, but then we too have to return to the norms of life. We have a choice though on our return, either live renewed knowing that the Lord is with us or live as if he is not there. These moments of encountering God are given to us in moments when God knows we need it the most. Allow them to strengthen you and give you the faith to know that God is always there.

This weekend, 23 of our confirmation teens will be going on retreat to encounter the love and goodness of God. Pray for them and the leaders who will be guiding them to the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless you during this season of Lent.

Mary, Mother most pure... pray for us.

- Fr. Mike



Our confirmation teens and catechists joined Fr. Mike at Youth Day and RECongress. It was an opportunity for them to be strengthened and formed in their faith and love of God.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

The deposit amount for the First Sunday of Lent was **\$8,893.** Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Sexting" is the sending of sexually explicit messages or images via text. Sexting commonly happens in conversations between teens and tweens, and usually involves nude "selfies." When these images are shared or distributed on social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat, the problem is made worse. Some states have laws against sexting that could have criminal ramifications for teens. To learn more, read the VIRTUS[®] article "Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Entendiendo el "sexteo"

El sexteo es el envío de mensajes o imágenes sexualmente explícitos a través de texto. El sexteo ocurre comúnmente en conversaciones entre adolescentes y preadolescentes, y generalmente incluye "selfies" desnudos. Cuando estas imágenes se comparten o se distribuyen en plataformas de redes sociales como TikTok, Instagram y Snapchat, el problema empeora. Algunos estados tienen leyes contra el sexteo que podría tener ramificaciones criminales para los adolescentes. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS[®] "Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials" (Respondiendo al delito de materiales de abuso sexual infantil) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



<u>Misa en Espanol</u>

Los Domingos a la 1:30pm

Charismatic Prayer Group

This prayer group meets every Saturday at 11am in the school. Come and let's pray together.

Divine Mercy Apostles Prayer Group

This prayer group meets every Thursday ay 6:15pm in the School. Join with the group to recite the Chaplet of Mercy and meditate for His unfathomable Mercy.

Mass Schedule Change Until Further Notice

Due to the shortage of priests, we will have the Tuesday 5pm Mass only on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. We still have the regular Tuesday 8am Mass. Pray for more priests.



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS AT 5:30PM CONFESSIONS FRIDAYS AT 5:30PM SATURDAYS AT 8:45AM

PENANCE SERVICE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 6PM

TOGETHER IN MISSION

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START DATE: 2/11/24 PARISH GOAL: \$31, 194 Pray to see how you can best support the parishes and schools most in need.