

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



February 18, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we are fast approaching the holy season of Lent. The word Lent itself means Spring! Perhaps it is good that we begin Lent when the weather is still cold, and life seems somewhat dormant. Lent is the time when we can assess our spiritual lives and discipline ourselves to climb the hill of Calvary with Our Lord. The discipline of Lent reminds us as Catholic Christians that the sufferings we endure in our own lives ultimately bring us into union with the suffering Christ endured for our salvation.

As Easter dawns, however, the cold of winter gives way to the joy and warmth of spring and the promise of eternal life won for us by Christ's victory over sin and death. The Church dramatically symbolizes the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in the Easter Triduum. On Holy Thursday we experience in the Mass of the Last Supper the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, Christ's gift to us of himself for all time and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, we walk with Christ to Calvary and at the great Easter Vigil, we welcome new members into our Church as we joyfully celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead and our incorporation into His life, death, and resurrection.

As we walk the hill of Calvary this Lent, may we never forget that it is the cross which leads us to eternal life with Christ. Let us follow His path and be Pilgrims of Hope.

May we also remember in our charity the joy of Easter that centers around our parish life. The good work of our parish and the cost of providing for it continues. Please be as generous as possible in your Easter donation this year.

May you be filled with Easter joy!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Jack Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Father Jack Ward
Pastor