



**THIS LITTLE LIGHT...**  
*the weekly LUMINARY*  
March 23, 2025

### REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

**Luke 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”** The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.



### *Laetare Sunday* *March 30th*

The church is called to joyful anticipation of the victory to be won. This joyful theme provides the lightening from the penitential emphasis of Lent. The celebrant of the Eucharist has been permitted to wear rose-colored vestments which express the change of tone in the Lenten observance. We would like our congregation to wear **pink** as well.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Group led Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 3:15 PM and following the Good Friday service led by Judy Huffman at our outdoor Stations. A self-led Stations of the Cross can be performed individually, either inside or outside, by using booklets located at the back of the sanctuary. Please return booklets when finished.

### WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

Registration is now available for *Walking the Mourner's Path*. The eight week course will be held in the Conference Room and begin Monday, April 7, at 1:00 PM and conclude on May 26. The bereavement facilitators are Deacon Meg Lewis and Pastoral Care Minister Sharon Mather. This very successful grief program will be for any woman experiencing the death of a loved one either recently or unresolved grief from the past. The sign up sheet will be in the church office but you may also contact Sharon Mather at 623.202.7544 for further information. This program is also available for men which is also led by trained facilitators.

### PLATES OF LOVE

Today's Plates of Love offering will support Advent's Clergy Discretionary Fund. This special fund aids parishioners and others in need, as determined by Advent Clergy.

### THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

#### ***Monday, March 24***

9:00 AM Happy Hat Hookers  
7:00 PM Ballroom Dancing-PH

#### ***Tuesday, March 25***

11:00 AM Exercise Class

#### ***Wednesday, March 26***

8:30 AM Women's Weight Management  
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist w/Healing Service  
4:45 PM Lenten Soup Supper & Study

#### ***Thursday, March 27***

3:00 PM Advent Choir Practice

#### ***Friday, March 28***

10:00 AM Loss and Grief Support Group-CR

#### ***Saturday, March 29***

8:30 AM Altar Guild  
9:30 AM Flower Guild  
11:00 AM Randy Justice Celebration of Life

## Advent Prayer List—March 23, 2025

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

*\*Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

Justine  
Katie  
Nicole  
Odile  
Connie Archbold  
Ruth Bookout  
Jeanne Boyd\*  
Bonnie Briscoe\*  
Tom Carroll\*  
Sally Charalambous\*

Jim Clark  
Danielle Mancano-Cloutier  
Donna Contonis\*  
Dotty Eubank\*  
Clyde Hansen  
Sherry Holleman  
Bob Horne  
Sibyl Krebs\*  
Rita Latham\*  
Pat O'Neill

Beverley Rader\*  
Richard Raszkievicz\*  
David Raymer\*  
Susan Syquia\*  
Phyllis Widowski  
Carol Wright  
Russ Yensen  
The Family of Lucy Lynch\*†  
The Family of Randy Justice\*†

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP WITH RAPH MARTIN



The season of Lent is upon us. It is a graced period, beginning Ash Wednesday, and concluding with the triduum - or last three days of the Lenten cycle, namely, Holy Thursday, April 17, Good Friday, April 18, and Holy Saturday/Easter Morning, April 19/20.

On six of the Lenten Wednesdays, parishioners are invited to participate in a Lenten supper of soup followed by a brief period of reflection on the words and actions of Christ that are the focus of the triduum period. This will also be a time for parishioners to engage with our presenters (Judy Huffman and Raph Martin) and with one another to be uplifted by the traditions, scriptures, and invitations they hold before us so as to understand better the faith we have been heir to.

(There will be a lot of information presented which we believe will need to be continued through special classes throughout the year! So get ready to be challenged. Start by signing-up for our Post-Lenten programs!) For more information please contact Raph Martin at 925.287.1287 or [raph-martin@gmail.com](mailto:raph-martin@gmail.com).

### HEALING PRAYERS

As a part of our Sunday morning worship services we will offer healing prayers in the back of the sanctuary following communion and in the Prayer Room following each service.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 24  
Norman Kelln  
Christine Turner

March 25  
Eugene Truppe



### THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARY

March 25  
Cliff & Marie Sowle

### PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

*Save us, O Lord, as your people, from being inward-looking and backward-looking in the work of the church. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves and turn them on the world around us: to be concerned less with what we have accomplished or where we have failed and more with what remains to be done: that with our vision enlarged and our love rekindled, we may go forward to attempt new and greater things to your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*