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Dear Parish Family,

Laetare Sunday! This is the name given to the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It means Rejoice!! We are halfway through this Holy Season of Lent and soon we will arrive at the joys of Easter!

So, at this halfway point here are a just a few thoughts for us to remember. First, to think of Lent only as a time of penance is not enough. We are all called to also change our sinful ways - a change of mind and heart toward new ways of thinking and acting. This involves taking a look at where we are and trying to see where we ought to be. It is looking at our values and how they measure and compare to the values that Jesus offers to His followers.

Second, these final weeks of Lent is the time of final preparations for our Catechumens and Candidates who will join us in our Catholic faith. Let us pray for them and be reminded of the need to renew our commitment when we were baptized and became members of God's people.

Finally, the season of Lent prepares us for Holy Week - the most sacred days of the year when we celebrate the suffering and death of Jesus, the Lord's gift of Himself in obedience to the mission He receives from His Heavenly Father.

We need to be aware of these three things during this Holy Season. Sometimes the church plays only one these themes. Sometimes two or even three of them are presented together to make us be aware that a change of heart, beginning a new life and participating in the sufferings of Jesus are all part of what it means to be His disciples!

Rejoice!

Fr. Dwight

P.S. I would not want you to be late for Mass so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour for this Sunday morning as Daylight Savings Time starts on March 14.

Please join for me for Stations of the Cross this evening in the church at 7:00pm and it is also livestreamed on our YouTube/smlj channel.

And we have the KC Lenten Fish Fry this evening. The drive-thru will be open from 4:30 - 6:30pm.