

LENT



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Jesus

PETERSTOWN TEC

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By: Deacon Vince Slomian



Dear TECites and family, Lent 2017

We are in the middle of the Lenten Season that started on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. That evening we started our first meeting for TEC #204. We are preparing for the weekend of TEC #204 on April 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Tridium begins on Holy Thursday, April 13th, Good Friday, April 14th and Holy Saturday, April 15th and then of course EASTER Sunday on the 16th. (Otherwise, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (of the Lord's Passion).)

I would like to talk about the liturgy on Good Friday which invites us to enter more deeply into Christ's passion and death, an act which defeated the power of sin and evil and brought about our salvation.

The liturgy is known as Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and is the second day of the season the Church calls Sacred Tridium. This liturgy calls us to celebrate anew and enter more deeply into the heart of Paschal Mystery. We celebrate that Paschal Mystery at every Mass, of course, but do so more solemnly during the Tridium.

The account of the Passion, according to St. John shows us the extent of the suffering that Jesus experienced for our sake. We see how Jesus, in humble obedience to the will of His Father and out of love for us, freely chooses to die on the cross for the sake of our salvation. Mindful and grateful for all that Christ endured for our salvation, may we seek to take up our cross and follow Jesus, without counting the cost. May we help build up God's kingdom on earth, giving faithful witness to the Gospel that helps bring others to Christ, so that we might one day come to share eternal life in heaven.

We all experienced the Paschal Mystery on our TEC weekend, and now we can share that with our friends, peers, and family, by signing them up to attend the next TEC, #204. There is still time, but it's got to be done quickly. If you don't get them signed up now, get them signed up for the next TEC season, starting in September.

Are you wearing your TEC Cross? Turn it over and read what it says: "Christ is counting on you". Yes, he is counting on you to bring your brother (or) sister to him.

With Love and Peace in Christ,
Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Keep Your Light Shining !!!
Deacon Vince

LEAD ME LORD

ROBIN SANTMAN

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” These words are taken from Sacred Scripture, in 1 Samuel, Chapter 3. The young boy Samuel, and future prophet, awakens the older man, Eli because he thinks Eli has called to him. Eli recognizes that it is God calling Samuel. When it happens again Eli says to Samuel to tell the Lord that you are listening.

How do we let the Lord know that we are listening? It is through prayer that we are able to let the Lord know that we are listening. Prayer is one of the three pillars we as Christians embrace during the Lenten Season. The other two include fasting and alms giving. At this time I just want to focus on prayer.

As children we “learn” our prayers. Some may have been scripted for us but most prayers were memorized by us in religion classes and help from parents at home. Really, prayer is a “relationship” that we are “called” into, a relationship with God. We all want a deeper prayer life and Lent provides a great opportunity to make that commitment.

Whatever way, place, or time you choose to pray, don’t over commit to the amount of time but be realistic and what is doable for you. The way in which you pray usually changes at different times in your life. Twenty years ago when we had four young children, I would pray while taking a shower. That was my quiet time. Now I pray throughout the day whenever I want to talk with God. I spend about 10 minutes a day with a daily devotional. I also like to pray the rosary while driving alone in the car.

The Church provides a daily scriptural reading that can help you get started with prayer. (USCCB.org.bible.readings)

Go through the reading slowly and focus on a phrase or word that speaks to you. Reflect on it and then read the text again and put that phrase into context. If you read the passage a third time it may bring you into a mental conversation with God and how that passage touches you. “Listening” to Scripture and really focusing may give the Holy Spirit a chance to speak to you.

Another way to read a Gospel passage is to read it carefully and put yourself into that experience. Put yourself into that time and place. Mentally imagine yourself being there. What would you be thinking and what would you be feeling?

Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, or even a walk in nature may inspire you to seek silence and bring you to prayer. For some people, a prayer journal may be helpful so you may write down what you “encountered” during prayer. What did you hear while you were praying and how did you feel at that time?

Whatever way gets you to listen to the Lord this Lenten Season, remember HE is in control and probably more than happy that you are seeking a stronger relationship with HIM.

Lead Us Lord

TEC 204 TEAM

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WELCOME NEW TECITES

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Alejandro Aburto, Armando Baltazar, Zach Belan, Dash Burgess, Joe Cyr, Andrew Gillan, Carter Imel, Jeremy Lucus,
Brian Nambo, Jose Orozco, Dominic Pozzi, Justin Wiggins,
and Jarod Williams.

New TECite Team Members include
Fr. Jacob Valle, Cindy Becker, and John Becker.



HOOT HELP NEEDED-

Do you have a skit in mind for the upcoming Hoot? Perhaps you play a musical instrument or sing? Sharing the gift God has given you as an act of "WHEAT" during the Hoot would be great! Get together with some fellow TECites and put together a skit, sing some songs, be creative! Please contact Sam Becker (815-866-1002) or Sophia Suarez (815-915-3248) if you would like to be included in the variety show at the Hoot!

TEC COUNCIL OPENINGS-

Peterstown TEC Council will have several positions opening up for the next TEC Season. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Peterstown TEC Program as well as do some extra "WHEAT," contact Deacon Vince, Robin, or any present TEC Council member. (See TEC Council page on Peterstown TEC website) TEC Council is made up of teens and adults. There are 5 meetings (Wednesday nights before the 4th team meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.). We also meet once in August before the TEC Season and once in April at the end of the TEC Season. Serving on TEC Council is a great way to serve God and others as well as use your leadership skills!

SAVE THE DATE

CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT DATES



Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

March 22nd
TEC Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Safe Environment Session 6:30 pm in the gym

April 3rd
TEC #204 Girls' Weekend

April 9th
Follow Up 5:30pm in the lounge

April 16th
Easter Sunday

April 26th
End of Season TEC Council Pot Luck
6:00pm in the gym

July 7-9th
TEC Encounter 2017, Wichita, Kansas

KITCHEN NEWS

Peace and joy to you all!

TEC #203 is in the books. What a great group! We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the kitchen accomplish their mission!

Donations : Sullivans, Mendota, Heartland Meats, Mendota Knights of Columbus, Spring Valley Supermarket, R O Pros, M&S eggs, Vaessen eggs, Daniela McConville's cupcakes, Linda Kelsey's cupcakes, all the cookie bakers, Snack Ladies, Bun Lady, all the kitchen krew, and anyone else I may have left out. Everything and everyone is appreciated more than you will ever know.

Now on to TEC#204. I have heard from reliable sources that it will be epic. That having been said, we are going to need a lot of help. We are going to need all hands on deck! Please consider donating your time and/or talents to help make this another great TEC weekend. Also, we need candidates. It's your mission to get out there and share your light with others. Dudes, I need servers for Sunday evening banquet. Requirements are that you dress nicely and show up at 5:30 Sunday night. Also, if you made #203, you have to be at Mass, so you are not eligible to serve. Contact me at (815) 866-6889 if you want to serve.

Shine on all! Jill Ross, Kitchen Chair

TEC ENCOUNTER 2017

“Make Me Your Instrument”

If you are 18 or older, you could be making travel plans to attend TEC Encounter 2017, July 7-9th! TECites from Peterstown have attended the past couple of years. TEC Encounter is a great way to meet other TECites from other TEC Communities throughout the USA and other countries. There is time to play, pray, and brainstorm sharing ideas to bring back to the TEC Community. There is a silent auction, live auction, and plenty of music. It provides a wealth of information for you to share in your own TEC Community.

This year it is near Wichita, Kansas. All registration information may be found at teconference.org or you may follow TEC Links on the Peterstown TEC website. Click TEC Links, then click TEC Conference. If you do not have internet access and are thinking about attending TEC Encounter 2017, talk with Robin at 815-780-8402.



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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#204 as they prepare for the boy's TEC weekend to be held April 3.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. May God grace them with his healing touch and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC website at <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.

**PRAYER
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