

I am the Light of the World!

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are aware that following the light leads us to clarity, illumination in the dark and a sense of safety as we emerge from darkness. We know this instinctively. What happens when we feel lost, entrapped in darkness? Our hearts ache, our minds reel, our spirit feels encased. How can we navigate our way back into the light, back into clarity and out of confusion and strife?

"I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life" John 8:12

As Christians, we are earthen vessels that contain the treasure of Christ's light. It is His light that illuminates our hearts with the knowledge of God's truth – and lends us the blessed ability to be "the light of the world". Our purpose in this life is to be a beacon of light for those that seek goodness, justice, kindness and compassion. Imagine what our lives could be if we took this purpose to our daily interactions with others? Imagine how the very structure of our lives could change if we lead with kindness and light? This is possible! We can embrace our blessings from God and let His light shine through everything we do. It isn't easy to be kind or generous or humble, but we can share these gifts with others every day. Life doesn't have to be easy to be rewarding and full of light.

Jesus invites us to shine forth his light like a lamp for others to see, so that they may also come to God and move away from darkness. Let us make it our goal to carry within our hearts the light of the world to bring His hope to all who are searching. **Amen.**

Fr. Vincent Phung

Please make every effort to come to our Lenten Retreat from Monday, March 27th to Wednesday, March 29th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the evening. The theme for our Lenten Retreat is a Eucharistic Revival and will be led by Fr. Daniel Carda.

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