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Lent is the old English word for springtime because the root of the word is to lengthen. We are getting excited now that the daylight stays around longer and the temperatures have been warming up. We hope to experience a new spring in our lives after a season or even a lifetime of harsh winter shrouded in darkness during this Lenten and Easter season. As Christians, we believe and hope in the power and the promise of the Resurrection, the new and eternal life Jesus gains for all of us through His suffering and death on the cross and His rising from the dead on the third day, leaving behind an empty tomb. This is symbolized during the Easter Vigil with the blessing of the Easter fire and the Easter candle, the symbol of Christ, the light of the world, who guides our way on earth to our heavenly home. The Easter candle guides our way into the church toward the altar where we encounter Christ in the words of scripture we hear and the Eucharist we receive and share in the breaking of the bread. It is this gift that lights and warms our souls. It is a gift we must make time to nourish and strengthen during this Lenten season through our prayer, works of penance, and sharing. This is how the light of Christ warms and lights our souls with faith, hope, love, and peace in Jesus Christ, savior and redeemer.

Fraternally,
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