

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

— Romans 8:31b

### THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

|                                 | Offertory    | Development  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Last Week's Collection</b>   | \$3,250.00   | \$2,042.00   |
| Number of Families contributing | 134          | 110          |
| Total Pledge for 2018           | \$166,199.00 | \$167,136.00 |
| Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)       | \$22,134.00  | \$21,596.00  |
| Received to Date                | \$18,764.00  | \$15,574.00  |
| Envelopes Outstanding           | \$3,370.00   | \$6,022.00   |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2018 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$181.00               | \$1,371.00                   |

Twenty-seven ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 2018 Parish Goal        | \$25,705.00 |
| Amount Received to Date | \$1,017.00  |
| Amount Outstanding      | \$24,688.00 |

Twelve people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2018 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$15.00                | \$1,385.00                   |

Two people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$8.00.

23 **CHILDREN** contributed \$102.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$130.00.

**CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE** totaled \$298.00.

**BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS** totaled \$179.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 106, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 140 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-five enemy prisoners escaped from a prisoner-of-war camp by boring a tunnel through solid rock.

This feat must have taken them many months, because the tunnel was only wide enough for one man to work at a time. Their only tools were coal-stove shovels.

What ingenuity, patience and perseverance this task took! What hardships people will suffer to obtain liberty! Yet how little we do to preserve this precious gift entrusted to us by God.

If enough good people could be found to devote the same time and energy to preserve liberty and truth, as the evil doers spend in trying to destroy freedom, things would change for the better sooner than you think.

*Tomorrow is not here, and yesterday with all its sad mistakes is far away; I think I shall be busy with today!*

—Abigail Cresson

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Peyton Sherlock in loving memory of her on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. Harlow, Tommy DiCaprio and Majesty in loving memory of Jimmy Christopher Riley on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Big Joe Riley in loving memory of him on his 64<sup>th</sup> Birthday and in loving memory of Pete Deputy Riley on his Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

**Mar. 2: Religious Education Teachers**

**Mar. 9: Lectors**

**Mar. 16: Youth Group & Young Girls Organization**

**Mar. 23: Society of Mary Immaculate**

**Mar. 30: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pete Halston McNally and his basketball team, the Lakers, for winning the North Augusta Recreational Center Basketball Championship in their league.

**THE BANNERS OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the third time for Jim Preston Carroll and Cynthia Carroll.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

### MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

**MORNING PRAYER** Mon. thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER** Monday & Friday 6:30 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 4:15 p.m.

**MEANINGFUL LIFE**

*A Meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It is about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others.*

**MASTER’S TABLE** Jaqueline’s Legion Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master’s Table in Augusta this Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jaqueline.

**TREE & LIFE**

The tree does not bother about flowers that fall.  
It is always busy making new flowers blossom.  
Life is not about what we lost so far,  
It’s about what we can still grow.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A woman was overweight so her doctor put her on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat the procedure for two weeks. Next time I see you, you'll have lost at least 5 lbs."

But when the woman returned two weeks later, she had lost twenty lbs. The doctor was amazed. "Did you follow my instructions?"

"Yes," she said, "But I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."

"From hunger, you mean?"

"No, from skipping."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent;  
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion  
**Friday:** **Abstinence;** First Friday; World Day of Prayer  
**Saturday:** St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For Michael Jude O’Hara on his Birthday and for Mike Thomas O’Hara on his 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the souls of Betty McGuire and Huey Gabe Sherlock on their Birthdays.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Man on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph and for the repose of the soul of Big Joe Riley on his 64<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Johnny Riley.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Curly Riley on the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**MY DEAREST LOVE**

*My dearest love, I miss you,  
Much more than these words can tell.  
I ask the Lord each morning ,  
To keep you both safe and well.  
Through the day, you are in my thoughts,  
Regardless of what I do,  
And when I lay down to sleep,  
You are my every dream, too.  
Truly, God shall hold you close,  
Very close to His own heart,  
And my hand is holding yours,  
Yes, no matter where you are.*

**READERS**

**Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Sable & Mary Martha  
**Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Carolyn & Mary Regina Apple  
**Sun. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph  
**Sat. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Grace & Rita Riley  
**Sat. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa  
**Sun. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Ned’s Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** Joy  
**Tuesday** Cathy Lisa Butts  
**Wednesday** Mary Martha  
**Thursday** Allison  
**Friday** Karen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front Left Cup  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>** Bridget Ann Winnie Ann  
**Saturday 7:00 P.M.** Front Cup  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>** Jay Johnny Jay’s Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man’s Nora Rose Marie  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man’s Nora Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

**Monday** Mary Cat  
**Tuesday** Pete Man’s Nora  
**Wednesday** Ann T.  
**Thursday** Bibbie’s Catherine Ann  
**Friday** Bridget Ann

**COMIC DICTIONARY**

- **CHILDREN** – Creatures who disgrace you by exhibiting in public the example you set for them at home.
- **DENTIST** – One who, while putting metal into you’re your mouth, pulls coins out of your pocket.
- **DIET** – A short period of starvation followed by a gain of five pounds.
- **FUNERAL DIRECTOR** – A guy who tries to look sad during a \$10,000 funeral.
- **GLUTTON** – Someone who eats the slice of cake you wanted.
- **HAIRDRESSER’S** – A place where some women go to dye.
- **HEALTH** – The slowest possible rate of dying.
- **GOSSIP** – Letting the chat out of the bag..

**PRAYER CORNER**

*Gracious God, Creator of all good, thank You for the gift of life. Thank You for Your mercy and ever-faithful love. Bring joy to the hearts of my loved ones. May we see Your face in all people we meet, especially those most in need. Help us to be people of compassion and care for others. Inspire us to be people of great thanksgiving and bearers of Your bountiful love. Amen.*