

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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

— Romans 8:31b

### HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY’S READINGS

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

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

**Second Reading** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$3,331.00	\$3,014.00
Number of Families contributing	105	86
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$26,036.00	\$26,240.00
Received to Date	\$20,973.00	\$17,491.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,063.00	\$8,749.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$204.00	\$1,620.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$50.00	\$56,572.00

One person people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$102.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$104.00.

**BAA** totaled \$55.00.

**BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS** totaled \$70.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a young woman came out of her house. She saw three old men standing in front of her house who looked hungry. So she said to them, “Please come in. I’ll provide you with something to eat.” They asked, “Is your husband home?” The woman replied, “No he’s not at home.” The three old men refused to come in. “We can’t come in.”

When her husband returned home, she told him everything. The husband told his wife, “Go invite them now.” The wife went out and invited them. They replied, “We don’t go together at any home.” The woman looked surprised and asked them, “What? Why?” One of the three men replied, “My name is Wealth.” He then pointed his finger to the others and said, “He is Success and he is Love. Now go inside and decide which one among us you want as a guest in your house.”

The woman went inside and told everything to her husband. Her husband got excited, “Wow..., let us welcome Wealth to our house. He will make our house full of wealth.” His wife argued, “No, let us invite Success.” Their daughter said, “Why can’t we invite Love? Our little house will be full of love if he enters. The couple agreed to go with their daughter’s suggestion.

The woman went out and said, “I want Love to come in and give us a chance to offer our hospitality.” When Love moved forward, the other two followed him. The woman was surprised to see this. She said, “I only gave an invitation to Love, why are you both coming in?” One old man replied, “If you had invited Success or Wealth as your guest the other two would not have come in and remained outside. But you’ve invited Love and wherever he goes, we follow.”

**This story teaches us that wherever there is love in this world, there is also success and wealth accompanying it.**

*“I give you a new Commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.”* —John 13:34

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Black Pete, Bridget Anna and Johnny Ringo in thanks for Juda on her 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. Pete Mike, Allison, Luxe and Seve in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Big Joe Riley in loving memory of him on his 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
4. the Family of Nora Dempsey and Mary Carroll in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
5. the Family of Black Pete Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death; in loving memory of Winnie Ann on her 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and in loving memory of Big Johnny’s Winnie on the Anniversary of her death;
6. the Family of Kate Hunn in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
7. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 p.m.

**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. 5: Religious Education Teachers**
- Mar. 12: Lectors**
- Mar. 19: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.**
- Mar. 26: Society of Mary Immaculate**
- Apr. 2: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** will be held daily at 3:00 P.M. in the Church during Lent.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague for a special intention; and to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A husband drew up his chair beside his wife’s sewing machine. “Don’t you think you’re running too fast?” he asked. ‘Look out! You’ll sew the wrong seams. Slow down, watch your fingers! Steady!’

“What’s the matter with you, John?” said his wife in alarm. I’ve been using this machine for years.”

“Well, dear, I thought you might like me to help you since you help me drive the car.”

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of soul of Pete Man O’Hara on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on her Birthday and Black Pete’s Winnie Ann on her Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Curly Riley on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For Monroe on her 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU**

*I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!*

*I didn’t ask for wealth or fame  
I knew you wouldn’t mind.  
I asked him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind.*

*I asked that He be near you  
At the start of each new day;  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!*

*I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small.  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed the most of all!*

**READERS**

- Sat. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Mary Martha & Julie Ann
- Sat. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Ritz & Savannah
- Sun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey
- Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Dayna & Leah
- Sun. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** - Reed
- Tuesday** - Christina Apple
- Wednesday** - Bryce
- Thursday** - Allison
- Friday** - Mary Cabrina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** - Kim Gallon
- Wednesday** - Rosie Cat
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Front Mary Margaret  
Right Cathy Pole  
Left Kim Gallon

**Saturday 7:00 P.M.**

- February 27<sup>th</sup>** March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Kim Gallon Mary Cat

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

- February 28<sup>th</sup>** March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Rose Marie Rose Marie  
Mary Cat Mary Cat

**WHY 40 DAYS OF LENT?**

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness.

**NEVER LOSE HOPE**

**Every exit has an entry somewhere.  
Every end has a new beginning.  
Every dark cloud has a silver lining.**

**LIFE IS AN ECHO**

- ❖ **What you send out – comes back.**
- ❖ **What you sow – you reap.**
- ❖ **What you give – you get.**
- ❖ **What you see in others- exists in you.**
- ❖ **Do not judge – so you will not be judged.**
- ❖ **Radiate and give love and love will come back to you.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

**A LENTEN PRAYER**

Lord, Jesus, in this Lenten season, I want to draw closer to you. I believe that you truly became one of us to save us as an act of love beyond all human understanding. I know I can count on you to carry me through each day. I know that in all circumstances you are with me. I want to love you more than myself and say “yes” to your will in every moment. I trust totally in your grace. Thank you, Lord! This Lent, I want to learn to love you more, as you deserve, I want to be the person you want me to be. Amen.

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and deliver from harm. There is no trouble, nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service. Amen.*