

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$2,908.00	\$2,312.00
Number of Families contributing	93	76
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (10 Weeks)	\$31,910.00	\$32,390.00
Received to Date	\$24,541.00	\$20,048.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,369.00	\$12,342.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$231.00	\$1,358.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$110.00	\$32,316.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$147.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$55.00.

BAA totaled \$256.00.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS totaled \$87.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A woman used to go to the park every Wednesday with her son and an elderly man. She used to sit on a bench and, whilst her son was playing, she'd talk with the man. What made all the other women suspicious, though, was a small detail. Every Wednesday, the woman used to arrive with a different elderly man.

After a few weeks, the ladies curiosity was so strong they approached the child and they asked him, "Hello, the man your mom is talking to, is he your grandfather?" The boy replied absentmindedly, "Nom he's Frank, my mom's friend. My mom spends a lot of time with elderly people."

The other moms listened to those words, slightly perplexed and started speculating. "Surely, she must be taking advantage of those elderly people," one of them claimed. "True, weak people are easily swindled!" another one echoed.

A few days later the woman showed up at the park with just her son. She sat on the bench and one of the mothers got close to her. "Are you alone today? No companions?" she asked wickedly.

The woman didn't get it or pretended not to. She smiled and said, "Yes, I'm alone today. My companions were busy. You see, I work in an elderly home." She answered staring at her. "I work so much that I can hardly spend any time with my son. That is why, to be able to do both, I created this little habit: every Wednesday afternoon I come to the park with my son, and I bring along an elderly person from the home. I usually bring along the loneliest or those who look the saddest. Perhaps you expected some gossip to share with your friends. I'm sorry I've let you down."

The woman and the other moms looked embarrassed. Their prejudices had pushed them to see something rotten where there was only good and selflessness. Since that day, they've learnt much more than a simple lesson. They often joined the woman in her conversations with the sweet men.

Preconceived ideas act like a wall we put up between us and other people. It prevents us from seeing their true nature, and pushes us to make false stories, which are often difficult to erase.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Paris in thanks to St. Joseph, St. Padre Pio, and St. Anthony for Creed on his 10th Birthday;
2. Pat Butts, Susan and Family in loving memory of Tom Butts on the 27th Anniversary of his death;
3. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHERIAN

Friday, March 18th is Fr. Cherian's Birthday.

St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish

Fr. Cherian a very, very, very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jack Bud Carroll and Darien Carroll.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 13th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK will be celebrated this Thursday, March 17th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. To prepare ourselves for the Feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer this Monday, March 14th. The Youth Group will take care of the Feast.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated next Tuesday, March 22nd at 12 NOON Mass. To prepare ourselves for the Feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer next Saturday, March 19th. The Young Girls Organization will take care of the Feast.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

MORNING ANDEVENING PRAYER Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent.

MORNING PRAYER Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Friday 6:30 p.m.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7 P.M. followed by the Stations of the Cross.

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. 18: Religious Education Teachers
Mar. 25: Lectors & Teen Girls Group
Apr. 1: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.
Apr. 8: Society of Mary Immaculate
Apr. 15: 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 \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa, St. Raphael, and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK **Howard dies and waits in line for judgement. He notices that some souls go right into heaven, while Satan throws others into a burning pit. But every so often, instead of hurling a man into the fire, the devil tosses it aside.**

Curious, Howard asks Satan, "Excuse me, but why are you tossing them aside instead of flinging them into hell with the others?"

"They're from Seattle," Satan replies. "They're too wet to burn."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins
Thursday: St. Patrick
Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; **Abstinence**
Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Bubby Ed on the 12th Anniversary of his death and for the repose of the soul of Blockey's Shirley on her Birthday.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Mary Francis Rouk on her Birthday.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Man O'Hara on the 5th Anniversary of his death and for the repose of the soul of Barbara Jean Carroll on her Birthday.
Thursday: For Eddie Michael Sherlock on his Birthday and for Pete Gerard Riley on his Birthday.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood and in thanks for Fr. Cherian on his Birthday.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 12th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann
Sat. Mar. 12th, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Mary Martha
Sun. Mar. 13th, 10:00 A.M. Monroe & Christina Apple
Sat. Mar. 19th, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sat. Mar. 19th, 7:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah
Sun. Mar. 20th, 10:00 A.M. Monroe & Christina Apple

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Ashley Carroll
Tuesday - Ritz
Wednesday - Ivana
Thursday - Katsyn
Friday - Graclynn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Kim Gallon
Tuesday - Nora
Wednesday - Catherine Ann
Thursday - Mary Cat
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **March 12th**
Front Winnie Ann
Right Cathy Pole
Left Catherine Ann
Saturday 7:00 P.M. **March 12th**
Right Bridgette Anna
Left Jean
Sunday **March 13th**
Rose Marie
Sunday **March 20th**
Rose Marie

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 judged – so you will **NOT** be judged.
- Radiate and give **LOVE** – and love comes back to you.

WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

There are two ways of knowing how good God is: one is never to lose Him, and the other is to lose Him and then to find Him.

BEAUTIFUL LINES:

**We can't upload luck,
We can't download time,
Google can't give all the answers in life.
So just login to reality and like the status of your life.**

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

PRAYER FOR MY HEART

Lord Jesus, my heart is cold. Make it warm, compassionate, and forgiving towards all, even those who do me harm. May I only think and say what is pleasing to you and be of kind service to all I meet. Amen.