

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

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

— Psalm 27:1

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

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

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | \$3,418.00 | \$2,370.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 117 | 89 |
| Total Pledge for 2019 | \$167,031.00 | \$163,188.00 |
| Pledged to Date (10 Weeks) | \$33,027.00 | \$32,208.00 |
| Received to Date | \$26,343.00 | \$21,954.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$6,684.00 | \$10,254.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$380.00 | \$2,904.00 |

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$285.00 | \$6,957.00 |

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

19 **CHILDREN** contributed \$72.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$73.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 90, 7:00 p.m. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 105.

QUIPS & QUOTES

- ❖ **It seems Church members have been starched and ironed, but not washed.**
- ❖ **God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to Church, reading Bibles and knowing the truth. But we can keep them from forming an abiding relationship with Christ. If they gain it, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. So distract them from gaining hold of their Savior.

"How shall we do this?" shouted the evil angels.

"Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life. Tempt them to spend, then borrow. Convince the wives to go to work for long hours and the husband to work for six or seven days a week, so they can afford their lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work. Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive, and to keep the TV, VCR, CD's and their PC's going constantly in their homes. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.

Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, tired and no time for praying. Don't let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead. When they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotion."

After the convention, the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy and rush here and there.

Has the devil been successful at his schemes? You be the judge.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Patsy Butts in loving memory of him on 3rd Anniversary of his death;
2. Eddie, Patricia and Family in Thanksgiving;
3. the Family of Rose Mary Carroll in loving memory of her on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Pete Gerard Riley and Eden O'Hara.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHERIAN

Monday, March 18th is Fr. Cherman's Birthday.

St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish

Fr. Cherman a very, very, very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 A.M Mass. The Youth Group will take care of the Feast.

HOW DO YOU OBSERVE LENT

- Do you go around with a sad look on your face, or complaining about the sacrifices you feel have been “imposed” on you?
- Do you feel burdened by the practices of your faith?
- Do you go through the 40 Days of lent with a quiet joy in your heart?

With the feeling of hope that after these 40 days, there is something much, much greater to look forward to.

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. 22: Religious Education Teachers
- Mar. 29: Lectors
- Apr. 5: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.
- Apr. 12: Society of Mary Immaculate
- Apr. 19: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

THANK YOU to four members for their donations to St. Expedite.

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.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

There was a funeral procession with 6 white horses, a coach carriage with 2 coffins, a man with a dog and 200 men walking behind it. A passerby asked. “Who died?” He was told to ask the man with the dog. The man told him it’s his wife and mother-in-law.

The passerby asked, “How did they die?” “The dog killed them,” the man answered. He then asked if he could borrow the dog. “Okay,” said the man, “Get in line.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick’s Day
- Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Tuesday: St. Joseph
- Wednesday: Spring begins
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: For Tommy McGuire on his 16th Birthday.
- Tuesday: For Eddie Michael Sherlock on his Birthday.
- Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Faro on the 1st Anniversary of his death.
- Friday: In thanks for Savvy Riley on her 2nd Birthday.

IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

READERS

- Sat. Mar. 16th, 4:00 P.M. Joy & Leah
- Sat. March 16th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Christina Apple
- Sun. Mar. 17th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria
- Sat. Mar. 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Karen & Cathy Lisa
- Sat. Mar. 23rd, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa
- Sun. Mar. 24th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday - Reed
- Tuesday - Karen
- Wednesday - Natalie
- Thursday - Celia
- Friday - Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M. March 16th
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- March 17th March 24th
Pete Man’s Nora Pete Man’s Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday Bridget Rita
- Tuesday Pete Man’s Nora
- Wednesday Rosie Cat
- Thursday Betty Jo
- Friday P.A.’s Ann Marie

A SMART ADVICE

*Work for a cause, not for applause.
Live life to express, not to impress.
Don’t strive to make your presence noticed,
Just make your absence felt.*

WALKING IS THE BEST EXERCISE

*Walk away from failures that stifle your dreams.
Walk away from people who do not care for you and who are opportunistic.
Walk away from arguments that lead you to nowhere but anger.
Walk away from people who deliberately put you down.
Walk away from any thought that reduces your worth.*

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

LORD JESUS I GIVE YOU

Lord Jesus, I give You my hands to do Your work. I give You my eyes to see as You do. I give You my tongue to speak Your words. I give You my mind that You may think in me. I give You my spirit that You may pray in me. Above all, I give You my heart that You may love in me, Your Father, and all mankind. I give You my whole self that You may grow in me, so that it is You, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen.