

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

“Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face.

It is Your face, O lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.”

Psalm 27(26):8-9

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,077.00	\$2,636.00
Number of Families contributing	11	96
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (8 Weeks)	\$28,624.00	\$29,046.00
Received to Date	\$23,622.00	\$18,425.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,002.00	\$10,621.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$241.00	\$1,855.00

Twenty-eight ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$60.00	\$11,933.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$1,459.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$152.00.

22 **CHILDREN** contributed \$114.00.

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE totaled \$733.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Dallas not long ago a thirty-five-year-old woman committed suicide. To one who didn't know her well, she would have seemed to have everything anyone could want out of life: comfort, social position, and the rest. Yet she often complained of the loneliness that had confronted her in childhood and had followed her all through her life.

Shortly before her death she spoke of the emptiness of her existence and referred to her life as a horrible mess.

Our hearts should go out to people like this. More often than not their whole outlook would have been healthy and normal if someone had showed a bit of interest in them. But left alone – trained only to concentrate on self – the qualities God put in them never get a chance to develop. With no proper outlet, stagnation and decay set in: pent up energy often goes haywire and an “explosion” inevitably is the result. Yet many a human tragedy could be averted by a little thoughtful solicitude on the part of some of us.

The small courtesies sweeten life; the greater ennoble it.

—Bovee

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. the Family of Furp in loving memory of him on his 83rd Birthday;
3. the Family of Ned's Frances in loving memory of her on her 90th Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Thomas Cruise Carroll and Luxe Sherlock.

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MORNING AND EVENING 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 7:00 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. 10: Religious Education Teachers

Mar. 17: Lectors

Mar. 24: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Mar. 31: Society of Mary Immaculate

Apr. 7: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK A Catholic priest spied a parishioner enjoying some tasty smoked sausage on Friday during Lent—a strict no-no in the church. The priest, being a pragmatic soul, told the man for his penance he was to bring a load of lumber to the church to help repair the roof.

The man grumbled but went off to do his penance. He arrived at the church on the next Friday and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust into the parking lot.

“What’s this?” the priest wanted to know. “I told you your penance was a load of lumber, not sawdust.”

The man replied coolly, “Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is lumber.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on the 12th Anniversary of his death.

Tuesday: For Mike Thomas on his 13th Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Deputy’s Mary Ann on her Birthday.

Wednesday: For the repose of soul Mary Lisa McNally on her Birthday and for Jimmy Chalkston on his 16th Birthday.

Thursday: 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 Eddie E. Raphael on his Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Pat Irishman Carroll on the 6th Anniversary of his death.

Friday: In thanks to Pope John Paul II.

JUST BECAUSE

*Just because you cannot see me,
Does not mean I am not there.
Just because I am in heaven,
Does not mean I do not care.*

*I often see you crying,
You often say my name,
I want to hold you tight,
I want to ease your pain.*

*It’s easy for me,
For I know heaven is real,
If you knew the truth,
How much better would you feel.*

*One day we will meet again,
But only when the time is right,
When you step out of the darkness,
I will be standing in the light.*

READERS

Sat. Mar. 4th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed Sat. Mar. 4th, 7:00 PM. Savannah & Ritz

Sun. Mar. 5th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Taniel

Sat. Mar. 11th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Macy Sat. Mar. 11th, 7:00 PM. Natalie & Apple’s Carolyn

Sun. Mar. 12th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Taniel

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Kara
Tuesday - Mary Martha
Wednesday - Katsyn
Thursday - Paris
Friday - Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Jack’s Mary Rita
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Betty Jo
Friday - Ned’s Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. March 4th
Right Winnie Ann
Left Bridget Rita

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

February Bridgette Anna & Theresa Hun

Sunday 10:00 A.M

March 5th Ned’s Rose Marie **March 12th** Nora

ENJOY THE LENTEN SEASON

**Give up complaining...and focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments...think kind thoughts.
Give up bitterness...turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred...return good for evil.
Give up anger...practice patience.
Give up gossiping...control your tongue.
Give up sin...turn to virtue.
You can’t direct the wind,
But you can adjust your sail.**

FUNNY CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT KIDS

- Applications are now being accepted for 2-year-old nursery workers.
- For those of you who have children and don’t know it; we have a nursery downstairs.
- Announcement to the Moms Who Care ladies’ group: There will be no Moms Who Care this week.

PRAYER CORNER

THANK YOU, LORD

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which You have given us – for all the pains and insults which You have borne for us. O Most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, for Your own sake. Amen.