

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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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 — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (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	\$1,959.00	\$1,268.00
Number of Families contributing	99	73
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (9 Weeks)	\$29,855.00	\$29,468.00
Received to Date	\$20,924.00	\$15,223.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,931.00	\$14,245.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$192.00	\$2,148.00

Twenty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$20.00	\$28,395.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$11.00.

28 CHILDREN contributed \$183.00.

BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS totaled \$41.00.

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 102; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 130 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A doctor entered the hospital in a hurry after being called in for an urgent surgery. Soon he changed his clothes and went directly to the surgery block. He found the boy's father pacing in the hall waiting for him.

On seeing him the father yelled, "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have any sense of responsibility?"

The doctor smiled and said, "I am sorry. I wasn't in the hospital and I came as fast as I could after receiving the call and now I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work."

"Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down?" said the father angrily.

The doctor smiled again and replied, "We will do our best by God's grace and you should also pray for your son's healthy life."

The surgery took some hours, after which the doctor went out happy, "Thank goodness! Your son is saved!" And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running by saying, "If you have any questions, ask the nurse."

"Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state?" commented the father when seeing the nurse. The nurse answered, tears coming down her face, "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was at the burial when we called him for your son's surgery. Now that he saved your son's life, he left running to finish his son's burial."

Never judge anyone because you never know how their life is and what they're going through. Be kind, don't judge and have respect for others. If we can do all this, the world will be a better place. The point is to teach this to the next generation.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Michael Jude and Alaina in thanks for Mike Thomas on his 10th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Pete Curley Riley in loving memory of him on the 9th Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Tommy Cowboy Riley in loving memory of him on his 77th Birthday;
4. Mary Jean and Children in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on his 71st Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

ALL ARE FREE

The richest wealth is WISDOM.

The strongest weapon is PATIENCE.

The best security is FAITH.

The greatest tonic is LAUGHTER.

Surprisingly, ALL ARE FREE.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 8th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

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. 13: Religious Education Teachers

Mar. 20: Lectors

Apr. 27: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Apr. 3: Society of Mary Immaculate

Apr. 10: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. To prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast we will begin a Triduum Prayer on Saturday, March 11th. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the Feast.

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. 3:30 p.m.

TWO THOUGHTS DECIDE THE SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE

1. The way you *MANAGE* when you have nothing in hands.
2. The way you *BEHAVE* when you have everything in hand.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. As a spiritual preparation for the Feast of St. Joseph a Novena will begin on Tuesday, March 10th. The Youth Group 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 Bridget Rita or the Church Office.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Wife: *Aren't you driving a little too fast, Dear?*
Husband: *Don't you believe in a guardian angel? He'll take care of us.*
Wife: *Yes, I do. But I'm afraid we left him miles back!*

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins;
International Women's Day
Monday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Pete Man O'Hara on the 3rd Anniversary of his death, Barbara Jean Carroll on her Birthday, and Maggie Taylor on the 12th Anniversary of her death.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Patsy Butts on the 4th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Anto..
Thursday: For the repose of the souls of Black Barney and Winnie Riley.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on his 31st Birthday.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 7th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley	Sat. Mar. 7th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Jay
Sun. Mar. 8th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
Sat. Mar. 14th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Leah	Sat. Mar. 14th, 7:00 P.M. Ivana & Natalie
Sun. Mar. 15th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Taneil
Tuesday	- Fallon
Wednesday	- Cathy Lisa
Thursday	- Natalie
Friday	- Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Feb. 29th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Mar. 1st	Mar. 8th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Margaret Butts
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Mary Cat

PRAYER

God is like WI-FI...He is available everywhere. But you have to connect to Him with a correct password which is PRAYER.

LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK

**Life is like a book.
Some chapters are sad.
Some are happy and some exciting.
But if you never turn the page you will never know what the next chapter holds.**

BEFORE YOU HURT SOMEONE

The most expensive liquid in the world is a tear.
It's made up of 1% water & 99% feelings.
THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU HURT SOMEONE.

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

LORD, GRANT US

O Lord, our God, grant us, we beseech You, patience in troubles, humility in comforts, constancy in temptations, and victory over all our spiritual foes. Grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for Your benefits, fear of Your judgement, love of Your mercies, and mindfulness of Your presence; now and forever. Amen.