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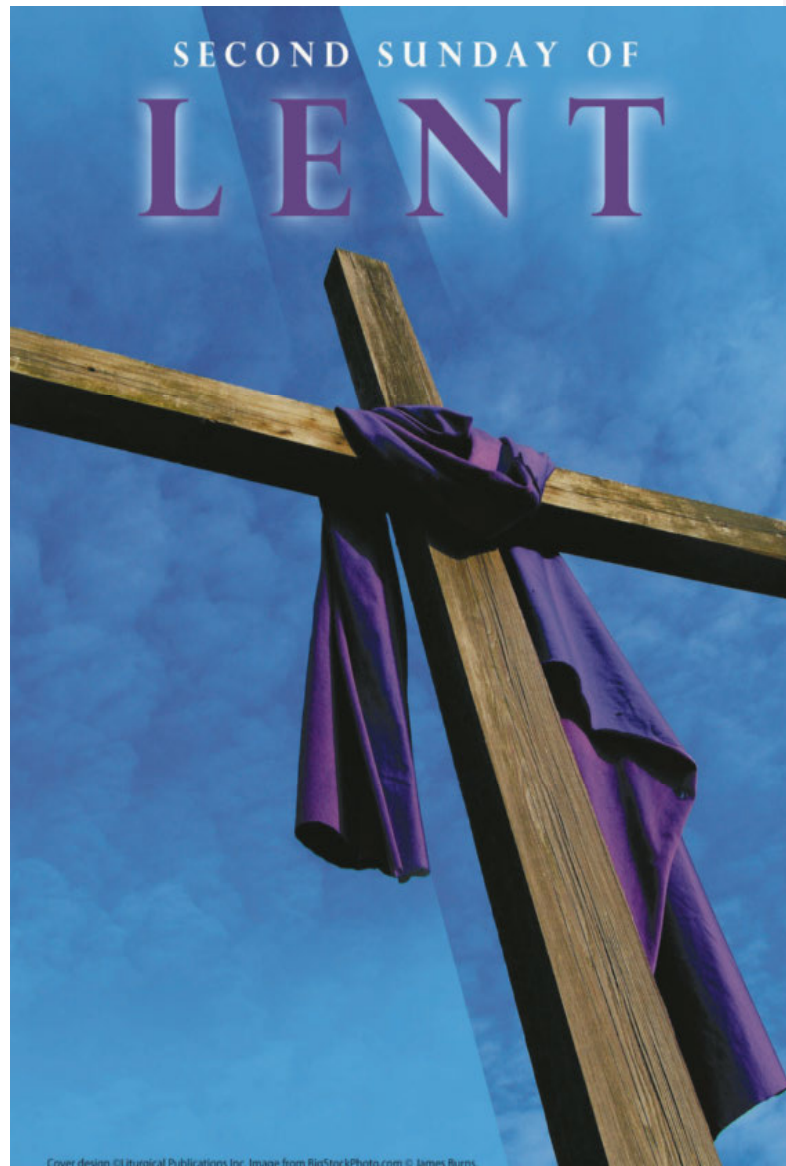
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March 5, 2023 • Second Sunday in Lent

# MASS INTENTIONS

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## Monday – March 6 Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

## Tuesday – March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
8:15 am Special Intention by Monica Krack

## Wednesday – March 8 St John of God

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
8:15 am †Holly Helf by Jeanne & Ted Fleagle

## Thursday – March 9 St Frances of Rome

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
7:00 am †Michael Cichy by Cichy Family

## Friday – March 10 Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
7:00 am †Agnes Schmitt Schneider  
by Penny Kelsey

## Saturday – March 11 Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
7:00 am †Jane Liu Shaw by Liu Family

## Sunday – March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
8:00 am People of Holy Family  
10:30 am Healing for Steve Kavalasuskus  
by Friday Prayer Group

# PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

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- **Open Door Café Desserts** - The March deadline to drop off desserts is Noon on Friday, **March 10th** at 4961 N. Woodruff Ave. Open Door Café remains unable to accept home baked goods at this time. Please donate any of the following boxes of individually packaged: Granola Bars, Snack Cakes, Single Serve Bags of Chips/Crackers/Cookies. Thank you to all our volunteers.
- **Senior Circle of Friends** - Lunch Tuesday, March 14, at 12 noon in McCormick Hall. Menu: Lasagna, cost \$8, pay at the door. Presentations by two HF parishioners – 1) Holy Family School's heart lab: A 15-year history of the science program's unit on the cardiovascular system by Beth Manley RN. 2) An interesting update on Current Heart Care by Dr. Jack Manley, interventionist cardiologist. Reservations due by March 10 at [holyfam@hfparish.org](mailto:holyfam@hfparish.org) or call the parish office at 414-332-9220.
- **Saturday Hospitality** - Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening meal after the 4:30pm Mass on March 11th.
- **Pantry Donations Needed** - Supplemental food benefits enacted during the Covid pandemic have ended. Your generous donations of non-perishable foods are greatly needed. They will be delivered to local pantries each week.
- **Hygiene Collection** - During Lent, the Holy Family Parish School and Religious Education Program are once again teaming up to collect hygiene items for the House of Peace. Collection boxes are located in the back of the church as well as in the school lobby. Items to be collected include: soap, body wash, dish soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush & floss, deodorant, lip balm, razors, hand sanitizer, feminine sanitary products, facial tissues, toilet paper roll, washcloth/baby wipes, hand/body lotion
- **Holy Family Book Club** - Our next Holy Family book club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00pm in the Kerstein Center library. We will discuss 'The Remains of the Day' by Kazuo Ishiguro. All are welcome, Please use the church office entrance.
- **Resurrection to New Life** - In your prayers please remember Robert Bal, whom God has called into eternity.



This week we're  
praying for the  
Bal family



This Sunday we hear a brief snippet from the Call of Abraham. God tells Abraham to leave behind his nation and land and follow God, and that if he did so, he would be blessed with a nation, a land, and a people (children). Abraham is faithful to this call, and he becomes for us Christians our "Father in Faith". Abraham was not Jewish - he did not have the ten commandments, the Ark, the Temple, or the law that later people would have to support him in his faithfulness. His faith was "blind". There was no precedent for him to follow or system for him to fit into. Abraham is not only our father in faith because we are his spiritual offspring, but also because he models for us a life of faithfulness. Jesus in his own parable of the Rich man and Lazarus indicates that those who enter the heavenly kingdom are embraced into the "bosom of Abraham".

We can and must imitate Abraham and his faithfulness. This is much more daring than we might believe. Abraham left behind things that were comfortable and certain, without knowledge of what the future would entail. Would he ever have enough to support his children? Would he even be able to conceive a child? What about the dangers of the wilderness and dangers of foreign enemies who might rob and kill him? If you are reading this article, chances are you are a Christian, who at least has some idea of "having faith". The contemporary vision of faith however is warped by our comforts and power, and we re-arrange Abraham's faithfulness. I remember speaking with an engaged couple. They were a young couple with professional white collar jobs, living together as though they were husband and wife now for a few years, and thoroughly enjoying the pleasures of being "dinks" (double income, no kids). When I speak with engaged couples, I always present to them the demands of the vocation of marriage. It is summarized well in the final blessing of a marriage: "May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God." It is assumed that the stability of the married state allows an overflowing of generosity. Well anyway, this particular couple expressed how they hoped that "someday, when they are established, they can be generous." I could paraphrase this idea, which is common enough as to be called ordinary today, "once I no longer need to trust God because I have figured it all out for myself, then I will begin to trust God." This is the opposite of Abraham's faithfulness. One author put it this way:

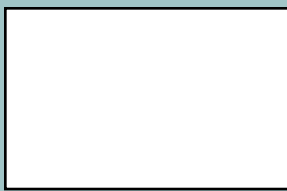
"We cannot experience this support from God unless we leave Him the necessary space in which He can express Himself. I would like to make a comparison. As long as a person who must jump with a parachute does not jump out into the void, he cannot feel that the cords of the parachute will support him, because the parachute has not yet had the chance to open. One must first jump and it is only later that one feels carried. And so it is in spiritual life: "God gives in the measure that we expect of Him," says Saint John of the Cross. And Saint Francis de Sales says: "The measure of Divine Providence acting on us is the degree of confidence that we have in it." (Jacques Philippe, Searching for and Maintaining Peace)"

Faith comes into play not after things have been solved, fixed, and secured, but before. And it is through faith, that things are solved, fixed, and secured in a way that is according to the great providential plan of the Father in heaven. How can we afford a Catholic School? How will I raise the kids by myself? How can I be happy if I don't leave him? How will I survive without him? There are many questions that are only answered in the doing, and peace flows after, not before.

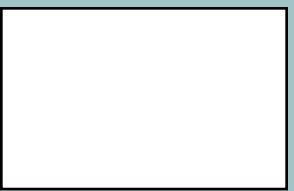
I will end with a recent conversation. I recently was helping my uncle tow his boat from the marina where the engine was being fixed. We ended up talking to the salesman for an hour (who grew up in Milwaukee, although we were in Florida). He raised his daughter as a single father, married a Brazilian woman, and after a near death experience, discovered faith in Jesus, and followed him whole heartedly. While not selling boats, he is in bible school and is preparing to be sent as a missionary to Mozambique with his wife. He expressed how he has no natural desire to go to Mozambique, but received an inspiration in a dream to become a missionary. After he nearly died, he said he "doesn't care anymore if people think he's a fool." He mentioned, jokingly, perhaps this is why God allowed him to marry someone fluent in Portuguese (one of the languages in Mozambique). This man was a real "Abraham" figure. Hearing his call first, then trusting and praying that God will figure out the details later. Our readings today ask us to re-arrange our vision of Faith, which is more a matter of doing and following than it is begging and receiving.

*Fr. Andrew*

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