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# LENT 2021

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February 28, 2021

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## Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

## Holy Day Masses

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## Daily Masses (Monday through Friday)

8:00 a.m.

## Penance

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

## Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Arrange with Pastor

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# Repent

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# Believe

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Sun., February 28th 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
*Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10*  
 Sat., 4:00 p.m. Parishioners  
 Sun., 10:00 a.m. Amparo Quizon (Dostalek family)

**Mon., March 1st**  
*Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38*  
 8:00 a.m. Vera Wyrobeck (Alison Kostreva)

**Tues., March 2nd**  
*Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12*  
 8:00 a.m. Gerry Reidy (Merry Heimel)

**Wed., March 3rd**  
*Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28*  
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

**Thurs., March 4th**  
*Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31*  
 8:00 a.m. Robert & Eva Kohler (Karen Kohler)

**Fri., March 5th**  
*Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*  
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

**Sat., March 6th**  
*Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*  
 8:00 a.m. No Service  
 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Confessions

**Sun., March 7th 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
*Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; John 4:5-42*  
 Sat., 4:00 p.m. Parishioners  
 Sun., 10:00 a.m. Franjo Čibarić (brother, Peter)

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**MINISTRIES NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH**

4:00 p.m. Reader: C. Schachel  
10:00 a.m. Reader: P. Rebro

**Last Sunday's Collection:** ..... \$2,340.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



**Catholic Stewardship Appeal:** Our Catholic faith calls each of us to respond to the needs of others by sharing God's love. **The Catholic Stewardship Appeal provides an important way for us to put our faith into action.** It is an invitation to meet the needs of the community across the ten counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Your financial help serves to ignite, renew and energize Catholic life across southeastern Wisconsin. There is no better, more convenient way to participate in making lives better than through the Appeal. All of our parishioners should have received or will receive literature about this appeal. Read the material carefully! Our assigned goal for this year is \$10,000.00. Make this part of your Lenten alms.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

*Excerpts to think about*

**First Reading**

*God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)*

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

**Second Reading**

*If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)*

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

**Gospel**

*"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)*

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

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**Stations of the Cross: Fri., March 6th and every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.**

Scripture readings, prayers, hymns and silent reflection offer an excellent way of meditating on the death/resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All are invited to come to this hour of Lenten prayer!

**Parish Council Meeting:** Monday, March 15th, 7:00 p.m., Heritage Hall. This is the first in person meeting in a while, so please come and remember to wear your face mask.

**Easter Flower Envelope**

This special envelope is in your February packet. If a memorial, mark the name(s) of the deceased/donor on the envelope. Please return by Monday, March 29th. Only such memorials will be published in our Easter bulletin.

**Lenten Reminders**

***Prayer - Fasting - Alms***

Use your **Catholic Update** and **Daily Reflections for Lent** booklet! Good prayer for these Lenten days!

*Put aside the frivolous - Reflect on the basics!*

Drop something in your Rice Bowl; these are still available in the vestibule. Return boxes by Sunday, March 28th.

One of many ways to give alms!

*Attend Weekday Mass one or two days per week.*



## Transfiguration Sunday *The Glory of the Lord in Humanity*

We are always presented with the Transfiguration of Jesus on the Second Sunday of Lent. Jesus is seen conversing with Moses, who as God’s messenger, gave the Ten Commandments to the people, and with Elijah, who as a fiery prophet, admonished the people to repent and return to God. Jesus, as God’s beloved Son, embodies the law and prophets within himself. Jesus was seen by Peter, James and John as the glory for all hope.  
A voice was heard from the cloud.

**“This is my beloved son. Listen to him.” (Mark 9:7).**

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The true beauty and glory of life are not always visible in our earthly bodies themselves; but rather in virtue, truth and goodness, which are always brewing and churning within us and at times, gloriously gush forth and overflow in our lives and into the lives of others. All of us have such gifted moments, which often come through prayer, fasting and alms; such moments should be treasured and nurtured as precious gifts bestowed by God. We, by ourselves, cannot earn such gifts; but we can diligently prepare our hearts to accept such moments whenever, wherever and however they are graciously given. The season of Lent is a time to grow in our appreciation of such moments of grace.

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### A Reflection on the Transfiguration from Pope St. Leo, the Great (d. 461)

“The great reason for this Transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed. With no less forethought, he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of the holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory, which first blazed out in Christ, their head. The Lord spoke of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.* St. Paul, the apostle, bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us.*

In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*”

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out.  
“Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying:  
*go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.*

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God.  
What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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