

# Cathedral of Raphael & St. Patrick Church

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February 27-28, 2021 | 2nd Sunday of Lent | 2º domingo de la Cuaresma

*I will  
walk  
before the  
Lord, in  
the land  
of the  
living.*

Psalm 116:9

**Reflection** Abraham is a key figure in today’s first reading. Having longed for a child, Abraham and Sarah had a child in their old age -a great blessing from God. Now we hear that God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, a strange turn of events-Why would God give a son only to take him away?

This caused Abraham to consider and eventually renew his own relationship with God; he had to look beyond the immediate to the big picture. It challenged Abraham to the depths of his being to remember the covenant that God made with him and his people.

Unlike a contract, which if someone fails to fulfill its terms ceases, a covenant is different. It is lasting in good times and in hardship. It is not always easy, but a covenant binds the parties together, and in our case with God.

The God whom Abraham began to know on Mount Moriah is the God who, as Paul tells us, took flesh in Jesus and intercedes on our behalf. God spared nothing, not even his only Son as part of the covenant.

The disciples began to comprehend this on the mountain of the Transfiguration. For a brief moment, they perceived that Jesus was God’s ultimate messenger: the God who created out of love and wants only love. Like Abraham, they couldn’t take it all in. That is why the divine voice told them to listen and Jesus told them not to speak — at least not yet.

As Paul taught, the key to faith is to accept that we are loved beyond measure. As they gradually comprehended that, the disciples became capable of being apostles, people capable of communicating the message. And the real proof was that the more they told the story, the more they knew it was true.

So, what about us? We entered into a covenant with God at the time of our baptism. As our lives unfold, so does the covenant. It carries us through life’s ups and downs. It becomes more challenging if we fail to let that covenant guide and direct us, letting obstacles get in the way. The Transfiguration was a life altering experience which strengthened the disciples to meet the challenges of following Jesus. May this Lent be a time of renewing our covenant, seeing Christ in new light. *Fr. Tom*

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Cathedral of St. Raphael**  
*Horario de Misa*

Mon-Fri ..... 7:30 am  
Sun ..... 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

**St. Patrick Church**

Tue & Thu ..... Noon  
Sat ..... 4:00 pm  
Sun (*Mass in Spanish*) ..... 11:00 am

## OFFICE HOURS

**Cathedral of St. Raphael**  
*Horas de Oficina*

Mon-Thu ..... 8:00 am–4:30 pm  
Fri ..... Closed

**St. Patrick Church**

Mon-Thu ..... 9:00 am–12 Noon  
12:30 pm–3:00 pm  
Fri ..... 9:00 am–Noon

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**OUR MISSION** “As a Eucharistic community, rich in diversity, united in our Catholic faith, we strive to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” **NUESTRA MISIÓN** “Como una comunidad Eucarística, ricos en diversidad, unidos en nuestra fe Católica, nos esforzamos por vivir y proclamar el Evangelio de Jesucristo.”

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021

\*\*\* Due to the high number of Covid cases, we continue to scale back on musical participation of the assembly with a priority of keeping all in our worship space safe. As the cantor only sings the texts of the liturgy, we ask you to follow along and pray them in your mind and heart. We look forward to the day when we can resume "full and active" assembly participation, the core and strength of our community worship!

\*\*\* Please note, during the season of Lent, musical instrumentation is present only to support sung parts of the liturgy and during the reception of Holy Communion.

Introit *Sung by Cantor Only*

Antiphon: *The Lord is full of compassion for those who seek him.*

Introit Verse: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

*Introit for the Second Sunday of Lent, Kelly OSB  
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Sign of the Cross|Greeting

### Penitential Act A

*I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,*

**striking breast:** *through my fault, through my fault  
through my most grievous fault;*

*Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

*Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: Amen.*

*Presider or Deacon: Lord Have Mercy*

**All: Lord Have Mercy**

*Presider or Deacon: Christ Have Mercy*

**All: Christ Have Mercy**

*Presider or Deacon: Lord Have Mercy*

**All: Lord Have Mercy**

Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm 116 *Sung by Cantor only*

Refrain: *I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

Verse 1: I trusted, even when I said, "I am sorely afflicted." How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Verse 2: Your servant, Lord, your servant am I, the son of your handmaid; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the name of the Lord.

Verse 3: My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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Reading Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel Acclamation *Sung by Cantor only*

Verse: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Homily

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



**Gospel Reading** 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?

**Pregunta de la Semana Evangelio** Escuchamos el relato de Marcos sobre el testimonio de los apóstoles de la transfiguración de Jesús. ¿Qué tan difícil crees que fue para ellos no compartir este evento con nadie hasta que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos?

**Next Week's Readings** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Parish Mass Guidelines** While we are happy to see members of our faith community in the pews, we ask that you keep in mind the guidelines put in place to ensure the safety of everyone attending Mass.

- **Masks are required. Please socially distance following the signs on the pews.**
- **For Communion, please be seated as ministers will come to you.**
- **Please lower the kneeler in the pew you are seated so it can be cleaned following Mass.**
- **Please take the bulletin/worship aid and all other belongings with you when leaving Mass.**

## STEWARDSHIP

**In Our Parishes** Thank you to all who assisted last Sunday in preparing the Cathedral Center for the Life Screening testing held this past week.

### Treasure Shared To Date

Cathedral	Week 34 of 20/21 FY	St. Patrick
\$302,981.39	Adult Envelopes	\$86,779.18
\$205.65	Children Envelopes	\$10.00
\$8,719.00	Offertory	\$5,977.00
\$2,180.00	Holy Days	\$2,536.00
\$11,895.00	Christmas	\$2,806.00
\$0.00	Easter	\$10.00
\$329,034.00	Budget (YTD)	\$110,336.00
\$325,981.04	Received (YTD)	\$98,118.18
(\$3,052.96)	Over/(Short)age	(\$12,217.82)

## PASTOR'S UPDATE

**Dear all,** last Wednesday marked the 157<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Venerable Samuel Mazzuchelli, who laid the foundations of the first Cathedral church. A pioneer in this area, he inspired many by his preaching and encouraged the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure of the people of his time from which we directly benefit. We invoke his intercession for continued blessings upon our parishes, and in particular the special appeal which will take place in coming months to make needed repairs to the Cathedral.

More importantly, it was not the buildings which he inspired. He was a great evangelizer of this part of the country, bringing the good news to all who would be open to hearing it. More than ever, we need a renewed evangelization, to respond to the challenges of our times. There are many messages of our present age which are contrary to the gospel and can overshadow the "Good news".

It has become an even greater challenge for our parish communities, limited in its opportunities to come together in the last 12 months. We pray that the fire of faith in his heart might inspire us to a renewed commitment to our faith.

This past week also marked a sobering milestone as we passed the half million point of covid- related deaths. Not only has there been a tremendous loss of life, but vastly changed lives for survivors. Often there have been uncelebrated lives due to gathering restraints. We will need to re-learn how to come together to celebrate not only these important milestones, but also the daily events of simply living.

Let me not end on a somber note. I think everyone's spirits were lifted a bit this week with increasing temperatures! The first day of spring is a month away! News of declining cases of covid, with the increasing availability and number of vaccinations are also a reason for hope. We need to look for positive signs to offset the tendency toward covid-fatigue and winter blues!

As we continue our Lenten journey this week may the call from Ash Wednesday, "Repent and be faithful to the gospel" challenge and inspire us to a deeper and renewed relationship with God.

*Fr. Tom*

## PARISH NEWS



**Showers in the Forecast!** The Cathedral and St. Patrick parishes will again be collecting baby items in support of the annual Knights of Columbus baby shower, benefitting Birthright, on the weekends of March 06-07 and 13-14. Items you can contribute include infant clothing (up to 1 year), bibs, booties and socks, onesies and t-shirts, receiving blankets, diapers, lotions, bottles, pacifiers and baby wipes.

**Easter Flowers** We are now accepting flower donations in memory of loved one for the Easter season. Flower donation envelopes and a sign-up sheet can be found in the Cathedral Center, and envelopes are at St. Patrick's church entrances. You are welcome to send donations directly to the rectories or place them in the weekend collection baskets. Thank you for your generosity!

**Partner with Catholic Charities** Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. To learn more about the ways your gift can change lives in the Archdiocese go to <https://bit.ly/36pAxJj>.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education** We have our regular class this Wednesday, March 03 and the following Wednesday, March 10th at Holy Ghost school. *We will NOT have class on March 17th due to spring break.*

**First Eucharist Information** We are going through chapter 4 of the workbooks this week. You should have received an email asking for an RSVP for the date which your child will receive First Eucharist. Let Cassie know which Mass you're planning on attending along with the number of people who will be with you so we can reserve pews.

**Confirmation Information:** Our next meeting is **Sunday, March 14** at 10:30 am in the Holy Ghost church basement.

**Questions?** Please email Cassie at [dbq059ff@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq059ff@dbqarch.org).

## MARCH 01-07 CALENDAR

SR—St. Raphael • SP—St. Patrick • CC—Cathedral Center  
*Church doors open 30 minutes before Mass.*  
*Weekly Mass Intentions Are Highlighted*

### Monday, March 01

7:30 am Joseph Conlan • SR

6:00 pm RISE Men's Group • CC

### Tuesday, March 02

7:30 am Billy Lucy • SR

Noon Sr. Josephine Schmitz, OSF • SP

### Wednesday, March 03

7:30 am Thomas & Marion Beadle • SR

6:30 pm Religious Education • Holy Ghost

### Thursday, March 04

7:30 am Arky, Mary & Keith Hanson • SR

Noon Lupe Torres • SP

### Friday, March 05

7:30 am Vocations • SR

### Saturday, March 06

4:00 pm Harvey Avery • SP

### Sunday, March 07

9:00 am Ray & Mona Eliot • SR

11:00 am For the People • SP

5:30 pm For the People • SR

## Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,*

*All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## Universal Prayer

**\*\*\* During Covid times, we do not have an offertory collection. Please place sacrificial offerings and donations in the baskets found at each entrance.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preface Prayer

### Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### Memorial Acclamation

### Great Amen

### Lord's Prayer

## Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

**\*\*\* Please remain seated in your pew for the distribution of communion. The ministers will come to you.**

### Communion Antiphon *Sung by Cantor only*

Refrain: *This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

Verse: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

*Communion Antiphon for the Second Sunday of Lent, Kelly OSB  
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### Solemn Blessing|Dismissal

**\*\*\* For Covid safety, please lower the kneeler in your pew so that cleaning ministers may identify pews to be sanitized after mass. Please also take your bulletin and all personal belongings with you as you exit.**

### Recessional

Silence

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