

# St. Rita Catholic Church

1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46202

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

<b>SUN 2/28</b>	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
<b>MON 3/01</b>	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
<b>TUE 3/02</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
<b>WED 3/03</b>	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
<b>THR 3/04</b>	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
<b>FRI 3/05</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>SAT 3/06</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>SUN 3/07</b>	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or 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

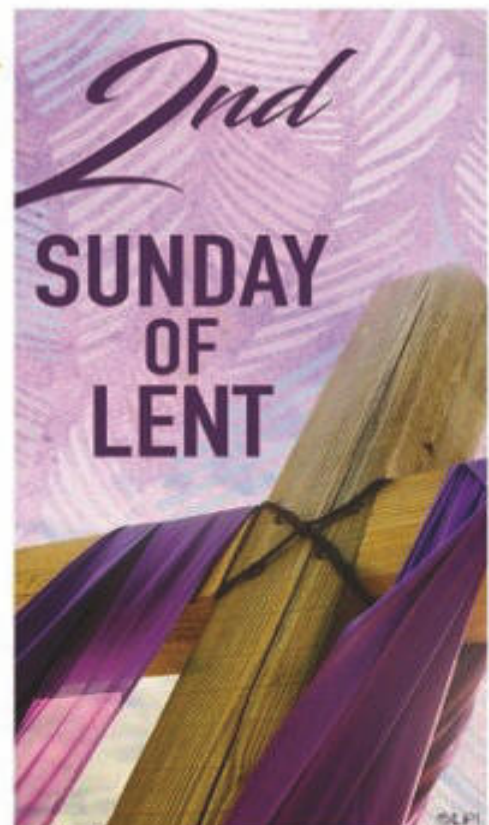
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Casimir
<b>Sunday:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



*"God is waiting for you."*

— POPE FRANCIS

## ST. RITA CHURCH INFORMATION

### Weddings

Engaged couples must contact the Parish Life Coordinator no later than six months prior to the actual wedding day: This Archdiocesan regulation is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament.

### Sick Calls

Anytime - notify the priest. In case of hospital emergency, ask a nurse to call the chaplain or St. Rita Parish at 317-632-9349.

### Death Funerals

Please contact the Parish Life Coordinator, Sister Gail Trippett CSJ, immediately to arrange services.

### Religious Education

Please call the Rectory or Anita Bardo

### New Parishioners

Kindly register at the Rectory upon arrival.

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 9:00 a.m (1) week prior to publication.

Send email to: [stريتاسecretary71@yahoo.com](mailto:stريتاسecretary71@yahoo.com)

## OFFERING

### FEBRUARY 19, 20, 26 & 27 2021

#### National Collections:

Help for Texas	70.00
Black & Native American Missions	270.00
St. Vincent de Paul	35.00

#### Special Collections:

Tuck Pointing	210.00
Heat Pump	300.00
Bell Tower	425.00
Youth Revival	50.00
Prayer Breakfast	70.00

#### Church Budget Collections:

1st Collections	3,857.00
2nd Collections	113.00
Donations	1,532.00
Building & Maintenance	540.00
Flower Decorations Funds	20.00
Criterion Subscriptions	68.00
<b>BUDGET COLLECTED:</b>	<b>\$6,130.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET:</b>	<b>6,247.00</b>
<b>SHORTFALL/BUDGET ( 2wks collections)</b>	<b>-6,364.00</b>

**St.Rita:** <https://straindy.weshareonline.org>

## MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 am	Sunday	February	28	Father Andy
No Mass	Monday	March	1	
11:00 am	Tuesday	March	2	Father Andy
No Mass	Wednesday	March	3	Father Andy
11:00 am	Thursday	March	4	Father Justin
No Mass	Friday	March	5	
6:00 pm	Saturday	March	6	Father Andy

For the People of St. Rita Church

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

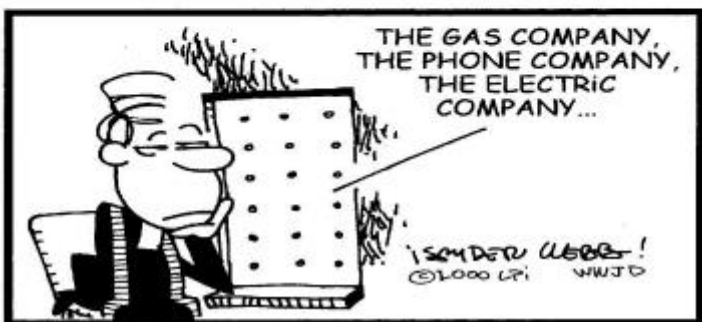
**First Reading:** God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

**Psalm:** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps.116)

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

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

### 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



## MARCH 2021/ BIRTHDAYS

1-Dalen Smith	26-Joyce Beaven
1-Shirley Vann	26-Lukeysa Jones
1-Carmen Dearman	28-Kevin Joseph
1-Robert Hinton	29-Vicky Hughes
3-Joyce Venerable	29-Shannon Messer
3-Phyllis Carr	30-Shirley Brown
6-Georgia Clark	
9-Michael Beaven	
13-Mark Moorman	
13-Fabiana Oliveira	
16-Mykeal Collins	
21-Brenda Ray	
22-JoAnn Combs	

If your name was omitted, please contact the church secretary. Thank you!

## ARCHDIOCESAN DISPENSATION FROM MASS & COVID GUIDELINES

- The dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is extended in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and throughout the whole State of Indiana until further notice.
- Civil authorities are beginning to introduce new restrictions on gatherings. Generally, the guidelines for churches in the archdiocese remains the same: the capacity should be determined locally by how many individuals and household groups may safely gather while maintaining at least 6 feet of social distance while wearing masks.
- Everyone is to wear a mask, to maintain at least 6 feet of social distance between individuals and/or household groups, and to wash and sanitize hands frequently,
- Signups or registration of those in attendance is always encouraged in case contact tracing needs to be performed.
- All priests and other ministers of Holy Communion **must** wear a mask while distributing Holy Communion.
- Frequently touched surfaces and shared objects are to be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Virtual opportunities for prayer and worship are to be offered and encouraged where possible. Outreach for the safe reception of Anointing of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion for those who need to remain at home is strongly encouraged.
- **Events and activities beyond the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments are to be curtailed or postponed.**
- It may also be prudent to decrease or even temporarily suspend congregational singing at Masses. Using just a cantor and an instrumentalist or a socially distant quartet may be an alternative. At this time, choirs are not permitted in the archdiocese until further notice.

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Dereck Rovalis, 2/23, \$25.00, #728

Byron Hoke, 2/24, \$25.00, #393

Dorris Ennett, 2/25, \$50.00, #470

Carolyn Sylvester, 2/26, \$25.00, #500

## Reflection from Sister Gail

**Pope Francis Quote: "This is a decisive maturity: when we realize that our worst enemy is often hidden in our heart. The noblest battle is against the inner deceptions that generate our sins."**

Why would God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son? The purity of our heart represents our God. As children of the Father of the universe, we must own the caliber of living that matches this honor. It requires a purity of thought and action beyond reproach. As we embrace this honor, the request of God becomes understand the first truth; God will never ask us to do anything that is harmful or wrong, However an event, or act may look to us as humans, understanding the purity of God's intent is at stake when we respond.

Trusting God at such a level flows from a deep relationship with God. This loving relationship comes from walking with God through unexplainable situations that allowed trust to grow. That trust purifies the heart as gold refined by fire. Our invitation to walk in the presence of total holiness calls for an investment in love at a level that demands all of our being to participate. If it demands our all, then sacrificing the greatest person you love in the world, is not a farfetched request. If your love for God includes absolute trust, then you know your son will be blessed and in good hands. After all, time would reveal that God gave the world the son He loved as dearly; and his son had to trust that good would come from the worst evil done to human.

Are you willing to live a life worthy of the honor we are given as children of God? Does your trust of God call forth trust and love in the most unlovable situations? If your life choices reveal, not yet; start investing your heart today in the purity God desires.

## ST. RITA PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

**Please remember to pray for the sick and shut in:**

Vaughn Moore, Samson Olarewaju, Dewayne Keeylen, Adrian Johnson, Kerry Conwell, Mya Davis, Baby Makayla Owens, Baby D.J. Matthews, Emily Williams, Serena Harris, Angela Jones, Rosie Herbert, Sallie Fields, Hazel Beard, Jhana Hayes, Clois Jenkins, Frank Ray, Goldene Carter, Maria Amos, Ann Ray, Carol & Carman Dearman, Niikita Liggins, Mel & Minnie Blaylock, Fr. Andy Syberg, Msgr. Tony Volz, Fr. Justin DuVall, Fr. Joe Moriarty & family, Martha Riley, Tina Barber & family, Joann Combs, Bruce Ray, Eddie Carr, Rosemary Lee, Glorianne Messer, Cecilia Wisdom, Benjamin & Erma Hidalgo, Ann Ray, Rosemary Wade, Debra Hardin, David Boone, Linda Johnson, Gary Franklin, Gwen White, Rita Williams, Mary Agnes Brown

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