

- *ST. PIUS X* (SOLON SPRINGS)
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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. — Mk 9:7-8

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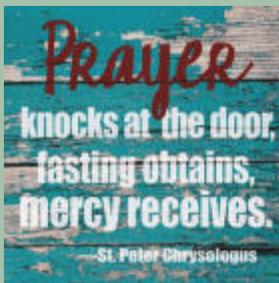
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**New Parishioners**

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

**Mass Schedule**

In-person masses are cancelled. Live-streamed masses are held Tue-Fri at 9:30 am, Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. These masses can be viewed on Facebook or the tri-parish website. See links at the bottom of this page.

**Visitation of the Sick**

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The second collection this weekend is for Haiti Fund

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Mass Intentions Week of 02/23/21—02/28/21

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**Feb. 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Jan 21, 2021**  
**by Mary M. McGlone**

"How do you know?" Depending on the inflection, the emphasis one puts on you, how, and know, this question could be part of a shouting match between 9-year-olds or an essay question on Ph.D. exams. Eventually, most of us struggle with this question, especially when considering a key decision or forming an important opinion. The subject may be profoundly serious, as in, "How do I know if I should marry him?" or "How do I know if belief in God makes any sense?" These latter questions are vastly more important than any exam could pose.

Today, we hear a story about Abraham's struggle with this question. How could he know if or why God really wanted him to sacrifice Isaac? There's a hint hidden in the language of the story. As the scene opens, we hear that God put Abraham to the test, telling him to offer his son in sacrifice. Here, the Hebrew word for God is Elohim, a common Semitic name for the gods. Later in the story, we hear that the "LORD's" messenger called on Abraham and prevented him from taking Isaac's life. From this point on, LORD is the word for God. LORD refers to the divine name written as YHWH, the name God revealed to Moses, a name so sacred that faithful Jews refuse to pronounce it.

There is a world of difference between the two concepts of God here. Elohim refers to gods who demand unflinching obedience, no matter the suffering it costs. These gods appear as absolute rulers, often capricious, sometimes as tyrants whose anger must be appeased. Abraham thought this way about God and accepted the demand to make a holocaust of his beloved only son. Abraham respected Elohim as a fearsome, self-centered God who prized authority and obedience over love.

Although this narrative rivets our attention on the relationship between Abraham and Isaac and the last-minute intervention, the real story has to do with Abraham's understanding of God. The LORD who stopped Abraham from harming his son was YHWH, the LORD who had entered into a covenant with Abraham and promised him descendants. The LORD appreciated Abraham's desire to be obedient, but went on to teach him that instead of sacrifice, the LORD simply desires loving relationship with all the creatures made in the divine image. This is the creator God who gives life in abundance, from beginning to end.

The LORD who stopped Abraham from completing his holocaust is the God Jesus knew and called his Abba. Abraham's encounter with the LORD was a moment of revelation. Previous to this, in spite of encounters with God, Abraham related to God from his own theology, from human concepts that envisioned a God who was like humanity but to the supreme degree. The revelation on Mount Moriah introduced Abraham to the LORD who does not fit human categories; the LORD who would do anything to attract humanity into living in the divine image.

The God Abraham began to know on Mount Moriah is the God who, as Paul tells us, took flesh in Jesus and intercedes on our behalf. Abraham had conceived of God as one who demanded intercessors and sacrifice to make us acceptable to the divine. The God he met, the God of Jesus, is the God who wants only to draw us into divine life. This upends the concept of intercession. Instead of sending Jesus to talk God into accepting us weak creatures, the LORD took flesh in Jesus to intercede with us, inviting us to live as if love were the only thing that matters.

This is what the disciples began to comprehend on the mountain of the Transfiguration. For a brief moment, they perceived that Jesus was God's ultimate messenger, the culmination of everything in their tradition: the God who created out of love and wants only love. Like Abraham, they couldn't take it all in. On that mountain they perceived a truth that didn't fit their categories, it couldn't fit into their tents. That is why the divine voice told them to listen and Jesus told them not to speak — at least not yet. How did they know that what they had seen was truly a revelation? One sign was that what they experienced was far beyond their wildest expectations. It was truly godly.

The God to whom Jesus introduced them blew open their categories and invited them to stop trying to be best or even worthy. As Paul would teach, the key to faith was to accept the fact that they were 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.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

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**Pray For** our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or re-

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Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: 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  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: 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

Read the daily readings online at:  
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

**Mass Schedule—Live Streamed**  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StPius.StMary.StAnthony>  
 Tuesday—Friday: 9:30 am  
 Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Website:** <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/parishioners-page>

**Calvary Lutheran Lenten Soup Suppers**

Calvary Lutheran Church in Miihong will offer a drive-up Soup Service on Wednesdays during Lent beginning this Wednesday, February 24th. Between 4pm-6pm (or until the food runs out), drive up to the walk nearest Calvary's front door. A volunteer will present you with a meal of soup and bread, and a devotional reading to enjoy at your home. If you wish to volunteer or if you require delivery of your meal, please call Martha Larson, 218-340-1446. Thank you to our friends at the Catholic Tri-Parish who are also offering their gifts of food and time. We offer this as a community service. There is no need to pay or donate for these meals.

**Tri-Parishes Opening For Palm Sunday**

St. Pius and St. Mary's Churches will be open on Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter and onward. Your attendance is encouraged with NO COVID-19 vaccination requirements to participate. This is a correction from some previous notation on our Tri-Parish website and Facebook. We urge all parishioners who are eligible for the vaccination to seek the vaccine as it will aid in your health. Father Kinney will be sending a land letter to all of you with the parameters for opening the Tri-Parish churches. Wearing a mask, safe distancing, handwashing techniques will be applied for all the services, which will be very similar to the process as last Fall when indoor Masses were held. More information will be forthcoming.

**Kids Corner**

**Hey Kids!**

Have you been thinking about the two "W's" of Lent.... like **Will** and **Won't**? They are both ways we can show Jesus that we appreciate the sacrifice he made for us. **Will** you help others, **Will** you do your chores without complaining, **Will** you say extra prayers like a rosary every day, **Will** fast from eating meat on Fridays in Lent (Ash Wednesday is already past), **Will** you go to mass virtually with Father Kinney on the church website (that will take less than 1/2 hour before you go to bed. Maybe you could even convince your whole family to participate.) You **Won't** eat junk food, **Won't** fight with your siblings (with spouses for you older kids), **Won't** eat meat on Fridays, **Won't** buy extra things you don't need so you can give the money to the poor, **Won't** laz around and not help others, **Won't** go to bed without saying extra prayers.... Jesus doesn't care if you are a **Will**-er or a **Won't**-er. He'll just love that you are taking forty days out of your life like he did to prepare for his special mission assigned to him by God. Maybe you can take this time during Lent to think about the special mission God has for you!

P.S Have you CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) kids buried your "Allelulia's" yet.... If you haven't... get them buried because we don't say praising words during Lent. But then be ready to dig them up out of the ground at Easter just like Jesus rose from the dead! Then we can really **Praise** Jesus and God.



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