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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm
Friday 8:30-Noon
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Second Sunday of Lent *February 28, 2021*

MASS SCHEDULE LIVE STREAMED or SIGN-UP ON WEBSITE

Saturday Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30pm
Wednesday 7:00am
Friday 7:00am & 5:30pm

Confessions

Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
Friday 6:00-7:00pm
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration

Friday 6:00 - 7:00pm (not during Lent)
First Friday 7:30am - 12pm
First Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary Parish Community. If you would like to register with the parish please fill out form on website, stop by the Parish Office or call (509) 928-3210.

CARE OF THE SICK

Communion is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. Please call Karen Grewe (Homebound Ministry) at (509)927-4941, if someone is in need.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The family should be registered and active in St. Mary Parish. For arrangements call the Parish office, 928-3210.

Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

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Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is thinking about it? Please call Marie Bricher at 928-3210 ext. 111 for more information.

For the convenience of those with hearing difficulties, Masses at St. Mary can be heard on personal FM-band radios or in the car in the parking lot. Tune to **89.9 FM**.



Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill, **Javier Z., Al Butz, Mindy H., Mitzie B., Chris, Bethany & Baby G., Betti S., Rena H., Lynn M., Karen G.**

To have a name listed in the bulletin call Krista at the parish office at 928-3210. Names will be listed for 3 weeks, then removed unless requested again.

- ◆ If a member of your family is admitted to a local hospital, please call the parish office at 928-3210 if you would like a priest
- ◆ To add someone to the prayer chain or to be part of the prayer chain ministry please join the *Prayer Chain* group in Flocknote or call the parish office.
 - ◆ For those not "on-line" call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584.

Fridays we have Eucharistic Adoration from 6-7pm after 5:30pm Mass during which Fr. Lewis will hear confessions.

Stations of the Cross will follow at 7pm every Friday during Lent.



Pray the Rosary on Saturday morning at 7:30am in the church (we practice social distancing protocols) with St. Mary parishioners.

If you would like to participate via Zoom instead of in-person in the church, contact Ed Sawatzki at (509) 924-2395 to get the Zoom link.




Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

The Society Of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul conference continues to work with our neighbors in need of emergency assistance, as well as providing food, paper and hygiene products. Our emergency assistance line is (509) 703-7867; a member will promptly return the call. Your continued assistance in this effort is sincerely appreciated. If you are able to make a monetary contribution to this ongoing assistance, please drop an envelope in the basket or donate online: www.stmaryspokane.org tap on "Give", then "Donation Designation" and scroll down to "St. Vincent de Paul".



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

3/1	MONDAY	Joan Kudder +
3/2	TUESDAY	Mark & Jenny Wilson & Family
3/3	WEDNESDAY	Mary Ilgen +
3/4	THURSDAY	Stephanie & Jason Stoke
3/5	FRIDAY	
	7am	Jim Satake +
3/6	SATURDAY	Annie McCabe +
3/7	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Frank & Marie Kruse +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Kathy Rudolph +



To have a Mass offered by the priest for a deceased person or another intention, please call the parish office at (509) 928-3210 or email stmary@dioceseofspokane.org



Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday of Lent

Christendom and Apostolic Mission

My homily series concluded with reflections on the two extremes of the cultural context in which the Church has often found herself in various times and places throughout her history: the Christendom context and the Apostolic Mission context. Hopefully, the reflections presented in that homily series will help us to dive deeper into prayer and discernment through the season of Lent, and then after Easter (God willing, and COVID permitting), we can all get together and so begin a pastoral planning process to help us, as a parish, assess how we can go about our ministry and mission of saving souls for the glory of God in the next century of our parish's existence.

For Lent, my Pastor Columns will be a series that will offer some further reflection on these and other related matters. And we begin with the assumption that the Church, from the time of her foundation by Jesus Christ, has found herself surrounded by conflict and engaged in struggle. Some conflict and struggles are more obvious than others, but even in a relatively peaceful culture as ours at present (a culture that loudly professes tolerance yet does not always practice it), evidence of this conflict and struggle abound. For example, a faithful Catholic cannot even post on social media a fundamental tenet of what we believe as Catholic Christians without threat of being banned from that social media platform.

“If the world hates you, realize that it hated Me first.” (John 15:18) Jesus is the One Who came as Light into darkness to establish a Kingdom of truth and love, but He and His Church are always opposed by that darkness. But of course, the Light always “shines in the darkness, and the darkness [cannot] overcome it.” (John 1:5) Yet even so, the extent of that light and the opposition which it encounters (and therefore the means it uses in order to keep shining) necessarily needs to change from place to place and from age to age.

And so, it is absolutely crucial for us, who are members of the Mystical Body of Christ (the Church) and who are called by Him to be “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14) – *fiat lux* – to be mindful of the time and place in which we live, so to devise pastoral and evangelistic strategies that are best suited for that time and place.

Now, it well can be argued that ours is a time and place currently in the flux of considerable change (one might even perhaps say “outright upheaval”). In just such a situation, the Church must pay attention to the modes by which she carries out her struggle in the conflict that surrounds her in order to be certain that she is not “fighting yesterday’s war,” so to speak. In the midst of change, we dare not settle with pastoral and evangelistic strategies that, for whatever reason, are outmoded and simply have become ineffective. “This is how we have always done it” is the deadliest phrase there is, and that justification no longer qualifies as an excuse for resisting some much-needed change.

Why the necessity for the Church to change the methods of her ministry and mission? It is because we are engaged with the first culture in all of history that once was deeply Christian but is now (by a slow, thorough, methodical, even *deliberate* process) has been consciously ridding itself of its Christian foundation. This has not just been just a passive, apathetic decay...but an intentional jettison of the Christian ethos! We are not trying to win pagan, pre-Christian souls for Jesus. We are trying to win *back* baptized, post-Christian souls for Him, souls who deliberately *left* Jesus after having encountered Him!

This is the argument. In the coming weeks, the Pastor Columns will develop this argument further and then present some aspects of practical strategy with regard to how the Church can and should respond to this seismic cultural shift in order to stay engaged in our ministry and mission.

These ideas are largely derived from the book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies For an Apostolic Age*, published by the University of Mary, in case you would be interested in a good read to accompany your pilgrim's journey through Lent. Stay tuned, and God bless.

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)

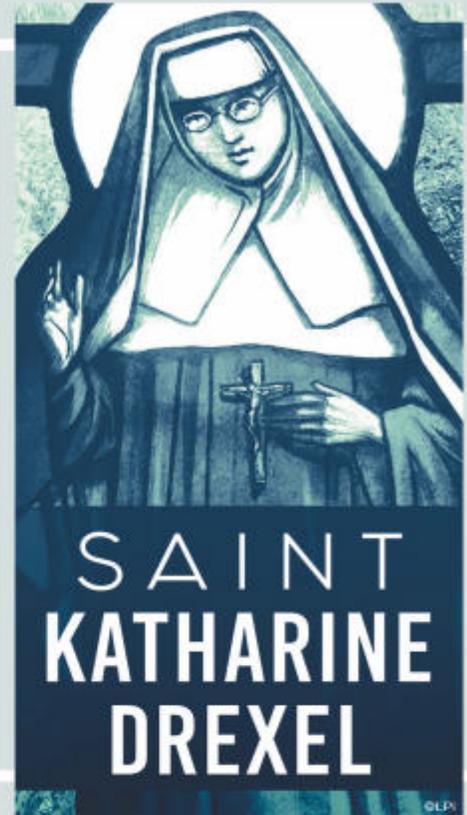
GOSPEL:

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

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday: St. Casimir
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



REFLECT

FIRST READING

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

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 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?



WEEKLY PRAYER

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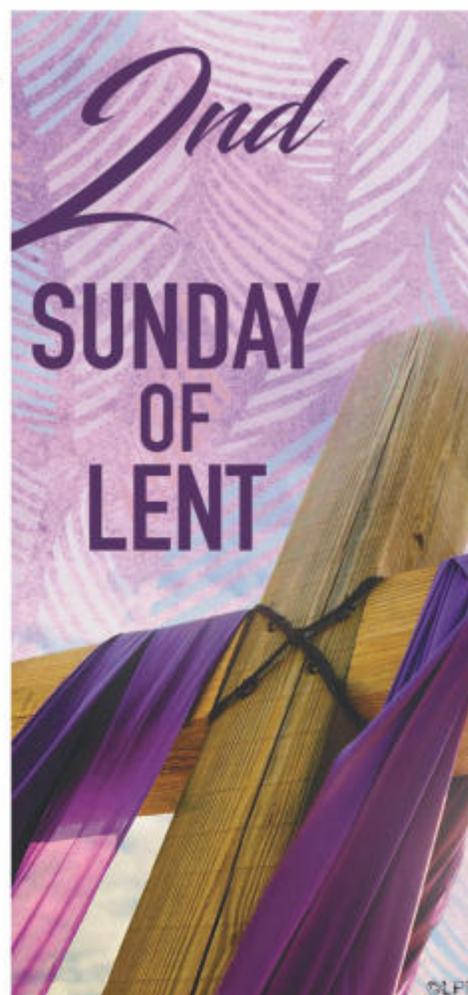
- SUN 2/28** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
- MON 3/01** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- TUE 3/02** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
- WED 3/03** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28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

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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?



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is
waiting
for you.”

— POPE FRANCIS

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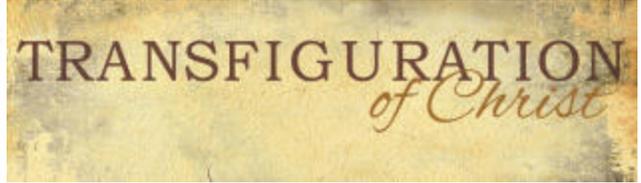
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Contact Kelsie Kent at kkent@dioceseofspokane.org

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The Year of the Eucharist

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St. Mary Catholic Parish

- † "Let there be light."
- † "I am the Bread of Life.... You are the light of the world."
- † *Be the light!*

A Prayer Time to Calm Your Mind

You are invited to join St. Francis of Assisi's **Centering Prayer/Contemplative Prayer Group**

We meet via Zoom every other Thursday night until we can meet again person.

What is Centering or Contemplative Prayer?

It is prayer that awakens and prepares the mind to know God better and rest in God's presence while calming our mind at the same time. We let go of what is going on around and within us and meet God in the moment. It is a long journey that helps us rediscover the JOY within that we lost.

It is the opening of mind and heart - our whole being - to God, beyond thoughts, words and emotions.

The Thursday gathering starts at 7pm and lasts for a little over an hour. The time includes a short contemplative reading, 20 minutes of being quiet in silent prayer, 20 minutes of a video led by nationally known Catholic Contemplative teachers), and about 20 minutes of sharing and discussion.

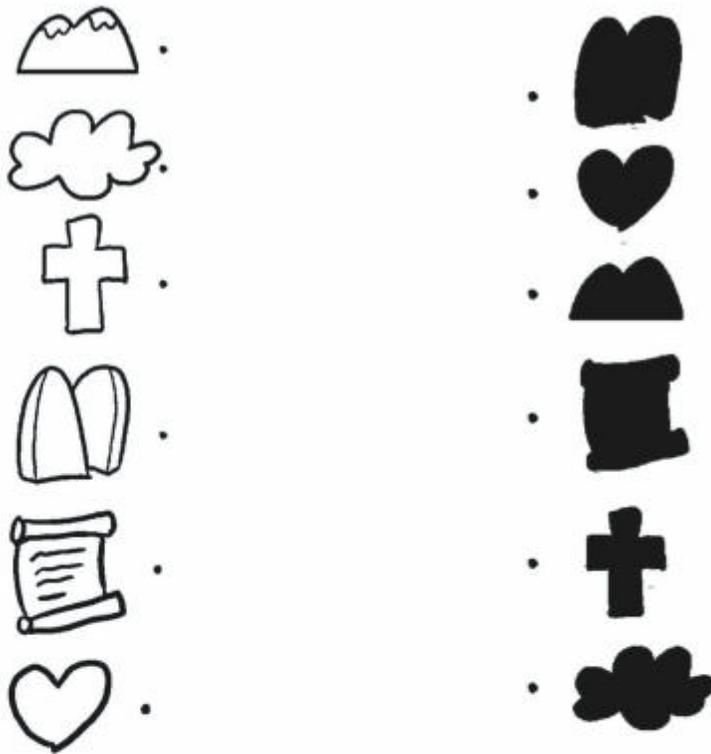
(When COVID restrictions allow, we will also have a Tuesday morning group meeting in person)

For more information, please contact Mike or Jean Walters at (509) 939-2185 or waltersmichaelh@gmail.com

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find the matching shadow:



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's

Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

PRAYER

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Mission for the Week
Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.



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