

# Church of the Beloved Disciple

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Second Sunday of Lent



## 2<sup>ND</sup> 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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9:00am — 12 Noon, 1:00pm — 4:00pm

Friday: Closed

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our  
Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments,  
to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community  
and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm Saturday Evening

8:00am Sunday Morning

11:00am Sunday Morning

Daily Masses: 8:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Adoration: Thursday; 2-4pm

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

The Church is open Monday —Thursday,

9am — 4pm for private prayer

**God is Good, All the Time.**



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### *Gospel Meditation - To Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK** *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:* 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?

**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)

**Parish Prayer Opportunities:**

Owen Wagner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: CBD Evening Prayer 7:00pm March 1st—March 5th**

Meeting ID: 852 2867 3685 Passcode: 346674

**Topic: CBD Rosary at Noon March 2nd, 3rd & 4th**

Meeting ID: 837 6266 7302 Passcode: 890399



**Calling all Couples: Session 3: Pray with Who? With Her?**

Sunday Feb 28 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Zoom.com

Owen Wagner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Pray with Who? With Her?**

Time: Feb 28, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting ID: 880 0957 7229

Passcode: 930274

**Book Club Update:** Our book for next month is "The Cedar Key" by Stephenia H. McGee. It the story of a woman embarking on a heart stirring journey that ignites her faith and leads to startling discovery. The book can be purchased at most on line book sites. Please join us if you can. Any questions contact the Parish Office.

***Living 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? ©LPi

***Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments***

**When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane**

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 ©LPi

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

### Mass Schedule for the Week

#### Monday, March 1

**8:00am Frank Puntureri — Gail Jane Puntureri**

DN 9: 4-10, LK 6: 36-38

#### Tuesday, March 2

**8:00am Gene Shutz — Mike and Dianne Schleigh**

IS 1: 10; 16-20, MT 23: 1-12

#### Wednesday, March 3

JER 18: 18-20, MT 20: 17-28

Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin

#### Thursday, March 4; Adoration 2-4pm

**8:00am Elizabeth O'Neil — Tom Gregory**

JER 17: 5-10, LK 16: 19-31

Saint Casimir

#### Friday, March 5

**8:00am In Reparation to the Sacred Heart —  
Maureen Walsh**

GN 37: 3-4; 12-13; 17-28, MT 21: 33-43; 45-46

**7:00pm Stations of the Cross**

#### Saturday, March 6

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**

**8:00am Mary Stilwell —**

**Dan and Kathy Whittaker & Family**

**4:30pm Ed Palmer — The Garvis Family**

MI 7: 14-15; 18-20, LK 15: 1-3; 11-32

#### Sunday, March 7

**Third Sunday of Lent**

EX 20: 1-17, 1 COR 1: 22-25, JN 2: 13-25

**8:00am For the Living and Deceased**

**Members of Our Parish**

**11:00am Mary Bucha — Betty Berkely**

### Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion. You are to continue to wear face masks while in the Communion line. Please step to the side and remove your mask before receiving Eucharist.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?**

**Answer:** The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that pre-dates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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I am new in the parish and wish to register \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sacrificial Giving the Week of February 21, 2021

**Online Giving is Available**  
*Call the office, we can help to set up  
 your online contributions.*

Families in Parish: 390 Envelopes Mailed: 352  
 Envelopes Used: Online Givers:

**Yearly Budget: 535,176.00**

**Weekly Budget: 11,149.50**

**Our Total:**

**Offertory — Data**

**Loose — Unavailable**

**Monthly — Prior to**

**Sister Parish — Bulletin**

**Capital Needs — Submission**

**We have met % of our budget.**  
**Thank you so much for your continued  
 generous support!**

#### New to our Community? Join our Parish!

Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

**Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish** For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

**Sacramental Preparation** For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

**Stewardship** We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued and appreciated.

#### Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 4:

Well, I now weigh six ounces and mom can feel my movements. I have fingernails, eyelashes, and my own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same for the rest of my life. My taste buds are working and my sense of hearing is developing. I have soft hair all over my body. I can touch my hand to my face and grasp my feet. Basically, there will be no major new developments from here on. I just need nourishment, protection, and love...and prayers.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

Mother Teresa





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