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 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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 Beginning on February 23rd, Daily Mass will resume
 on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 am.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

“Growing in Grace, Gratitude and Giving”

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/Rom 8:31b-34/
 Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13/
 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,
 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

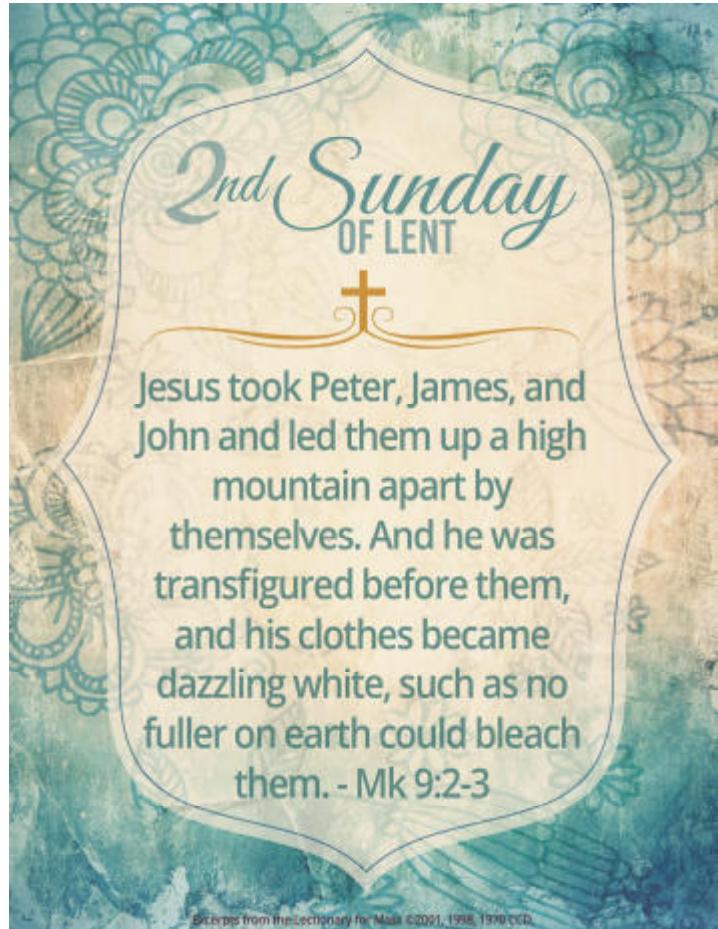
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
 Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:
 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



Second Sunday of Lent

If a question could be asked concerning the three readings for this weekend it would simply be: "How much real love do you have for God?" Each of our readings from Genesis, Romans and the Gospel reveal to us a facet of how they truly give their heart, mind, body and soul to the Lord. It is complete, it is pure and it is true.

In our reading from Genesis, Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son to the Lord. It is always a problematic reading to discern the intention of God and the action of Abraham in theological terms but it does answer well a simple question: how much does Abraham really love his God? Without a doubt, the answer is totally. He will do anything the Lord asks, even if it seems harsh because he believes in the Lord, he has heard his voice and will be the servant of the Lord at all costs – even if it cost him his own personal love and comfort. From this "test", if one wishes to call it, Abraham is deemed worthy, another sacrifice is offered and his son is spared. Abraham's love and trust of God was so pure that he "did not withhold from God your beloved son". In this almost unbelievable act of selflessness, Abraham is graced to be the father of all the nations of the earth. In fact, Jewish, Christian and Moslem people all believe Abraham was their Father in faith. So great a love that Abraham has that the force for good is still active in the lives of believers.

Paul, too, gives us an undeniable act of love to the Lord that is full of faith and hope. Our reading may be the shortened version of the passage but Paul, who experienced woes and difficulties, will not deny that it is Christ who brings him to God. He proclaims in verse 35: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword." And concludes in verses 38-39: "For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord." After a life of service to the Lord, imprisoned and waiting for his execution, Paul writes one of the most moving passages of faith in God. He is unafraid, totally vulnerable, and yet, totally in union with God. So deep is his love nothing will sway him from his faith or cause him to take a more comfortable route to spare his life. He is like a candle that has spent all its wax to give light to others. It is complete and final, his love for God is eternal.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration shows that absolute union between the Son and the Father. So tight a bond that it cannot be broken. So fierce the love that it will endure everything. So faithful that it will offer himself for the sake of the Word.

As we progress through Lent, these readings help us to remember that we might not be as heroic, faithful and true as Abraham, Paul and Jesus. It calls us to strip away the falseness of piety and enter into life lived in trust, in charity, in true obedience to God. To love him and to love our neighbor as ourself. We may be tempted to believe that God has richly blessed us when times are good and there is money in our pockets and new clothes on our back but the real test of faith – and all of us do get tested in life – is how much we believe in God and trust in his ways when things go awry, when we are in pain or discomfort, when things are taken away from us, when death occurs in another or arrives at our door. It is in darkness that faith grows brighter. All three did not complain about the "tests" of the Lord but all three attests to constancy of faith, a love that never falters or fails and shows others the eternal gift of God's love for us. How real is your love for God and could you and I have as much faith as St. Paul and believe that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

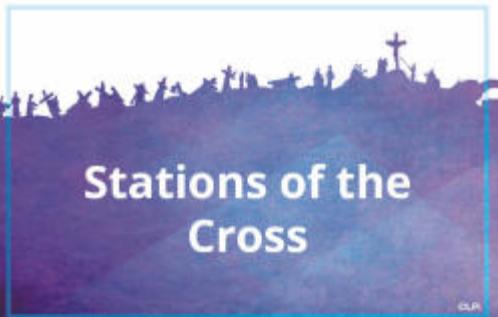
CSA 2021

A brochure and letter have been mailed to all our registered parishioners concerning Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2021. Even though it has been a year like no other in recent history due to the pandemic, the needs of God's people never cease. In fact, the number of people seeking help, assistance, food and shelter are only increasing. With CSA the Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit reaches out and serves so many through our generous support.

When we give our gift to CSA 2021, we become real witnesses of faith. Individually we can help one or a few but working together with over 200 other parishes, we can reach a multitude of individuals and families and bring hope and services to those in need.

We need your witness to faith. We need your commitment to be part of the work of the Church. Give either in person, by mail or on-line. On the home page of our website is a dedicated link to give to CSA so that our parish can be credited for your donation. Remember, once we meet our target goal, all monies over and above our target are returned 100% tax free to the parish. Plus, we have been through our faithfulness to CSA by having all our monies for the parish complex roof to be 100% tax free to the parish. It's a win-win situation.

Father Ron



Stations of the Cross

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Stations of the Cross will be prayed on
Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm.

*Please note this is a new time for Stations
to be prayed at Prince of Peace!*

Collection to Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your contributions last week to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! We collected funds to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. Again, Thank you for your generosity.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

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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Worship Ministry

Being involved in Worship Ministry is an awe-filled experience!

We thank all who have served in Worship Ministry at Prince of Peace throughout the years, especially those who have served once masses resumed during these COVID-19 times. We could not do it without you helping us!

We look forward to those who have not yet returned to ministry to come back once they feel comfortable and safe to do so. We invite all Parishioners to become active in Worship Ministry, we need YOU!

We need ministers in the following areas:

Minister of Hospitality:

Do you enjoy welcoming people into your home, making them comfortable and seeing to their needs? Being a Minister of Hospitality may be the perfect ministry for you! Hospitality is a vital aspect of making people feel welcome as we celebrate Mass.

Ministers of Hospitality are needed at all Masses.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is trained to distribute the Eucharist at Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at all Masses.

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive.

To that which you are you respond "Amen" (yes, it is true!) and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen".

Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your "Amen" may be true.

St. Augustine, Sermon 272

Sacristans:

A Sacristan works behind the scenes, setting up for Mass before it begins.

Sacristans are needed for the following Masses:

8:00 am

10:00 am

Daily Masses

If you have ever wondered how to become active in Worship Ministry, if you want more information on any of these Ministries or would like to set up training, contact Linda Plotkowski in the Worship Office at 248-681-9424 or worship@princeofpeacecatholic.church



Youth Group

Join Us

Tuesday, March 9th

7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room.

For more information contact our Youth Minister

Veronica Weisenberger at
youthminister@princeofpeacecatholic.church



Saturday, February 27

4:00 p.m. Don Fichter
Bob Herr

Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Arthur DeAngelis

10:00 a.m. Salwan Jabro
Favia Jabro
Salim Jabro
Julio Jabro
Salim Abbo

Tuesday, March 2

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 am Don Borton

Pray for...

Lisa Caplin Anderson
John Gernacy

Gracious Lord,

Remember in your mercy those who suffer today.

*Give strength and encouragement
to those who minister to their needs.*

*Remember your promise not to let them be tested
beyond what they are able to bear.*

*Above all, give them the reassurance
that you are with them as they walk
through this valley of the shadow of death.*

*And in your good time send healing of body and
spirit.*

*In Jesus' name
Amen*

**Michigan Catholic Conference: focus
A BLUEPRINT FOR THE COMMON GOOD
2021 –2022 ADVOCACY PRINCIPLES
Week 3**

PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR &
REGULATORY POLICIES

"OPEN YOUR MOUTH, JUDGE JUSTLY,

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PROVERBS 31:9, NAB

The Church calls for Catholics "to promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable." Across the state, too many Michiganders are struggling to find work, access to educational opportunities, and even basic needs. Policies implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic intended to stop the virus have produced high unemployment and shuttered businesses, devastating local families and exasperating social concerns such as addiction and abuse. Legislative policies will likely arise out of the pandemic to assist those who have been impacted. Within the legislative process, MCC will support:

- Tax policies that support marriage, families, and low-income residents.
- The allocation of state budget resources to provide critical services for vulnerable persons, especially health care, food, and heating assistance.
- Energy policies and regulations which promote competition, support for low-income ratepayers, and foster environmental stewardship.
- Affirmation of the recognized right to exercise religious conscience in the provision of publicly-funded services.
- Regulatory legislation that will protect the faith-based mission of churches and institutions.
- Maintenance of the tax-exempt status for nonprofit organizations.
- Affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.
- Affordable and accessible transportation options for low- and moderate-income workers.
- Policies that support fair and adequate working conditions for all employees.
- Policies that foster and promote employment for Michigan residents.
- Opposition to policies that prey upon the vulnerable, such as predatory payday lending.

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