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February 25, 2024 The Second Sunday of Lent



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Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

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Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm



This week at Holy Family...

Sunday, February 25th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in Parish Hall

Monday, February 26th:

- Mass 8:00am
- The Parish Office & School Closed

Tuesday, February 27th:

No Mass

Wednesday, February 28th:

- Mass 8:30am
- 1st Communion/Confirmation Class 4:00pm in South Annex

Thursday February 29th:

• Mass 8:00am

Friday, March 1st:

- Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family School Stations of the Cross
- Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in the church followed by Soup and Bread in the church

Saturday, March 2nd:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, March 3rd:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in the South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in the Parish Hall

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	2/24/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	2/25/2024	9:00am	Anna Esser
Monday	2/26/2024	8:00am	Jill Jeffreys
Tuesday	2/27/2024		No Mass
Wednesday	2/28/2024	8:30am	Doug Richardson †
Thursday	2/29/2024	8:00am	Mary Lee Frazier †
Friday	3/01/2024	8:00am	Gary Broemeling †
Saturday	3/02/2024	4:00pm	Carol Wilson †
Sunday	3/03/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family

"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new." Pope Benedict XVI

<u>Join us for Soup and Bread</u> each Friday during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30pm followed by Soup and Bread in the church hall



The Men of Holy Family Catholic Church are invited to come for a Holy Hour of silent prayer every Thursday at 6:00pm in the Church.

This week's topic at OCIA will be "The Eucharist and Holy Communion"

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program has started in the church hall at 11:00am after coffee and donuts. Please join us!

Kneeler for receiving Communion. We have several requests to have a kneeler to help those who wish to kneel during Communion time. There is now a kneeler on Father's side where he gives Communion for anyone who wishes to utilize it.

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What is the 2nd Sunday of Lent?

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

Special Monthly Collections March:

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The Second Sunday of Lent Fr. Drew Hoffman

The first few months of the New Year are often difficult for people... cold weather, longing for the bygone holiday season, failed New Year's resolutions. But I've always found it to be a refreshing spiritual time because it reminds me of my own discernment of the priesthood, which reached a fever pitch during the month of February while I was a sophomore in college. For months and months, I had told the Lord the same thing: "Just tell me what you want me to do, and I'll do it! Anything you ask of me, Jesus!" But I didn't really mean it! I wanted to get married, so while I told Jesus I'd do anything He asked, I had a very narrow vision of what that meant. Finally, in the early days of February, through prayer, spiritual guides, and some Divine Providence, He moved my heart out of the comfort zone of what I was "willing" to do so that I could actually say and mean, "Just tell me what you want me to do, and I'll do it," and say yes to the seminary.

The Scriptures are full of moments like this. Take Abraham in our First Reading for this Second Sunday of Lent. He hears his name called and he cries out, "Here I Am!" This is the ancient and traditional statement of openness to the Lord. He implies he is willing to do whatever the Lord will ask of him. But then he is presented with something beyond comprehension... to sacrifice his only son! His certainty in the Lord's goodness is immediately tested. Does he really mean that he is here, that he will do whatever the Lord asks if only he makes it known. He must be thinking, "Lord, I would do anything for You, but not THAT!" One is reminded of the magnificent scene in the Acts of the Apostles where Saul is left blinded by his encounter with Lord on the way to Damascus. The Lord calls out to Ananias, who gives the same response as Abraham: "Here I Am!" We can sense his Faith and his deep desire to serve, but then the Lord asks something he could never imagine... welcome the one who is persecuting Christians into your home, grant him sight, and baptize him! Once again, the Lord asks the willing soul something beyond their comprehension. And in the cases of Abraham and Ananias, as well as with every willing soul, their courage and bravery are intensely rewarded.

The Lord knows this is difficult! He knows He asks hard things of us, so He provides us moments of strength, confidence, and encounter! In our Gospel, Peter, James, and John experience the transfigured Lord in His majesty and might. They KNOW in that moment that He is God and that whatever He asks will be worth it. The Lord grants them this moment because He will soon ask difficult things of them; to preach Him amongst non-believers, to travel to the ends of the earth, and, eventually, to go to their deaths. How often they must have recalled this magnificent moment while they were dealing with a difficult call from the Lord. How Abraham must have meditated upon the Lord's goodness in granting his desire for a son when he was asked to give him away.

When the Lord grants us these "mountaintop" experiences—moments in which we feel Him, know Him to be God, and know ourselves to be loved by Him—we cannot merely let them pass. It is understandable that Peter wants to remain in that magnificent moment on the mountain. The saints refer to this as consolation, and they encourage us to soak it up, to allow it to deeply penetrate our mind and heart. By resting in and remembering the activity of the Lord during great times, we are encouraged and strengthened to believe that God will come through for us when we follow Him into something difficult! A great spiritual habit to develop is to think through your day before you go to bed, not only considering your moments of sin, but also saying thank you for the many, often hidden, moments of God's activity. When we recall the mountaintop experiences, we are more prepared to trust God's call.

Jesus knows you are strong enough to do hard things, things you never imagined you'd be capable of doing. This Lent, recall those moments in which Jesus has come through in your life, when He has shown you a mountaintop experience, when He has granted you a great desire. Ask Him for the grace to believe that the same will be true this time, when you say, Here I am, and follow through with whatever he asks.

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> "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask

Ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts:

no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

Pope Francis



Week 1

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The Second Sunday of Lent 2024

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18: God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice Isaac, his beloved son. At the moment of sacrifice, an angel stopped him, providing a ram instead. Abraham's obedience led to God's promise of countless descendants and blessings for all nations.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 116: Despite despair, I recognize the Lord values His faithful. Freed from my burdens, I offer thanks and fulfill my vows publicly, choosing to dwell in God's presence throughout my life on earth.

Second Reading - Romans 8:31B-34: If God is for us, no one can oppose us. He gave His Son for us and will freely give us all things. God declares us righteous, and Christ intercedes for us, ensuring no condemnation.

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10: Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James, and John, underwent a miraculous transformation on a secluded mountain, where his appearance became dazzlingly white. There, Elijah and Moses appeared and conversed with Him. Overcome by the moment, Peter suggested building shelters for each. A divine voice affirmed Jesus as the beloved Son, urging them to heed His words. Following this profound experience, Jesus cautioned them to keep the event confidential until His resurrection, leaving them contemplative about its significance.

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B make us think of God's revelation of Jesus Christ as his beloved son and also how God loves us. The first reading tells of how Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, but God stopped him. The gospel tells of the Transfiguration, where the voice from the heavens revealed Jesus as God's beloved son to Peter, James, and John.

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B revolve around several profound themes that intertwine to offer a rich tapestry of faith, sacrifice, divine revelation, and salvation. Here are some of the central themes:

Faith and Obedience: The first reading from Genesis highlights Abraham's unwavering faith and obedience to God, even when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. This narrative underscores the depth of faith and trust in God's plan, despite not understanding it fully.

Divine Provision and Intervention: The provision of the ram as a substitute for Isaac in the Genesis account symbolizes God's intervention and provision. It prefigures God's ultimate provision of His Son as a sacrifice for humanity's sins.

Covenant and Promise: God's covenant with Abraham, promising countless descendants and blessings for all nations due to Abraham's obedience, emphasizes the theme of divine promise and the unfolding of salvation history. The Suffering and Glory of Christ: The Gospel from Mark describes the Transfiguration of Jesus, revealing His divine glory. This event foreshadows the Paschal Mystery—His suffering, death, and resurrection. It also affirms Jesus as the beloved Son and the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah.

These themes for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B are interconnected, offering a message of hope, renewal, and deepened faith as believers journey through Lent, reflecting on God's salvific plan and the transformative power of faith and obedience.

https://young-catholics.com/3165/2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-b/

Ministries Schedule

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday March 2nd 4:00pm	Not Filled	Lynette Ausman	Not Filled Not Filled	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume John Zeller
Sunday March 3rd 9:00am	Cindy Nightingale Pat Wolf	Bob Uptagrafft	Thang Dao Charlotte France	Ernie Aguilar Ron Gosselin Doug Weaver Pat Wolf

Letter from Father

25 February 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent Fish and Feasts and Stations and Soups

Greetings,

I am one of those weird people who love the Season of Lent. I love everything about it and that love has only gotten stronger since I have become a priest. My love for Lent started early, when I was a young child, and probably not for the most sincere reasons.

When I was a child, our family observed the practices of Lent faithfully. My parents took us to Stations of the Cross, we prayed the Rosary, we told each other what we were "giving up" for 40 days of penance (and yes, Sundays "counted"), and, my favorite part, was Yellow Dinner. Now, if you have never heard of Yellow Dinner, it's actually quite a simple concept. It is a Lenten dinner of fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, and corn. As a kid, these were some of my favorite foods (even the corn!) and I was very careful not to reveal that I enjoyed this dinner as much as I did for fear of my parents deciding that I was not being penitential enough and being served some diabolical thing like ham-free split-pea soup. The dinner was my weekly episode of secret gustatory delight which technically violated the spirit of Lent.

It's tempting to take the restriction on consuming meat on Fridays of Lent as a technicality and a permission to partake of fish and seafood that rival any meat-based meal. Quite a few Friday Lenten dinners are every bit as fancy as any non-Lenten meal. Sauteed shrimp and diver scallops, coconut macadamia-crusted salmon steaks, Lobster Thermidor are regular Lenten fare because, "Hey, it's not meat!"

I know of nothing in the Church teaching about Lent that says food on Fridays shouldn't taste good. But when our Lenten fasts start to resemble the claim by culinary website delicious.com's claim that "Fish on Friday doesn't have to be a tired tradition. Indulge your guests (or treat yourself) to a fishy dish that's equal parts impressive and delicious," I think we might be headed in the wrong direction. So, honestly: Do we actually believe in the idea of having fish on Fridays as a form of self-mortification or solidarity with those who have less? Or do we look at it more like paying our taxes? Yes, we'll do it, but only by giving up the least possible amount.

At Holy Family, we have a beautiful tradition that, in my opinion, observes both the prayerful and penitential nature of Lent. Parishioners gather in the church at 5:30 in the evening to prayerfully observe the Stations of the Cross. This prayer, by St. Alphonsus Ligouri, takes us on the journey to the cross with Jesus, reflecting on our own sinfulness and weakness that made His sacrifice necessary. I am inspired by the range of parishioners who participate in the Stations. People and families from retired couples to young singles to families with small children gather and pray in a wonderful expression of faith.

Following the Stations of the Cross, we gather in the social hall for a supper of soup and bread. The soup and bread are prepared by various parishioners and set out and served a a ministry to the parish by the Catholic Daughters. This is an equally inspiring time of those same parishioners who were praying together sharing a simple, meatless meal in observance of our Lenten practices. The soups, while delicious, are simple and fitting of the sense that we offer up some comforts and luxuries as a form of penance.

I invite you to come and join us for a time of prayer, reflection, and community this Lent. Stations start at 5:30 PM in the church. We even provide the booklets, in large print, so all you need to bring is yourself and your prayer. This is a simple exercise in our parish but such a powerful expression of our desire to serve God in pray and to serve each other in mind and body.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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- 2/28 Auction Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church hall
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