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MARCH 5, 2023
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction
at 6:30 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed on holidays

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**THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON**
with Whom I am well pleased

MATTHEW 17:5

This week's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Next week's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Roman 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM"

Beloved Disciple of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love and joy!

The Transfiguration of Jesus is a manifestation of His glory. Peter, James, and John are so privileged to witness the event. Peter is caught up in high energy that he wants to build three tents for Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. The experience though terrifying, places Peter in a position to be excited to build tents for them. In this event, a voice from the cloud is heard, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him". After the transfiguration, they all went down from the mountain, and Jesus told them not to say anything about it until He rose from the dead.

His miracles or well-known teachings do not bring about the glorification of Jesus. These miracles and thought-provoking teachings put him in trouble with the scribes and Pharisees. Rather, Jesus' glorification is brought about by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. He suffered and died for the sin of humanity. As much as He experienced pain and agony, He embraced them with all love and care for our salvation. Jesus' obedience brings this sacrificial love to God's will.

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we need to reflect on the words of the Father; "this is my beloved Son...listen to him," because Jesus sets an example of how we can truly be sons and daughters of the Father. To listen is to be a disciple, ready to learn and carry the teachings in our day-to-day lives.

Lent is a time to examine how we carry out our call to be Jesus' disciples today. Remember on Ash Wednesday? As crosses were marked on our foreheads, we heard, "repent and believe in the Gospel." How are we responding to these words as our Lenten journey continues? Have we just ignored the meaning of Ash Wednesday or embraced it to welcome God's grace into our lives? Know that Jesus is well pleased by the Father; we can be the same when we are faithful to Him in word and deed.

Let us continue our faith journey this Lent

by enriching our lives with God's Word. Listening to His Son will certainly bring about change or changes in our lives so we can live in peace, love, and joy!

Your friend in Jesus,

F. P. Abaya IV



Reverend Pascual Abaya IV
Rector

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

**Lord, let your mercy
be on us, as we place
our trust in you**

Psalm 33:21

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 5
Second Sunday of Lent
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 6
Monday of the Second Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 7
Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 8
Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 9
Thursday of the Second Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 10
Friday of the Second Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 11
Saturday of the Second Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Adoration/Benediction following 7:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 12
Third Sunday of Lent
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

March 5, 2023

Today, we hear about several disciples of Christ. Three of the apostles are described in the Gospel reading: Peter, James, and John. In his letter, Paul identifies Timothy as another follower. The Apostles in the miraculous story of the Transfiguration recognize Jesus as no ordinary human being. But only after Jesus' death and Resurrection will they be able to fully profess their faith in him as Messiah.

Jesus constantly reminded his disciples that the Messiah would suffer and die, sometimes to their fear and confusion. Jesus told them that following him in proclaiming God's message of peace and justice would lead to hardships and pain for them, also. Paul reminds Timothy of this: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). But the message to which all disciples can hold fast even in the midst of suffering and death is the one Jesus speaks to the apostles: "Rise, and do not be afraid" (Matthew 17:7). It is a message we, too, remind ourselves of this Lent. Life will come from death.

SHARING FAITH

Disciples often are on a journey with an end that seems unknown and uncertain. In response to our fear, Jesus offers peace. Where does Jesus offer you peace this Lent?

The Responsorial Psalm says we place our trust in God. What does that mean for you?

Paul tells us we are called to a holy life. What is your holy life?

LIVING THE LITURGY

In the Gospel, Jesus takes the apostles on a journey to a high mountain. It implies a place away from all the distractions confronting disciples in daily life. There, they had a profound experience of God. What would it mean for you to go to a place with few distractions? Can you find such a place for yourself this Lent?

Read the story of Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 11:26 — 25:10). What promises does God make to Abraham over his lifetime? What does God ask of him and Sarah? What can we learn from their story of faithfulness?

Can you think of anyone who, like Abraham, has left their home to follow a call from God? You might look to recent saints, such as Saint Damien of Molokai, or a missionary group like Maryknoll or lay volunteers with AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, or a religiously affiliated group. How does their example help us be more true disciples?

REFLECTION

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid" (Matthew 17:6 –7).



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

You made the light to shine out of darkness, a light that reveals the goodness of all you have created.

Your Son tells us we are the light of the world. It is a dark world in desperate need of your infinite love and mercy.

Help us to be good stewards of the light you shine in our hearts so that through this precious gift, we too may reveal your handiwork.

And by the power of Your Spirit, show us how to shine our light before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify you.

We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 20 - 26, 2023

Offertory Collection

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,170.00
Weekday	\$ 2,718.39
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 978.67
Total Offertory	\$ 9,917.06

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 171.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 137.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,585.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 327.00
Total	\$ 12,137.06



SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

MOST BEAUTIFUL AMONG WOMEN

Forget what is past, it is time to go forward. "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I am doing something new, now it will spring forth; do you not perceive it? - Isaiah 43:18-19. Please join the Most Beautiful Among Women Ministry on Saturday, March 4, 2023 located at the Auditorium at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 North School Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. For more information on how to register and learn more details, please visit their website at www.newlife4u.live

SAINT OF THE WEEK

With outstretched arms Jesus begs us to turn toward him, to weep for our sins and to become the servants of love, first ourselves, then for our neighbors. Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sins.

St. John of God (1495 - 1550) Patron of Booksellers, Feast Day, March 8.