

GOOD NEWS!

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9: 2-10

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead" meant. Still they placed their future in his hands.

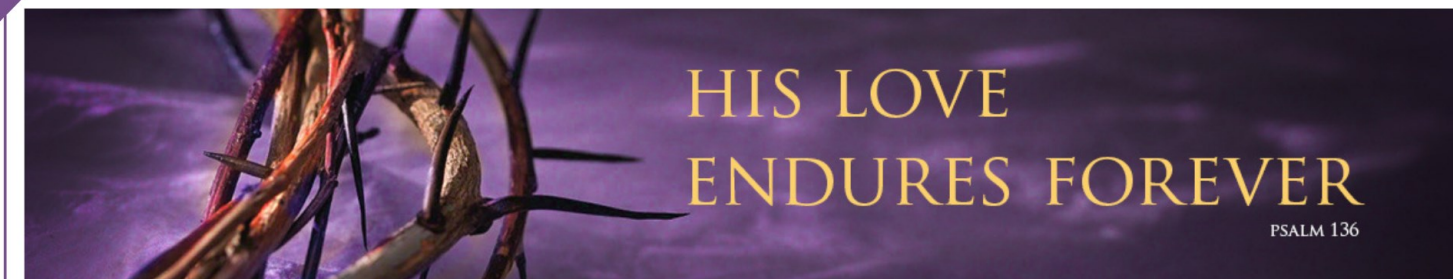
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.



2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Mondays: 9 am - St. Anne
 Tuesdays: 9 am - St. Anne
 Wednesdays: 9 am - St. Gabriel
 Thursdays: 9 am - St. Catherine

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne
 Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine
 Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine
 Fridays: 5:30-6:30 pm - Following Stations
 Saturdays: 3:30 pm - St. Raphael

Communal Penance Service & First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm at St. Anne

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call parish office for home visits

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne
 Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine
 Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine
 Churches open for prayer during the day

LENTEN REFLECTION

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - St. Catherine
 Can be followed virtually
www.resurrectionacgr.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays at St. Raphael at 4:30 pm
 Fridays at 5 pm
 Confessions following for an hour
 February 19 - St. Anne March 12 - St. Raphael
 February 26 - St. Catherine March 19 - St. Anne
 March 5 - St. Gabriel March 26 - St. Catherine

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — 28 FEBRUARY 2021

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Scripture Readings for the week of March 1-7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel is always the story of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain. The passage marks the turning point in the gospel story when Jesus 'set his face to Jerusalem' and tells his closest disciples that the Son of Man must suffer death and be raised on the third day. The Father's voice from heaven tells us to "Listen to Him", to listen to the voice of Jesus in our lives. How have you been hearing Jesus' voice in your prayer time this Lent?

Last week in our first of five homilies on the basic message of the Gospel (the Kerygma), I explained the first point which is CREATION. We ask the question: "Why is there anything rather than nothing?" How do we come to know that there is a God who created all of this out of nothing? The first point of the Kerygma opens our hearts to the reality that all of us are created for a purpose. We are not accidents of history or just blobs of molecules. In *New Proofs for the Existence of God*, Fr. Robert Spitzer notes scientific hypotheses that point to a Creator:

"Roger Penrose calculated that the odds of our universe existing as it is are exceedingly remote at 1 chance in 10-to-the-10-to-the-123rd power." The 123 is the exponent of the exponent!!!! That's odds of 1 out of [10 with an exponent of (1 followed by 123 zeros)]. Spitzer explains that "this number is so large that if we write it out in ordinary notation...10 point type...it would fill up a large portion of the universe!"

The second point of the Kerygma we will be talking about this Sunday is SIN. After describing God's wonderful act of unconditional love in creation, one has to only look around at the world we live in and ask... what the heck happened? Why if God is good is there so much suffering and pain? Fr. John Ricardo proposed a better word than sin which many people reject the notion. Instead, he uses the word 'captured'. Do you feel captured by the bad or the evil around?

God bless,



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
Fr. Robert Bissot
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Doris Miltz
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Jim Barth

Monday, March 1,
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Special intention - Margaret Mary Boyd

Tuesday, March 2,
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Special intention - Katherine Ryan
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel
 9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel
Vicky Beson
 9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel
 5-6:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Catherine
 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine Hall
 6:30 pm Children's Sacramental Preparation Class St. Catherine Hall

Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
John Dumont
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Catherine
 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross St. Raphael

Friday, March 5, NO MASS
 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Gabriel
 5:30-6:30 pm Confession St. Gabriel

Saturday, March 6,
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent
 Rosary is prayed half an hour before all Masses
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Ronald Frayer
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Craig Rolston
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Charlie & Jan Dettling

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).
 Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. A portion of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$72,903.82	\$88,194.30	\$18,873.40	\$25,172.92
Actual year-to-date	\$74,328.13	\$89,658.29	\$17,450.52	\$26,270.64
Feb. 21	\$1,108.00	\$2,405.00	\$490.00	\$493.80
Other Collections:	\$35.00	\$145.00	\$10.00	\$35.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Matthew Wigton
 Monday—Rev. John William
 Tuesday—Rev. Innocent Zambua
 Wednesday—Rev. Robert Zuchowski
 Thursday—Rev. James Bearss
 Friday—Rev. Stanislaw Bereda
 Saturday—Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season, if there is anyone who is homebound and would like to go to Confession, receive the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion please contact the parish office to set up an appointment. Fr. Tyler will be available most afternoons for home visits.

New Parish Website

We are excited to announce to you the launch of our new parish website. Check it out at www.resurrectionacgr.org. The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, posted all of the latest news and events, and much more. There is an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

Congratulations to *Emily Lucas* who was baptized, Sunday, February 13, at St. Catherine.

We remember all the faithful departed from our parishes and especially those who passed away this past week: **Diane Bolda**

Family Perspective: The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Abstinence—Catholics 14 years of age or older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. No meat may be eaten on these days.

Fasting—Catholics 18 years of age through age 59, are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are to have only one full meal and two other small meals. Eating between meals is not allowed but liquids are permitted.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops explain that you may be excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits excluding the physically or mentally ill and those who are suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more info on Lenten practices visit usccb.org

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