

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." —St. Francis

March 5, 2023 - Second Sunday in Lent

Niech Bedze pochwalony  
Jezus Chrystus.  
R/. Na wieki, wiekow.  
Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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**READING I** - Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** -

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

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

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

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

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

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

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

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



**READING 2** - Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

**GOSPEL** - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 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." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**GENERAL CONCESSIONS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** - *Amazing Grace*

**COMMUNION HYMN** - *We Will Rise Again*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** - *I Come to the Garden*

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

## LENT AND RECONCILIATION

In Lent we renew the life of Baptism. The life Baptism gives us is one of prayer and discipleship in Jesus. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is sometimes called a "Second Baptism" because it restores and strengthens the life of Baptism. Lent is an excellent time to receive this sacrament. It purifies our prayer and lifts from us any weight of regret or fear. It frees us from old naivets of thinking and behaving. Reconciliation gives one a new heart and allows one to begin a new life in Jesus. its fruit is peace because God has taken away sin of the world. Reconciliation is God's deed. It is God's gift to us!

## PRAYER FOR LENT

Jesus Christ, Lord and Redeemer, we who have been baptized into your death hope to be raised to new life in you. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this Lent so that we might have the courage to take up our cross each day, to fulfill our duties with great love and to hope always in your word. May this sacred season strengthen us to live as men and women dead to sin and alive in you. Help us to grow in faith so that we might be witnesses of your love to the world. Amen.

## LENT HAS MANY PATHS...

This Season of Lent, remains a time of healing, a time to grow in your faith and renew in your spirit! Fasting, Prayer and works of charity remain. Take time... read the Bible, listen to a hymn, pray the rosary or just one Station of the Cross, meditate, pray from your heart and put goodness into action ...there remains so many paths...

## HIS WORDS - FORGIVENESS

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn. and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."  
—Luke 6:35-38

## 2023 Upcoming Events

### Sundays after Mass During Lent

Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, April 2 - 9:00 am**

Palm Sunday Mass & Procession

**Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 pm**

Holy Thursday Mass

**Friday, April 7 - 7:00 pm**

Good Friday Liturgy

**Saturday, April 8 - 1:00 pm**

Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Sunday, April 9 - 9:00 am**

Easter Sunday Mass

## YARD SALE

**Fri., Sat. & Sun., April 21, 22 & 23, 2023**

## SPRING FUND-RAISER DINNER

**Sunday, May 21, 2023 • 3 p.m.**

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE BAROMETER OF OUR LIVES

Although the table is a place for intimacy, we all know how easily it can become a place of distance, hostility, and even hatred. Precisely because the table is meant to be an intimate place, it easily becomes the place we experience the absence of intimacy. The table reveals the tensions among us. When husband and wife don't talk to each other, when a child refuses to eat, when brothers and sisters bicker, when there are tense silences, when the table becomes hell, the place we least want to be. The table is the barometer of family and community life. Let's do everything possible to make the table the place to celebrate intimacy.



Adam Koterba (March 8<sup>th</sup>)  
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Richie Scillia (March 9<sup>th</sup>)