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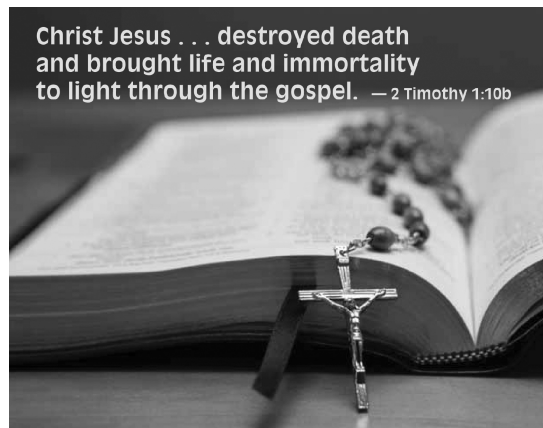
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Confession: Sunday 8:00-8:45a or by appointment. Adoration 8:00-8:45a

## Mass Times and Intentions

Day		Time	
Sun 5	St Mk	9:00 AM	
	HC	11:15AM	
Mon 6	St Mk	5:30 PM	
Tue 7	St Mk	5:30 PM	
Wed 8	St Mk	5:30 PM	
Fri 10	St Mk	5:30 PM	(Sta. of Cross 6p)
Sat 11	St Mry	5:00 PM	
Sun 12	St Mk	9:00 AM	
	HC	11:15AM	

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death  
and brought life and immortality  
to light through the gospel. — 2 Timothy 1:10b



Weih; Edward/Susan Carmine; Steve Hartness; Charlotte Roberson, Andy Boykin, Arlene Russell; Chris Hales.

There will be a **Brown Bag Lunch** tomorrow at noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-13; Lk 6:36-38

Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13; 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mon: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther)

Tue: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wed: St. John of God

Thu: St. Frances of Rome

Collections	Last Week
Regular Collection	\$ 1,577.00
Second Collection	1,200.00
Building Fund	0.00

Prayer  
Concerns:  
Stephanie  
Coleman;  
Phyllis Cox;  
Jordan Smith; Brian Smith; Candice Carter;  
Genesis Chua; Heidii Chua; Doronia Dantin;  
Pam/James Guanzon; Cindy Theriot; Marilyn



## March 5, 2023

Parish Council will meet tomorrow evening at 7PM.

Parents, this is the final Circle of Grace instruction date for this term. If you choose to opt-out, see Melissa Prince.

March 8: Grades 3, 5, 8, and High School  
(Confirmation Class)



There will be **Lenten Soup Suppers** on the Friday, March 10, 17, & 24, following the Masses and Stations of the Cross. If you would like to provide a meal, please sign up in the foyer.



There will be another Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31.

The confirmation class will participate in Mass next Sunday. A **donut** social for the parish will follow.

Since the Lenten Fish Fry was this past Friday, the **Adoration** that is usually on the first Friday was postponed until March 10. A new sign up sheet is on the credenza.

**Fasting and Abstinence:** As the season of Lent begins, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fasting, abstinence and other forms of penance. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence where Catholics begin and end Lent penitentially. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones that do not together equal one full meal. Those that are fasting have the opportunity to practice self-control and to detach from worldly desires. All between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat and its obligation begins at age 14. Pastors and parents have the duty to educate minors in the authentic sense of penance and to encourage them to do acts of penance suitable to their age. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

**Catholic Relief Services Special Collection.** March 19. Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Mar	Lector	Ushers	Eucharist	Altar Servers	Offertory	Counting
Sat 12	Confirmation Class		David Mlr, Joe, Gwen	Jordi, Eva, Gabrielle	Confirm. Class	C

5 de marzo de 2023 Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

PUNTOS DE INFLEXIÓN

Nuestras lecturas de hoy describen puntos de inflexión para aquellos a quienes Dios ha elegido. En el Génesis, Dios llama a Abram para que abandone su tierra natal, con la promesa de formar un pueblo en una nueva tierra. En el Evangelio, los discípulos ven a Jesús literalmente bajo una nueva luz, la luz brillante de la transfiguración de Jesús. Empiezan a ver a Jesús, y a ellos mismos, de una manera nueva. Son momentos en los que Dios presenta un nuevo camino hacia adelante, proporcionando un nuevo propósito y energía. Nuestras vidas también tienen sus propios puntos de inflexión, en los que Dios trabaja (normalmente de forma menos espectacular) para llevarnos a una mayor madurez y a una unidad más profunda con Dios y con los demás. El camino que tenemos por delante, como el de Abram, Jesús y los discípulos, puede ser largo y difícil. La Cuaresma puede ser un tiempo en el que reflexionemos sobre estos puntos de inflexión en nuestro pasado, y consideremos cómo Dios puede estar suscitando algo nuevo en nosotros hoy.

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Padres, estas son las fechas de instrucción del Círculo de Gracia. Si elige optar por no participar, consulte a Melissa Prince. 8 de marzo: Grados 3, 5, 8 y Escuela Secundaria (Clase de Confirmación)



LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA. Hoy realizaremos The **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta ayuda a las víctimas de persecución y de desastres naturales, proporciona servicios legales a los inmigrantes de bajos recursos y aboga por las personas indefensas. Gracias a su generosidad, seis agencias revelan el amor de Cristo al refugiado vulnerable, a la familia inmigrante y a los pobres y marginados. Por favor, en oración, consideren contribuir.

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE  
**Cuaresma**

5 DE MARZO DE 2023

Una nube luminosa los cubrió  
y de ella salió una voz que decía:  
"Este es mi Hijo muy amado,  
en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias;  
escúchenlo".  
Mateo 17:5

Habrà cenas de sopa de Cuaresma el viernes 10, 17 y 24 de marzo, luego de las masas y estaciones de la cruz. Si desea proporcionar una comida, regístrese en el vestíbulo.

Habrà otro pescado de Cuaresma fría el viernes 31 de marzo.

La clase de confirmación participará en la misa el próximo domingo. Seguirá una dona social para la parroquia. Habrà Cenas de Sopa de Cuaresma los viernes 10, 17 y 24 de marzo, después de las Misas y las Estaciones de la Cruz. Si desea proporcionar una comida, regístrese en el vestíbulo.

Catholic Relief Services Collection Special Collection. 19 de marzo. Hoy tomamos la Colección Catholic Relief Services. Su apoyo a esta colección ayuda a las víctimas de persecución y desastres naturales, brinda servicios legales a inmigrantes pobres y defensores de los impotentes. A través de su generosidad, seis agencias católicas revelan el amor de Cristo por los refugiados vulnerables, la familia inmigrante y las pobres y marginados. Por favor, considera en oración contribuir a la Colección Catholic Relief Services.

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**Lent**

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."  
Matthew 17:5

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Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

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GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God’s love, Christ’s very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

Today’s Readings: Gn 12:1–4a; Ps 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b–10; Mt 17:1–9