

NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

Still on schedule to be completed September 2021



*Thanks to everyone who continues to serve our church in many capacities.
We couldn't do it without you. God Bless you all.*



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*The
Season
of
Lent*



2nd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2020

We have three wonderful scripture readings presented to us today: The first reading presents the Sacrifice of Isaac; in the second reading we have the famous passage from Romans "With God on our side who could be against us?" which re-assures us of God's goodness to us. And last the Gospel, we have the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of three of his disciples: Peter, James, and John. And the Father speaking to us all that: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

The main message from all three readings is: Trust, Listen, be attentive to the voice of the Lord. Abraham trusted the Lord and all that he had promised him. And because of this trust, he is willing to sacrifice, to let go of what was most precious to him: the only son of his old age. Abraham received Isaac as a gift and so he is ready to give back the gift to the one who gave in the first place, trusting that he knows better.

The story of Abraham and Isaac is full of high drama. The demand that Isaac be sacrificed seemed to utterly contradict God's promise that the boy would pass on Abraham's line into the distant future. It was a radical trial of faith, and no greater test of obedience could be set. Abraham's heart was pierced by the boy's innocent question, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering? Finding it impossible to tell his son that *he* was the intended victim, Abraham stammered, "*God will provide.*"

We may ask ourselves: Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son? Why did Abraham intend to obey?

Yes, God asked Abraham to do something that seemed, humanly speaking, absurd. Yet Abraham had faith that somehow God would work out his promises and his plans. Abraham completely trusted in God even though (maybe) everything around him and within him told him differently. Abraham had faith, he trusted. What faith do you have? What sacrifices are willing to make or take for the sake of your faith?

During this time of lent many of us try to or promise to do some sacrifices. Giving up something, etc... But are we ready to sacrifice something precious, something meaningful? And what happens after lent? Do we go back to our old ways?

The story of Abraham is teaching us to do everything trusting the Lord, that he is always on our side. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that if God is for us nothing can go wrong.

In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to reveal to us his mission of brings salvation to God's people, which will include suffering, death, and Resurrection.

As the Father told us in The Gospel: This is my son, listen to him. Let us pay attention to what the Lord is telling us, let us listen to his voice, the voice which is in his Gospels. The Lord is calling us everyday to change to be good people to be his disciple, to seek his love and forgiveness, but sometimes His voice is not heard.

During this time of lent, spend some time reading and meditating/reflecting on some passages of the Gospels. Listen to what those passages are telling you.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Father suggests you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion time.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things And I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this Moment to receive You Sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually Into my heart.

I embrace You as being Already there, and unite Myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be Separated from you.

Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Dick Zimmerman, Art Smith, Chuck Walsh Sr., Kitty Nielsen & Lucy Hock

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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,062
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 73,752
Total Budget Projection: \$ 66,933



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There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$159 Printer Leasing Fee.

February 28, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

This is only the second month of the year 2021 but a lot of things have already taken place. Our New Church is taking shape, we are all excited to see how quickly the construction is moving. Hopefully by October we will be sitting in it worshipping the Lord and all our sacrifices will turn to joy!

We have had, and are still participating in different Fundraising campaigns. The Memorials' campaign for our New Worship which we opened in January, has been a success although some items like windows are still available. But in general, I am grateful for the support and love you have shown for your Church. Please continue responding positively, as you always do, to all the activities organized by our Fundraising Committee during this Lent.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is also taking place. As I have said on many occasions, this is an opportunity to be and feel part of the Mission of the Diocese. The Diocese is us, and together we bring Christ's love to all those who will benefit from this Appeal.

Let me express my sincere gratitude to all of you for supporting all these activities. Also, thank you for your continued financial support of the Church during these trying and difficult times. May this season of Lent be for all of us a time of renewal both spiritually and physically.



Be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Gerry

BIRTHDAY'S FOR MARCH

1st-Daved Bushey, 4th-Anne Paparella, 5th-Earlyne Glenn & Tom Lange,
8th- Sandi Delagrange & Joe Pearce, 9th-Kathy Placilla & Peper Heunemann,
15th-Victoria Hollingsworth, 16th-Mitch Krom, 20th-Gary Richardson,
21st-Peggy Williams, 22nd-Mike Lokie, 24th-Barbara Hollingsworth & Jay Jay Jaboulay,
25th-Dolores Recupido, 30th-Michele Meanley & Joe Sychterz.



ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR MARCH

13th-Jan & Nathalie Smith, 15th-Frank & Gerrie Lohr, 24th-Bill & Johnna Harris,
28th-Ron & Georgia Beville.



TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Lectors: Mary Ellen Sherwood & Tom Dorman Community Leader: Gary Richardson

SOUP AND STATIONS

Although a soup repast is not part of the events as in the past, the soup fundraiser is occurring simultaneously. For clarification, if you are signed up to prepare soup, you can deliver the soup to the church during working hours(9-2pm) or before the stations begin at 5:30pm.



Please place the contents (soup) in the quart containers in the kitchen and then the refrigerator. If bringing bread there are paper bags which the bread is to be placed. For those who have ordered a quart or two, you may pick up your order at 6:15pm or upon the conclusion of the stations.

The donation amount is \$10 per quart, bread included. As we proceed through Lent, please remember *to sign up on Sunday* to prepare soup and/or bread or to place your order for a quart or two of these delicious culinary specialties.

*If you wish to sign up for either and cannot make it to church, you can always email or leave a message on the church answering machine. When ordering soup, please say what **type** of soup you desire and how **many** quarts of each.*

THE CROSS

You may not have noticed it, but we have a new cross by the road. The old one collapsed from wear last week and our conscientious cadre of ushers solved the need. Don Delagrange built it on Monday and Tom Shoemaker, Frank Lohr, and Joe Sychterz put it in the ground on Tuesday. My thanks for the rapid reaction of a dedicated group of parishioners.



WINTER HATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our Parishioner Gerrie Lohr is knitting winter hats for the homeless. She will take any and all yarn scrapes left over from your projects. She has made about 45 plus from the Shawl Ministry leftovers. Any and all amounts are okay. You may drop donations in a box outside of the office.



CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday 9AM-12:00. Or call the office if you need assistance.

*Our Rosary Ministry is every Sunday starting at 8:30am. All are welcome!

Church attendance last weekend was 72.

ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to attend church irrespective of the alphabet. All COVID protocols will still apply.

We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday @9AM for anyone who desires to attend. All are welcome!

Thank you to everyone and may God continue to Bless Us All!



SCOOT'S BARBEQUE DINNER

← To order your dinner online, open hyperlink on this logo.

ANNUAL APPEAL



This Sunday is the second week of the annual in-pew process. Father has briefly explained the Diocesan needs, the Appeal's support of our parish in the past, and the hope we will be generous in supporting the appeal and exceeding the goal, which we have done every year it has existed.

As announced, the appeal is primarily digital this year. If desired, you can donate using the envelope sent in the mail to you, and if you do not have one, you can pick one up from the office.

<https://vimeo.com/506140435/700f9137c4>

Short video on how to donate to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Just open the hyperlink and watch the video.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have - in both material and non-material things - have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, consider a charitable bequest to our church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Disciples to worship, serve others and continue the vital ministries of the church.



LENT IS UPON US

Lent has begun and we encourage you to participate in the four stations planned to begin this coming Wednesday. As part of that, you can order soup to take home with you after stations. Information about the soup portion has been previously promulgated and like the other Lenten fundraisers, call Mary if you have any questions. The Triduum will be held at FdS this year. If you need a Lenten Calendar, pick one up as you depart Mass as well as a copy of the Little Black Book, the popular six minute reflection series.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence:

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Lent and the Worship Environment. During Lent, the altar should not be decorated with flowers. The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), solemnities, and feasts are exceptions to this norm. While the vestment color for the season of Lent is violet, on the 4th Sunday of Lent, rose-colored vestments may be worn.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation. During Lent, everyone is urged to take a greater and more fruitful share in the Lenten liturgy. It is very appropriate for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to be celebrated during Lent in a more solemn form, and we encourage you to receive this sacrament during Lent.

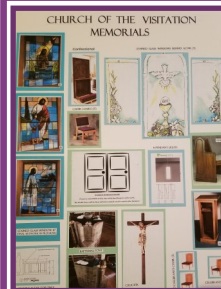
MEMORIAL DONATIONS

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you *hope* and a *future*.

Jeremiah 29:11

What a future we have. Our new church continues to appear before our eyes. Without you, it would not be possible.

Thank you to all the parishioners for their generous commitments.



Memorials still available are as follows:

Stained glass windows #2 \$16,000 (Left side behind Altar)

Stained glass windows #4 -7 \$12,000 each

Confessional \$7,500

Double Wooden Doors \$10,000

Sound System \$8,500

Sanctuary Tile \$11,500

Pews and Choir chairs minimum donation of \$250

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If you are still interested in a Memorial Donation, we now have a hyperlink available.