

MARCH 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

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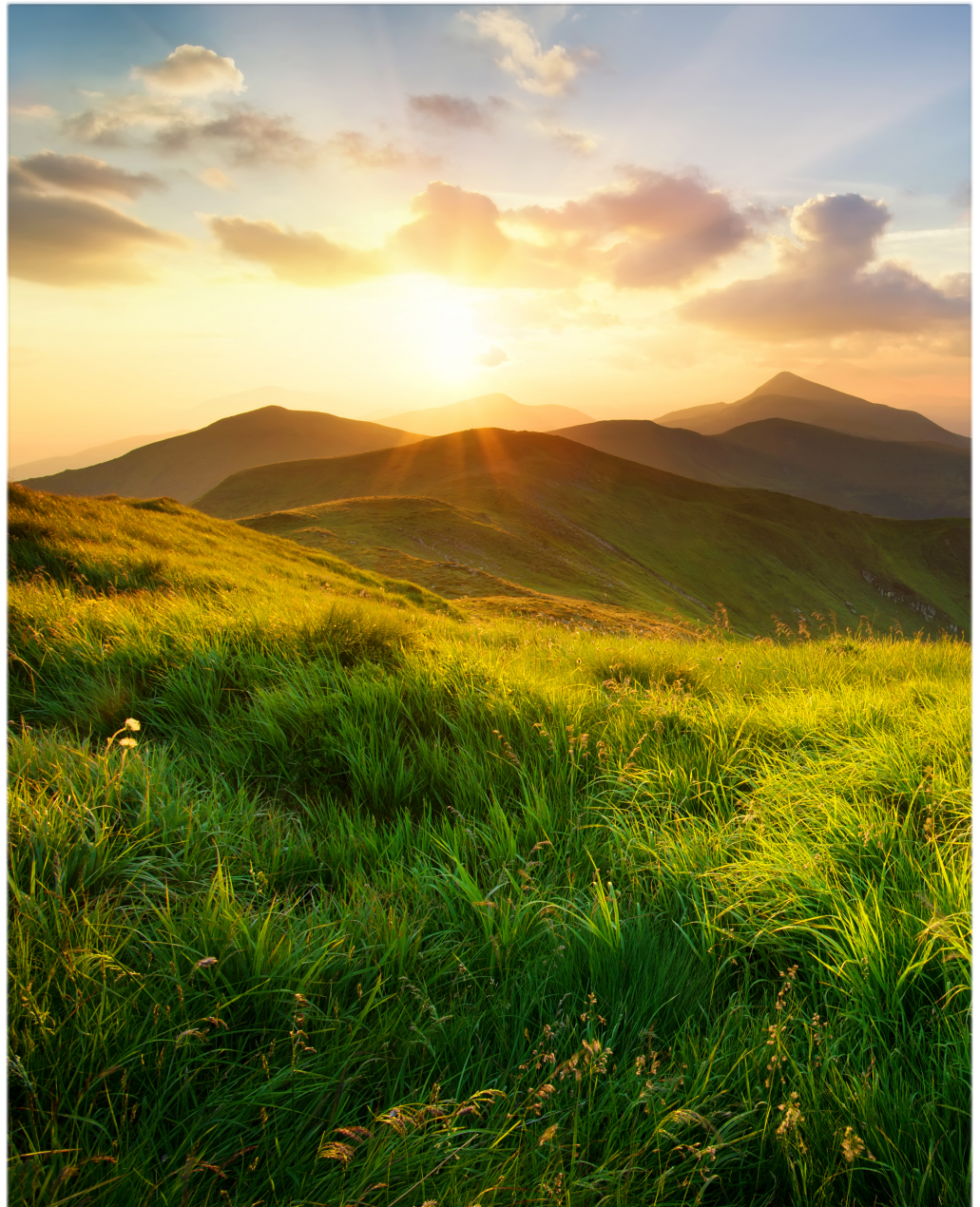
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Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

Please take note of the good practices and habits to “Stay Healthy at Mass” on the next page to limit the spread of infections, such as the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Look on these recommendations from the Archdiocese as possibly only the first steps in developing good habits that may well have to be extended in time; for example, if the situation worsens, we may have to remove the Holy Water Font, the Sign of Peace may also go and Communion may only be received on the hand. Think not only of yourself, but also your neighbor!

Our last Bible study classes will be held this week, March 12 and 13. CCE will be taking a break for the next two Sundays, March 15 and 22. This has nothing to do with the coronavirus, but rather “America’s Great Escape” during spring break. Most of our children and young people here at St. Catherine’s are in two school districts, hence a two-week break; and as is the norm, parents and grandparents are also part of the great migration to the hills and beaches or are the hosts of Camp Granny, etc. This might be one of those years when

most of you might be curtailing your traveling to the U.S. I keep wondering if you happen to visit a European country where coronavirus is discovered, will the U.S. government let you back into this country to add to the possible spread of same? This is actually the first time in quite a few years that I will not be traveling across the pond after Easter, and am I glad! Being here with you this year will be much safer, and I will make sure it is as much fun. Be wise, holy ones; there is always next year!

Before we all become paranoid, how about those of you who are at Mass this evening (Saturday, March 7) joining us, while we still can, for our usual Mingle? Breakfast is being served this Sunday morning too (March 8) after the 8:30 AM Mass for those of you who are early morning risers. Avail yourself of these opportunities God (and St. Catherine’s) offers – you never know, the sky might fall tomorrow ...

Be safe, be well and God bless,

Fr. Niall

**“TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME”
COME ONE, COME ALL...**



St. Catherine’s has organized a baseball outing on Friday, April 17, 2020 @ 7:10pm.
We have a limited number of seats reserved.
Tickets are \$30 each.

If you are interested in joining fellow parishioners to cheer on the Houston Astros against the LA Angels, please email Cathy Busald at RECoordinator@stcatherine-houston.org or stop in the office for tickets.

Club 55+ Bus Trips

Bus Trip: On March 25th, we will tour one of the most historic towns in Texas - Victoria. We will depart the church at 7:30 AM and should be back by 6 PM. To reserve your seats, please mail your check for \$10 to Henry Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 along with your email and phone number.

Luncheon: Our March meeting will be on Sunday, March 8th right after the 11:15 AM Mass with special entertainment by Jon "Mr. J" Ingram. - Bob Mitchell

Women’s Group

Please join us on Wednesday March 11, from 7:00-8:30 PM for our next gathering. We will be supporting Irene Infente’s work with our veterans by collecting books and sturdy bags in which the books can be delivered. If you would like, bring a snack or drink to share. Many hands make light work! Please contact Joi Kingsley with any questions at Joikingsley@gmail.com

STAY HEALTHY AT MASS

Recommendations from the Archdiocese

1 WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands right before coming to Mass - 20 seconds with hot water and soap will do the trick.

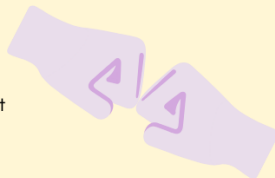


2 STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL

If you are ill, you are not obligated to be present at Sunday Mass.

3 BE RESPECTFUL

Respect others who may not be comfortable with physical contact before, after or during Mass.



4 USE YOUR HANDS

It is recommended to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

5 HOST ONLY

At present, Holy Communion will only be distributed in the form of the Host.



Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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SAT 7	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass 6:00 PM Parish Mingle Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
SUN 8	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 AM Parish Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass 12:30 PM Club 55+ Luncheon 4:00 - 6:00 PM Confirmation Session Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
MON 9	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open No Daily Mass
TUE 10	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
WED 11	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass 7:00 - 8:30 PM Last Spring 2020 Bible Study
THU 12	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Office Open 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Last Spring 2020 Bible Study 12:15 PM Daily Mass
FRI 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
Next Week	Third Sunday of Lent
SAT 14	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 15	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM No CCE Class - Spring Break 11:15 AM Sunday Mass

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Gloria and Todd, wife and son of Jim Stephen, who died recently.

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” Matthew 25:34

