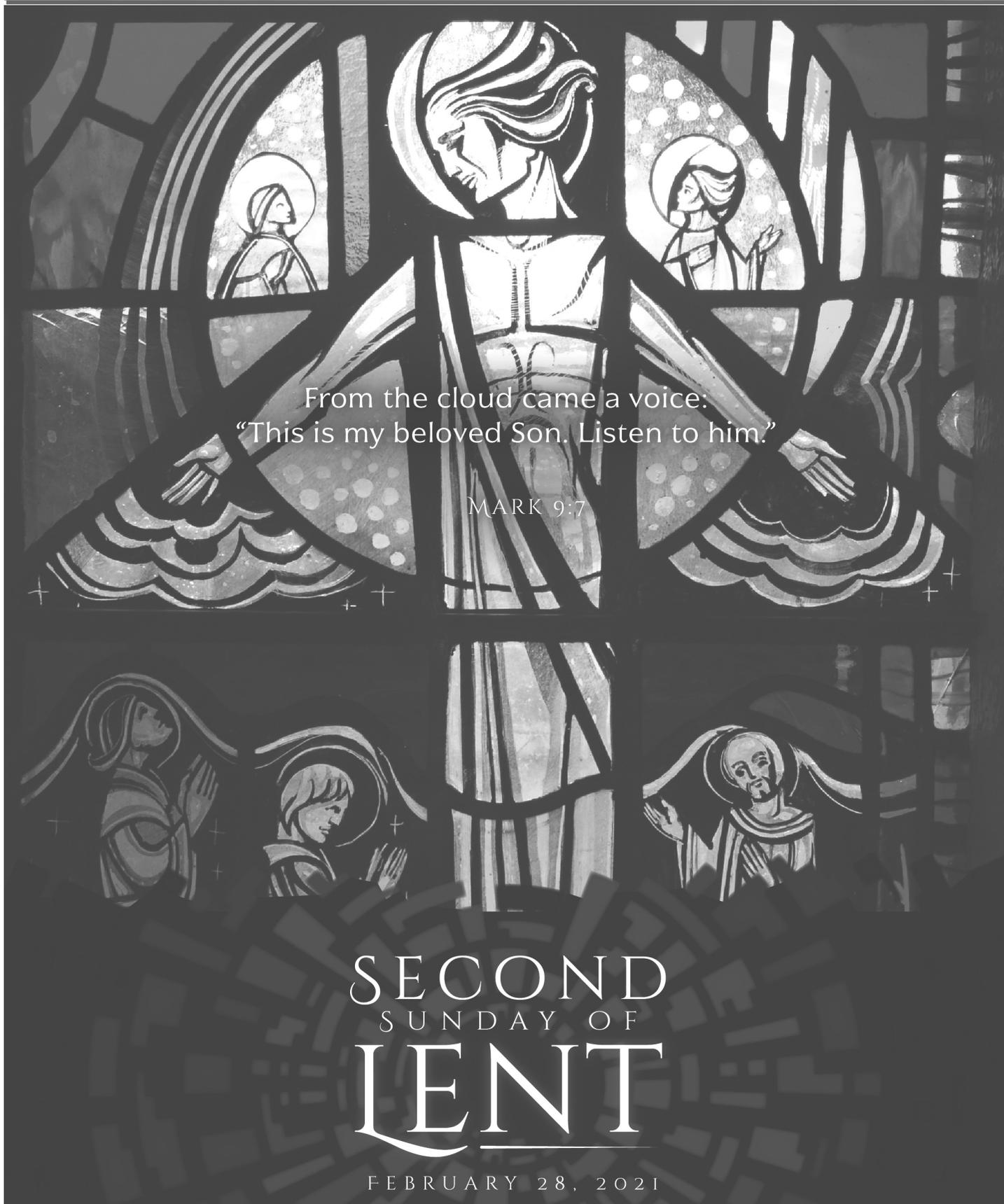




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From the cloud came a voice:  
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 2021

The Gospel proclamations of the first two Sundays of Lent always concern the Temptation of Christ in the desert, the First Sunday, and the Transfiguration of Christ, the Second Sunday. This year the Church proclaims the Gospel of Mark on these two Sundays. The Gospel of Mark's account of the Temptation of Christ is the shortest of any Gospel. That is why there are two additional verses about the beginning of Jesus' ministry that give us the first words of Christ recorded in the Gospel according to St. Mark. *"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."* On this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the words of God the Father, *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."* Putting these two verses together gives us a powerful exhortation to repent and believe. These two things- conversion and belief, are emphasized during Lent. We must insist on them.

The season of Lent is, in fact, a preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises. This means, as we were exhorted on Ash Wednesday, turning away from sin, and believing in the Gospel. It is also the season when our catechumens make their final preparation for baptism and full initiation into the Church.

A hymn we sing during Lent helps me focus on conversion and baptism.

**Lord, who throughout these forty days,**  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,  
And did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.

If we are to "mourn our sins" we must acquire the habit of examining our conscience. We can begin by praying for the grace to know our sins because we need to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to know our sins properly. This is a precious grace. If the knowledge of our sins comes from the Holy Spirit our repentance will be sweet to us and pleasing to God. We will detest our sins because we love God. We should also pray for the grace to understand how and in what ways we are inclined and tempted to sin. When we renew our baptismal promises at Easter, we renounce sin and the lure of evil and the author and prince of sin, Satan.

We also ought to pray for a knowledge of the world's deceptions. The Cross is folly in the eyes of the world, but it is the wisdom of God.

*Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if my disciple you would be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.*

Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me," Lk.9:23 What does it mean to take up our daily Cross?

That word *daily* stands out. The daily Cross is, in a sense, a triple Cross. Each day God gives us the cross of resisting temptations, of faithfully doing our duty, and of bearing the circumstances of the present moment. That is simple enough, isn't it?

-Most of us desire to make a good Lent but sometimes it is difficult to keep it up. The secret is to persevere. Go to Joseph. With his help you can keep Lent alive and grace filled. Dedicate the month of March to Joseph and prepare to celebrate March 19 in honor of Joseph. Your Lent will be blessed by St. Joseph.

~ *Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.*



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### Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Schedule

**Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm** (English/Español) Confession in Church and Courtyard. You must wear a mask.  
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**Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.** (English) Rosary followed by Mass in the school field.

### Sundays

9:30 a.m. Mass in the church patio  
11:00 a.m. Live-stream Mass  
3:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish) in the school field  
6:00 p.m. Mass inside church

**Weekdays Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.** Mass inside church

There will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 p.m.** We are also planning to have an outdoor Lenten mission in March. The dates and times are still to be determined.

## Mass Intentions

In Honor of San Pedro  
Jose & Irene Bernal/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners  
Petra Franco/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
George Arakaki/R.I.P.  
Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

In Honor of San Pedro  
Sister Barbara, O.C.D./R.I.P.

In Honor of Saint Dymphna  
Hector Carlos Valencia/R.I.P.

In Honor San Pedro  
James Hawkins/R.I.P.

Leon Perez/R.I.P.  
Irene Fimbres/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
George Arakaki/R.I.P.

### Parish Collection February 14th, 2021

Collection: \$ 3,692.32  
Ash Wednesday: \$ 1,478.54  
Other: \$ 2,790.00  
Total: \$ 7,960.86

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**Business Hours** Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Closed for lunch** 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

### New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~ Note these are suspended during COVID-19

**Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm**

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

**Confession:** Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

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