

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Gn22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Psalm Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
 Second Reading - Rom 8:31b-34
 Verse before the Gospel Cf. Mt 17:5
 Gospel— Mk 9:2-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Jn 6:63c, 68c; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Ez 18:31; Mt 23:1-12
 Wed.: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Jn 8:12; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 8:15; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16, 17, 18-19, 20-21; Jn 3:16; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:18; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Cf. Jn 4:42, 15; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15; 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin
 Thursday: Saint Casimir

Mass Intentions

Sat.	27	5:00 pm	†Theodora Miller By Suzanne & Carl Booth
Sun.	28	9:00 am	†Isabel Bellaveau Bowie By Elvie & Rosie
		11:00 am	Kenna Villareal (birthday) By Barbara & Ken Chesshir
Mon.	1	8:30 am	†Shirley & Virgil Kennedy By Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	2	NO MASS	
Wed.	3	8:30 am	†Rolly Conklin By Carol & Sid Davis
Thurs.	4	8:30 am	†Dick Jarvis By Carol & Sid Davis
Fri.	5	8:30 am	†John Coughlin By Carol & Sid Davis
Sat.	6	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	7	9:00 am	†Marlene Thomas By Greg Thomas
		11:00 am	For Leighton Flores (birthday) By Barbara & Ken Chesshir

Please Pray For the Sick: Janie Jimenez, Mike Gibbs, Alyn Snell, George Snell, Janie Fernandez, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Penitential Service 3/19/21 6 p.m.
 Sacrament of Confirmation During Mass 3/20/21 5 p.m.

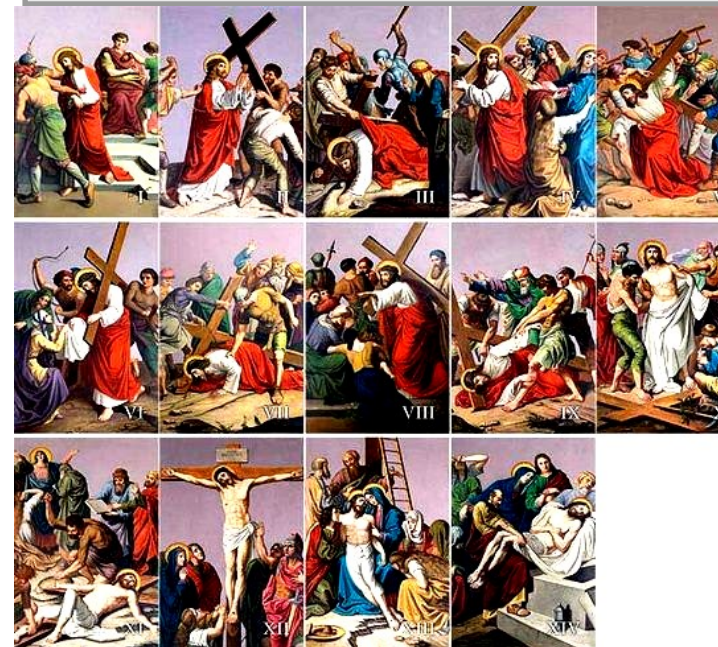
Pope Francis says: During the Season of Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (Mk 1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us.



Our Creator Makes All Things

Bishop Mulvey is reaching out with a Pastoral Message and Dedication to St. Joseph as we seek to rebuild our parish communities. He is also launching a special Appeal For Families. This will replace this year's Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. If you are able to help other families, please pledge at DioceseCC.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Will be held on Fridays after Mass During Lent



Collections for February 13 -14 & 27-28 , 2021

Loose Collection	\$2142.00
Envelope Collection	\$1020.00
Building Fund	\$ 600.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 522.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1930.00</u>
Total	\$6114.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A Matter of Perspective

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas, " he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

Pastor's Note: God who gives himself for us...

Lent is a time we make a lot of changes to our way of life. For some it could be the abstinence from certain things and for some others, it could be fasting that brings about this change. Many people spend more time in prayer and make it a point to attend daily Masses. There is a definite desire to introspect, to repent and be reconciled to God and to others. Whatever be the change that brings about in our daily routine, Lent brings with it, some hardships we have to endure. Today the readings, with its focus on the Transfiguration of Jesus, reminds us that a life focused on love with have its hardships, and these hardships will definitely be a path to glory. By revealing his glory, Jesus is uplifting the spirit of the Apostles, who were really downcast because of the passion prediction Jesus had made. Jesus had told them that passion and cross are a necessary element of following Jesus. To the Apostles, who were hoping that Jesus was the Messiah, this came as a shock. Jesus, through his Transfiguration, assures the Apostles that Passion is not the end, but a path to experiencing the glory of God. It is important to remind ourselves, during this season of Lent, that the difficulties and sacrifices that we endure as a result of our love for God, will definitely lead us to experiencing the glory of God. God's love is such, that he is willing to sacrifice his own Son for us, as highlighted in the second reading. In the first reading, we see the promise of God to Abraham, who showed his love and commitment to God. The God we believe in is a God of love. And just as love involves sacrifices, the love our God has for us, will definitely lead us to the glory that was revealed in and through Jesus. Now is the time to renew our commitment to God and to walk the path of love and service and to be willing participants in the mission of Jesus.

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