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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Abram put his faith in the Lord,” ... as we read in the first reading from the Second Sunday of Lent. What made Abram put his faith in the Lord? God told Abram to *“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be.”* How many stars could Abram count or see during the daylight? Yet, Abram trusted the Lord’s words; Abram put his faith in the Lord.

How about you and me? Do we truly put our faith in the Lord, in what He promised, in what He said, in what He commanded? We always have the tendency of wanting to understand first before we accept the teachings of the Lord or His commands. We always want to know why we have to do this or to avoid that as the Lord taught and the Church teaches. We want to know how and when God’s promise will be done. We want to see things *“clearly”* before we believe. We want to *“touch”* lest we doubt (just as doubting Thomas).

We really lack faith! Our faith is really weak! Or we have no faith at all in God though we come to Church every Sunday and pray every day!

During Lent, let us spend more time with God through prayer and attending the Sacred Liturgy (Holy Mass, Reconciliation, the Stations of the Cross, meditation, adoring Jesus in the Eucharist on Fridays...). Examine our life of faith. What do we do to make our faith stronger? What do we do to nourish our faith? What should we do to strengthen our faith? What virtue should we try to achieve first?

Actually, we all have faith in God, but the degree of faith in God in each person is different. The strength of our faith is expressed through how we live our life according to the commands of God and His Church’s teachings

Hopefully, you and I will take advantage of this Holy Season of Lent to come, not just **closer** to God or love His Church more, but also **remain** in God’s love and **defend** His Church.

If our faith in God is mature and strong, we will keep that faith in God to the end, we are sure that we will not only witness *“The Transfiguration”* of the Lord Jesus Christ, but also be transfigured to be like Him. Actually, at every Holy Mass we, with the **“eye of faith,”** do witness *“The Transfiguration”* of the Lord on the Sacred Altar of God: bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus our Lord: **The Transubstantiation.**

The glory of God appears in front of us at every Holy Mass, but do we see it and believe or we do not believe it at all. We are in the holy presence of God’s glory, so we should be awed and reverent and tremble, but what is the reality when we are in God’s presence? (I do not need to tell you again, do I?)

With faith, let us hear once again the voice from the cloud at the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus: ***“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”*** And Jesus told His Apostles: *who listens to you, listens to me* (The Chosen Son of the Father).

Peace, Fr. Tien

Volunteers needed

The next planning meeting for Father’s Jubilee is Tuesday, March 10th in the large classroom downstairs at 5:30 p.m.
Please help.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please go to the back of the church as soon as Deacon crosses the altar for the Prayer of the Faithful.
Thank you.

Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.



OCIA-Adult Education on Monday night March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. is **The Scrutinies-Woman at the Well - third Sunday in Lent**. Scrutinies-profound Gospel passages. Come share the reading of this Gospel with our RCIA candidates. Video from the Christian series **Chosen**. Snacks provided. Deacon David & Education Team



When making a food donation to the Food Pantry, PLEASE verify that there are no items beyond the expiration date. Thank you for your continued support!

The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7 P.M. this Tuesday, March 3rd, in the Family Life Center. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



There will be a Penance Service here this Thursday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglau, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 28

4:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention by Jim Holloran

Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. † Caleb Watson by Dee Moffitt
† Gonzalo Barriga, † Betty Green Ivy
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls, † Xochitl Mendoza
† Marciano Diaz Ordaz
† Antonina Arango Diaz
† Marciano Diaz Acevedo

Monday, March 2

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Beatrice Smith by Ella Jellison
In thanksgiving by Nghia & Tram

Tuesday, March 3

Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin
NO MASS

Wednesday, March 4

Saint Casimir

5:30 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 5

9:00 A.M. † Fr. Jose Maria Parcon
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer First Friday

9:00 A.M. † Rosanne Caroselli † Ismael Trujillo
† Luis Muniz
Josette, Wanda, Joe, and Charlene

Saturday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs First Saturday

8:45 A.M. Benediction
9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's intentions
4:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention by Jim Holloran

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Catechumen and Candidates
11:30 A.M. † Rogelio Damian Gonzalez
† Alberto Arellano, † Manuel Cardenas
† Holy Souls, Misercordia Group