

## Second Sunday of Lent

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-**

**ing:** Elaine March. Rosemary Seltzer. Elise Sugg. Kathy Carmona. Vicki Robinson. Jacob Stephens. Fr. Nano, Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Andrea Easter. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Beth Benoit.**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service**

**from our parish community:** Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

**THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS**

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Sat 2/24 5:00pm Mass**—Lisa Ferrara+ (M/M Ferrara)

**Sun 2/25 9:30am Mass**—Lee Marsh+ (Marie Mailliard's Mother)

**Tue 2/27 9:00am Mass/Adoration**—Rusty & Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie Anderson)

**Wed 2/28 NO MASS**—Fr. Mike at a Deanery Mtg. in Jefferson

**Thurs 3/01 9:00am Mass**—Pat Hanna (Bridget Rich)

**Fri 3/02 9:00am Mass**—Debi Nunley (Bridget Rich)

**Sat 3/03 5:00pm Mass**—Holy Spirit Parishioners

**Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm  
Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

	<u>2/17 &amp; 2/18</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b>Required Weekly Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,961</b>	<b>Sat. Sun.</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 2,919</b>	<b>72 90</b>

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

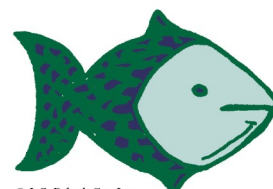
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**Pope's Universal Intention for March:** Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



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## **EVENTS AND NEWS**

**February Second Collections: 2/24 & 2/25: "Easter Flowers."**

**Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm**

"I am not in an audience with our Holy Father, not am I in the presence of a saint from heaven, not with some distinguished personality. Before me, dear Jesus, You are present under the frail appearance of the host. I believe, dear Jesus, that You are truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the most Blessed Sacrament." - John J. Cardinal Carberry.



**SAVE THE DATES APRIL 26th—28th  
PARISHIONERS PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN  
FOR OUR NEW DIRECTORY**

**2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA):** This weekend is the Commitment Weekend at our parish and through out the diocese. Last year, Bishop Strickland announced his vision to make the Diocese of Tyler a teaching diocese in the Constitution on Teaching the Catholic Faith. This vision involves teaching the Faith anew to every member of our diocese: priests, seminarians, deacons, lay people, and even fallen away Catholics and non-Catholics. The BAA provides for the many ministries that make this vision a reality. Prayerfully consider supporting the 2018 BAA with a pledge. Pledge cards can be found in your pews, and online gifts can be made at [www.dioceseoftyler.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org/appeal). Thank you for your continued generosity!

Thanks to all our "worker bees" and their special ladies, another Fish Fry was a great success, especially the desserts!! For all who participated—we really appreciate you. The Knights of Columbus.

**LENTEN RETREAT IN MINEOLA:** "Dr. David Tamisiea, Exec. Dir. of St. Philip Institute, will be guest speaker at a Lenten Retreat on Sat, March 10th, from 8:30 am-1:00 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 203 Meadowbrook Dr., Mineola, Tx. 75783. The topic: "The Universal Call to Holiness", and "The Christian Lay Vocation". All are invited. Bring a sack lunch. Hosted by The Legion of Mary. Phone 903-763-4126."

### **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**Wed. 28th:** Fr. Mike attending the Deanery Mtg. in Jefferson. No Mass today.

**Boots to Bandannas Spring Fundraiser Meeting @ 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Come to the meeting and see how you can help.**

### **MARCH EVENTS**

**Fri. 2nd:** Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall.

**Sat. 3rd:** Mandatory Retreat for Pastoral & Finance Council. Time: 1:00pm ending at the 5:00pm Mass.

**Sun. 4th:** K of C Breakfast after 9:30am Mass

**Wed. 7th:** Pastoral Council Mtg. 5:30pm

**Fri. 9th:** Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall.

**Sun. 11th:** Family Faith Formation after 9:30am Mass Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Wed. 14th:** Diocesan Wide Campaign for Seminarians Kick-Off 6:30—8:00pm in parish hall and church.

**Fri. 16th:** KC's Fish Fry Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm

**Fri. 23rd:** Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall.

**Sun. 25th:** PALM SUNDAY



**Thurs. Mar. 29th:** 7:00pm Mass of our Lord's Supper, with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet.

**Fri. Mar. 30th:** Good Friday. Church will be open from noon—3:00pm. Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

**Sat. Mar. 31st:** Vigil Mass at 8:00pm .

**EASTER SUNDAY April 1st:** Mass of the Resurrection celebrated at 9:30am Mass



### **BOOTS TO BANDANNAS**

**SAVE THE DATE: Casino/Dinner/Raffle, Sat. April 14, 2018**

Please pick up your Raffle Tickets in the Narthex or we will have to mail it to you.

Dinner/Casino Tickets are going fast. **Limited Seating.**

Questions, ask anyone standing behind the tables for answers or call the church office.



We are in need of empty 28 to 30 oz cans of tomatoes or enchilada sauce with a red or yellow wrapper. Please keep wrapper on can & drop off at church office.