

Second Sunday of Lent + March 13, 2022

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Mike Stephens. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Gayle & Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Kathy Gravatt. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. . Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boullinghouse. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish

community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; **Daylight Saving Time begins**

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Patrick

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

INSPIRED SCRIPTURE

The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of finding our duty.

—St. Basil the Great

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalms: The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading: We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel: Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 3/12 Joseph & Barbara Pericak+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 3/13 John Todaro+ (K of C)

Tue 3/15 Brandon Moore (Carolyn Bonicard)

Wed 3/16 Jewell Wilkinson+ (Jane Bidlack)

Thurs 3/17 Milton Aucoin Jr.+ (Carolyn Bonicard)

Fri. 3/18 David Bonicard (Carolyn Bonicard)

Sat. 3/19 Linda & Eric Hurley

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 3/05 Saturday: 55 3/06 Sunday: 71

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



Pope's Intention for March:

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life and prayer and action.

Reflection question:

How can I be more attentive to God's word?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

MARCH NEWS & EVENTS

Fri., Mar. 11th: Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. *Soup Supper* in St. Jude's Hall, immediately following the stations.

Sat., Mar. 12th: 9:00am Patriotic Mass & Rosary. ***St. Patrick's Cornbeef Pot Luck Dinner*** immediately following the 5:00pm Mass in St. Jude's Hall. Cornbeef provided by Bob Mailliard. ***Please bring a vegetable; pasta; salad or dessert dish. WEAR YOUR GREEN!***



Before you go to bed tonight set your clocks up one hour.

Sun., Mar. 13th: Day light savings time begins. If you didn't forward your clock one hour, you will be late for 9:00am Mass. Following Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., Mar. 15th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., Mar. 16th: Casino Fundraiser Meeting at 6:00pm in St. Jude's hall.

Fri., Mar. 18th: Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. ***Knights of Columbus starts back with the best fish fry and best price \$13.00pp in Wood County.*** Immediately following the stations in St. Jude's Hall from 5:00—6:30pm...Tell your neighbors!



Sat. Mar. 19th: We will have a Rosary Rally at 10:00am, the Feast Day of St. Joseph, praying for the Blessed Mother's intentions.

Sat., Mar. 19th & Sun. Mar. 20th: After Mass Casino Event Tickets and raffle tickets go on sale.

Sun. Mar. 20th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass, coffee, juice, (biscuits & gravy provided by Bryan & Dolly Todd), in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Mass as Heaven on Earth" (Hebrews & Revelation) Class in the middle classroom.



Tues., Mar. 22nd: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Thurs., Mar. 24th: No 9:00am Mass due to Fr. Mike attending a Priests Study Day in Tyler.

Fri., Mar. 25th: Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Soup supper in St. Jude's Hall, immediately following the stations.

Sun., Mar. 27th: Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., Mar. 29th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

March Second Collections:

12th & 13th: "Black & Indian Missions."

19th & 20th: "Holy Spirit Easter Flowers."

26th & 27th: "Hunger Relief in the Diocese."

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

In loving memory of Wanda Stephens we are saddened to announce her passing on March 4th. Wanda's Christian Burial, Rosary and luncheon was held at Holy Spirit on Tuesday, March 8th. A life so beautifully lived and remembered.

Cards are welcome to Mike Stephens & Family, 129 Green Knoll, Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765.

"ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS"

SAVE THE DATE: *The Roaring 20's*

DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APRIL 30, 2022

TICKETS TO ATTEND EVENT \$ 40.00 PER PERSON or TABLE OF 8 \$ 320.00

RAFFLE TICKETS \$5.00 each or a book of 6 for \$ 20.00

PRIZES: FIVE --- \$ 500.00 Visa Gift Cards

EVENT & RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE MAR. 19TH & 20TH



SATURDAY, MARCH 12th:

St. Patrick's Cornbeef Pot Luck Dinner

Immediately following the 5:00pm Mass

in St. Jude's Hall. Cornbeef provided by Bob Mailliard.

Please bring a vegetable; pasta; salad or dessert dish.

WEAR YOUR GREEN & VISIT WITH PARISHIONERS!

Please Join Us

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fri., March 18th & Fri., April 1st



Fried Catfish with all the trimmings
Adults \$ 13.00 Children under 5 years old is free

Tickets available at the door
DINNER SERVED FROM 5:00—6:30pm



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Cake & muffin mix; cereal and pudding cups.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church (1612 S. FM 2869). Masses: weekdays – 9:00; weekends: Sat. – 5:00 p.m., Sun. – 9:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. March 19th and April 1st. Adults \$13, children under 5, free. Tickets sold at the door. Serving from 5 – 6:30 pm

Snacking on Scripture – Little Nibbles of the Bible. Series 1, Snack 4 – Sarah, Wife of Abraham By Jack Zavada (Updated on June 25, 2019)

Sarah (originally named Sarai) was one of several women in the Bible who were unable to have children. That proved doubly distressing for her because God had promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son. God appeared to Sarah's husband Abraham when he was 99 years old and made a covenant with him. He told Abraham that he would be the father of the Jewish nation, with descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky. God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." (Genesis 17:15–16, NIV) After waiting many years, Sarah convinced Abraham to sleep with her handmaiden, Hagar, to produce an heir. That was an accepted practice in ancient times. The child born of that encounter was named Ishmael. But God had not forgotten his promise. Three heavenly beings, disguised as travelers, appeared to Abraham. God repeated his promise to Abraham that his wife would bear a son. Even though Sarah was very old, she did conceive and deliver a son. They named him Isaac. Isaac would father Esau and Jacob. Jacob would father 12 sons who would become heads of the 12 tribes of Israel. From the tribe of Judah would come David, and finally Jesus of Nazareth, God's promised Savior.

Accomplishments of Sarah in the Bible – Sarah's loyalty to Abraham resulted in her sharing in his blessings. She became the mother of the nation of Israel. Although she struggled in her faith, God saw fit to include Sarah as the first woman named in the Hebrews 11 "Faith Hall of Fame." Sarah is the only woman renamed by God in the Bible. Sarah means "princess." Sarah's obedience to her husband Abraham is a model for Christian woman. ... She was an ideal homemaker, wife, and mother. ... Even when Abraham passed her off as his sister, which landed her in Pharaoh's harem, she did not object. Sarah was protective of Isaac and loved him deeply. The Bible says Sarah was exceedingly beautiful in appearance (Genesis 12:11, 14). At times, Sarah doubted God. She had trouble believing God would fulfill his promises, so she plunged ahead with her own solution. Sarah waited 90 years to have a baby. Certainly, she had given up hope of ever seeing her dream of motherhood fulfilled. Sarah was looking at God's promise from her limited, human perspective. But the Lord used her life to unfold an extraordinary plan, proving that he is never limited by what usually happens. ...

Sarah's half-brothers were Nahor and Haran. Her nephew was Lot. ...

Sometimes we feel like God has placed our lives in a permanent holding pattern. Rather than taking matters into our own hands, we can let Sarah's story remind us that a time of waiting may be God's precise plan for us.

References to Sarah in the Bible

Genesis chapters 11 through 25; Isaiah 51:2; Romans 4:19, 9:9; Hebrews 11:11; 1 Peter 3:6