



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

MARK 9:7

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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Today's first reading, known as "the Binding of Isaac," refers to the way Isaac is bound and laid upon the wood of the altar of sacrifice. God directs Abraham to offer his son in sacrifice, killing the beloved son that had been a special gift to him and Sarah in their old age. How could God ask Abraham to do such a thing? Abraham offers no resistance, but in preparing for the sacrifice, Abraham may have agreed with the psalmist that

he was "greatly afflicted." Saint Paul's letter to the Romans refers to Jesus as God's beloved Son, which is also how God identifies Jesus to Peter, James, and John at the Transfiguration. Afterward, Jesus tells those disciples not to mention the event to anyone until after his resurrection from the dead. The event, together with Jesus' comments, leaves the disciples thoroughly confused.

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**2nd SUNDAY
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Richard & +Sandra Gotlund

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – NO MASS

Friday, March 5, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

Saturday, March 6, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Frances & +MaryAnn Quigley and +Margie Pyle req. by Frank Quigley

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
SATURDAY, March 6 - 5:45pm	Roberta Stauffenberg & Ed Horath	Jim Kreske
SUNDAY, March 7 - 9:00am	Dan & Tricia Knowles	Sarah Hoehn

COUNTERS FOR MARCH 7, 2021 – Horath



**Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
Steve Niemiec
Requested by Grace Niemiec**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, February 7, 2021.....\$2,522.00

Your generous contribution to our Easter Collection allows us to carry on. Thank you for your generosity!

Our parish website can be found at:

www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$9,600.00

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text

Perhaps due to inclement weather, you missed Bishop Hick Homily. Follow the link below to listen to Bishops' homily for the 2021 CMAA Commitment Weekend.

<https://vimeo.com/488316764/82274e6fc3>

JOLIET DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

Students in grades 8-11 wishing to attend a catholic high school may apply for this scholarship. Students must have a significant financial need, and must actively attend a Catholic parish. Application forms are available in the parish office. FACTS application must be completed on-line and ask to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS. Submit application to St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women by April 1.

STEPPING UP



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WHAT IS STEPPING UP?

Stepping Us is a virtual class promoting empowerment, peace and ways to cope with life during this difficult season. More than ever we need to take care of ourselves and keep moving in a positive direction. Stepping Up is a group that offers support, encouragement, and practical steps to make life feel more manageable. Stepping Up is a nonjudgmental place to share feelings and gain helpful skills for a better life.

MEETINGS:

Meet virtually on Tuesdays for 8 weeks March 9th through April 27th, 2021 from 10:00am - 11:30 am

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Living beyond your past
- Coping during a pandemic
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Effective communication
- Budgeting
- Boundaries
- Racial and cultural identity

NEED ASSISTANCE CONNECTING? ALL YOU NEED IS A DEVICE WITH A CAMERA AND MICROPHONE AND WE CAN HELP! TO REGISTER, CONTACT JOY NEWBURN AT (630) 519-6547 OR [JNEWBURN@CC-DOJ.ORG](mailto:jnewburn@cc-doj.org)

WE ARE A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.



Space below dotted line is for staff use only.

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Help Socially Isolated Seniors During the Pandemic and Beyond!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in

visiting with another senior who is homebound and living in Will County. This is strictly a friendly visit, no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

During the COVID pandemic, Senior Companion volunteers call clients weekly (in-person visits will resume when it is safe), may drop off pre-ordered groceries or medications, and can even make window visits. These contacts make a huge difference in the lives of seniors who feel isolated. Volunteering as a Senior Companion is a fantastic way to meet new people and give back to the community. Are you ready to help bring joy to the lives of seniors who are facing the challenges of isolation?

In Will County, call Kathy at 815-724-1178 or email kschweikart@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Job Opportunity - Cemetery Office

The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire Seasonal Cemetery workers (positions available in Joliet, Kankakee, and Wheaton). These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (March through October). A valid Illinois drivers' license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description. To view job description, visit: <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=645>.

Normal 40- hour workweek. Ninety-day (90) probationary period. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate (\$13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour based on qualifications) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please submit cover letter, resume and/or application to:

eholloway@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of the Director: 200 W. Romeo Rd. Romeoville, IL 60446.

Second Sunday of Lent – 28 February 2021

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18. Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19. Romans 8:31b-34. Mark 9:2-10.

Listen to Him. One week into Lent, we are simply told by the voice from the cloud: Listen to Jesus. He told us last Sunday to “believe in the gospel.” What does belief in this Good News look and sound like this Lent, this year?

Since we are descendants of Abraham, how am I to behave with my cousins (that is, everyone)?

Since we are sisters and brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom do I listen?

What am I told?

Since I am also “beloved”, what will I do?

FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy – noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals – date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard,
Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Len-
non; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp; Cathy
Engler; Don Smith; Frank Quigley; Steve
Niemiec

**Beginning the New Year will start a new
prayer list. Please call the office to be
included on the new list. Thank You.**

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH MARCH

- Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Second Sunday of Lent

If God is for us, who can
be against us?

— Romans 8:31b

READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 28, 2021



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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin on Friday, at 6pm. Everyone will is invited; remember to wear your mask and use social distancing. Way of The Cross booklets will be available for you to take home and keep. (You bring them with you when you come for stations) Any used booklets left in church will be disposed of.



HOW COULD GOD ASK ABRAHAM TO DO THAT?

Through the centuries, Christians and Jews alike have found the Binding of Isaac one of the most difficult passages in the Bible. Even though God intervenes to save Isaac, the whole episode strikes some readers as cruel. However, Abraham, the ultimate man of faith, raises no objection, offers no resistance as he simply goes about preparing for the trip and the sacrifice.

Today's other readings might help us see that text differently. In Mark's description of the Transfiguration, Jesus' clothes become white and shining, and Moses and Elijah appear with him. Moses was the great liberator and lawgiver who led the Jews out of bondage in Egypt and into the wilderness, forming them into the people of Israel by giving them the Law he received from God. Elijah was among Israel's greatest prophets, so close to God that, at the end of his life, he was taken up into heaven by a fiery chariot. Together, Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, the ultimate authority for the Jews in the conduct of their daily lives.

LOVE AND GENEROSITY

The Law, the Prophets—and Jesus. For Paul, Jesus is someone quite different from the other two. The reading from his letter to the Romans is short, but rich in meaning. When Paul declares that God “did not spare his own Son,” and when God praises Abraham “who did not withhold from me your own beloved son,” it is the same Greek word for “spare” and “withhold.” God's voice at the Transfiguration identifies Jesus as his “beloved Son”—the same way God refers to Isaac as Abraham's beloved son. Ultimately, God spares Isaac but not his own Son, whom he “handed over for us.” Even if we are disturbed that God tested Abraham like this, Paul says we should be overwhelmingly grateful that God did for us what, in the end, he did not require of Abraham. Jesus, God's Son “handed over to us” in love and generosity, is already a sacrificial gift, signifying that God wants to give us “everything else along with him.”

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