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

MARK 9:7

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SECOND LENT
SUNDAY OF
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday - Friday**: 9AM
**Saturday Vigil Mass**: 5PM
**Sunday**: 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon Spanish

### OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday and Thursday:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**First Friday**: *after* 9AM *Mass, Benediction at Noon*

### SACRAMENTS

**Confession:** *Saturday: 4.00 - 4.30PM and after each daily Mass by request*

**Baptism:** *By appointment after completion of the Preparation Class on 2nd Saturday of the Month. (415) 648-5751*

**Marriage:** *Contact the Parish Office at least six months before the expected wedding date. (415) 648-5751*

**Please Note**: *For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CCD Classes for First Communion and Confirmation** (*English & Spanish*), *please call Parish Office at (415) 648-5751*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** *call Parish Office at (415) 648-5751*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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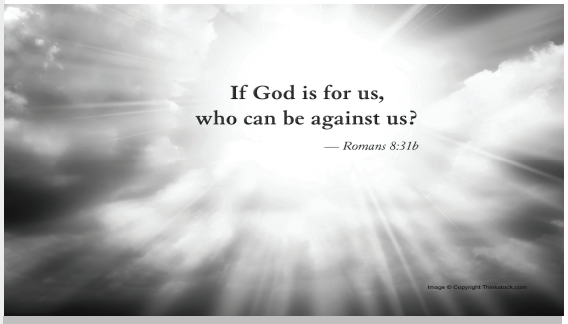
| **Sunday**: | Second Sunday of Lent |
| **Wednesday**: | St. Katharine Drexel |
| **Thursday**: | St. Casimir |
| **Friday**: | First Friday |
| | World Day of Prayer, Abstinence |
| **Saturday**: | First Saturday |




## SUNDAY READINGS

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

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

**Second Reading** - If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** - Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU - JESÚS, CONFÍO EN TI**

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
## FEBRUARY 28, 2021

# Mass Intentions

## FEBRUARY 27 -MARCH 7, 2021

SATURDAY, February 27, 2021

5:00 PM **+ Remedios Bautista**
**+ Diosdado Tingzon**

SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

8:00 AM **+ Tito Allegro**
10:00 AM **Thelma Castillo** (*health*)
12:00 Noon

MONDAY, March 1, 2021

**NO MASS**

TUESDAY, March 2, 2021

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2021

9:00 AM

THURSDAY, March 4, 2021

9:00 AM

FRIDAY, March 5, 2021

9:00 AM **+ Dina N. Rico, + Rosibel Magana**
**+ Carmen Serrano,**
**+ Luis Alonso Morales**

SATURDAY, March 6, 2021

5:00 PM **+ Joseph Solak**

SUNDAY, March 7, 2021

8:00 AM **Women's Guild -** *living & deceased*
10:00 AM **+ Conching Jose** (*death anniv*)
12:00 Noon

***For Mass intentions please come to the office or call (415) 648-5751 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM***

***2nd collection of this Sunday: Parish Needs***

***Sunday's collections - $ 1,301***
***Parish Needs - $ 708***
***Religious Programs - $ 91***
***Ash Wednesday - $ 1,280***
***Others - $ 59***

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**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

### HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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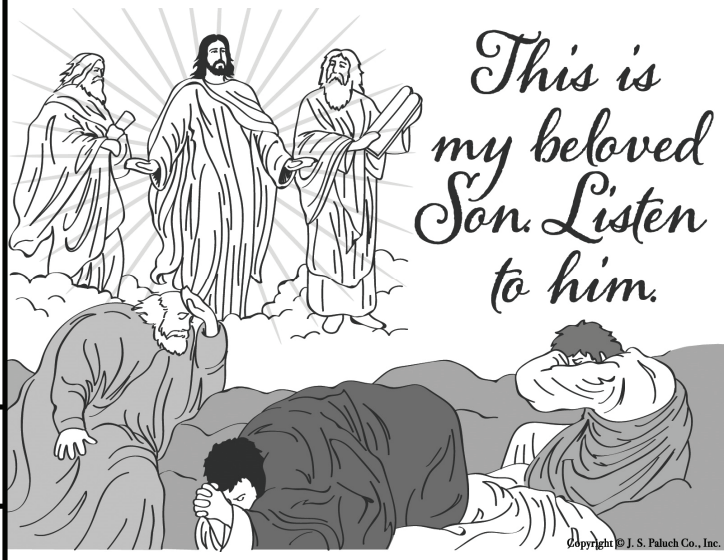
### LENT 2021

*Every Friday during Lent,* ***Stations of the Cross*** *after 9AM Mass following with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.*

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### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers…*
*Please pray for:* ***Lilian Henriquez, Sylvia Portillo, Marie Malveaux, Agapito Geronimo, Ron Alfonso, Nicholas Policar, Javier Parrales, Lauro Bernal and Thelma Castillo***

***May God bless, comfort them and give them health.***

Let us pray for
**ALL INTENTIONS** in our **PRAYER BOOK**

Pray also for all who have died...
***Rosangela Carla Moresi, Ruben Mendez, Raquel Gutierrez, James Wardell, Edwin Abergas, Charmaine Raymond, Romeo H. Davo, Laura Rodriguez, Conchita Villasoto, Catalina Velasco, Anna Belle Johanson, Bob Hammill, Tony Galam***

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.

**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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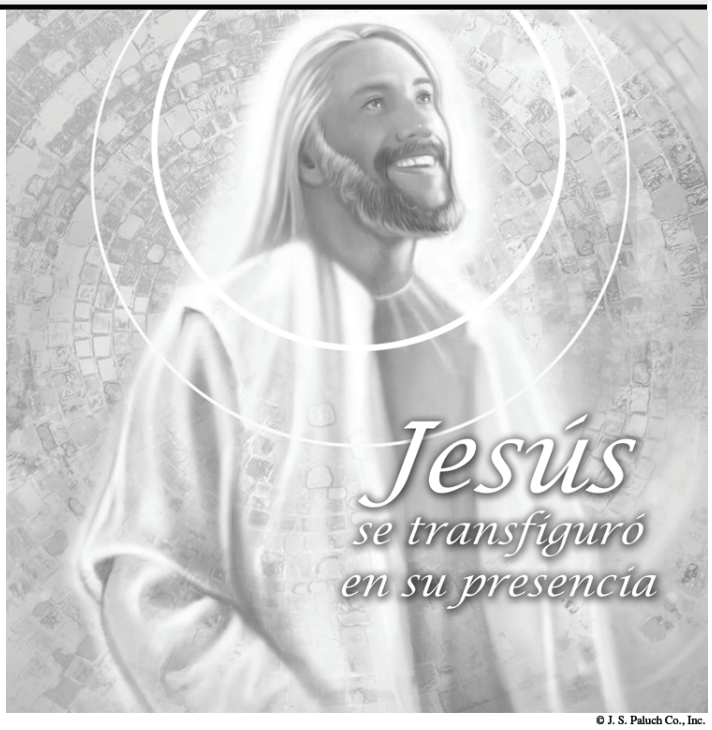


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**HISTORIA DE LA SALVACIÓN**

La primera lectura de hoy continúa la "historia de la salvación", relato que oímos a lo largo de la Cuaresma de este año. El relato de hoy era uno de los más queridos en la tradición judía (seguramente José se lo contó al joven Jesús cuando le enseñaba los caminos de la fe); a los primeros padres de la Iglesia les gustaba usarlo para explicar el sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz. El tono general de la primera lectura, del salmo y la segunda lectura me parece un poco fuera de lugar frente al Evangelio deslumbrante, hasta que recordamos que la Transfiguración se incluyó como el Evangelio de este domingo, precisamente para recordarnos la gloria que les espera a aquellos que son fieles y obedientes a la voluntad de Dios. En la vida de Jesús, es un anticipo de la gloria de su resurrección, para nosotros es una visión del destino de aquellos que continúan, como hemos escuchado en el Evangelio de la semana pasada, arrepintiéndose y creyendo en la Buena Nueva.

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** - Dios puso a prueba la devoción de Abraham al pedirle que sacrificara a su hijo Isaac (Génesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).
**Salmo** - Siempre confiaré en el Señor (Salmo 116 [115]).
**Segunda lectura** - Dios entregó a su único Hijo para que ahora interceda por nosotros (Romanos 8:31b-34).
**Evangelio** - Jesús, acompañado por Elías y Moisés, se transforma de manera luminosa ante Pedro, Santiago y Juan (Marcos 9:2-10).

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