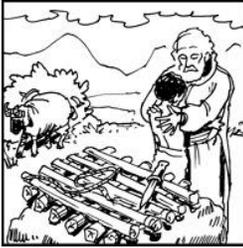


February 25, 2018

## Lent

### Second Sunday



### **Take Your Son, Your Only One; You Shall Offer Him Up As A Holocaust**

**This Sunday we hear the stories of the binding of Isaac and the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain.**

**Why would God ask such a thing from Abraham? How far will Abraham go in order to obey God, even when it utterly negates the divine promise guaranteeing numerous progeny? We are in line with Abraham who becomes the model of the utterly obedient listener of God. It is not coincidental that the moment of Jesus' transfiguration and revelation through Moses and Elijah also becomes the occasion for our own call to obedient listening of Jesus.**

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 3

4:30 p.m. Mary & Oscar Filip

Sunday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Henry Migl & Delphin Janecka, Sr.

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.\*

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

\* We return to the Cycle A readings of Lent on Sundays.

### LENTEN FISH FRY

**St. Joseph's Church, Moulton**

*Fridays of Lent*

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$9.00 Per Plate

*Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies,  
Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw & Dessert*

*Dine in the Parish Hall Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go*

\*All proceeds go to charities.

### St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*In Memory of Bernard Muras - \$100  
Henrietta & Elton Moeller*

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### ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Mary Greive  
In Memory of Jerry Faltisek  
Mary & Charlie Bartos*

### THE CONFESSIONAL

Work on the Confessional is finished in time for our Lenten Penance Service on March 21.

- **The right door:** features Jesus giving sight to a blind man from birth (John 9).
- **The central door:** Rembrandt's painting of the return of the Prodigal Son.
- **The left door:** St. John Nepomucene hearing the confessions of the Queen. *In 1393 on the orders of Wenceslas IV, he was imprisoned, tortured and then drowned in the River Vltava for refusing to reveal the secret of the Queen's confession. St. John was canonized in 1729.*

\* *The front doors of the Church will be taken down for repairs due to damage from Hurricane Harvey.*

### Departing In Silence After Mass On Sundays of Lent



This year on Sundays of Lent we will adopt the ancient tradition of departing in silence after the Good Friday Service. After the *Dismissal by the Priest or Deacon* there will be no Recessional

Song. All will pause for silent prayer and then depart in silence to emphasize the penitential nature of the Season of Lent.

### St. Joseph's Church Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner and Drawing Today St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Moulton

Dine In or Soup, Sandwiches and Desserts To-Go

## REFLECTION

### *Listening To Jesus*

The three disciples' experience and their responds to Jesus' transfiguration could be compared to their experience of Jesus agonizing in the garden. In today's gospel Peter, James and John wanted to build three tents and enjoy Jesus' transfigured glory as long as possible. These same three fell asleep and were of little support to Jesus in his most desperate hour. In telling us of these two moments in Jesus' life and of his disciples' varying responses to them, the gospel of Mark challenges us to consider our own responses to Jesus. How do we respond to him when all is wonderful? How do we respond to him in difficult situations? Are we not tempted like the disciples to "fall asleep" or retreat when following Jesus brings with it a share in his suffering? With these thoughts in mind, we turn for strength and guidance to the voice from the cloud to clarify the significance of the moment and the proper response to it. Jesus is both the Son of God, the agent of healing and God's glory and is at the same time the Son who will be betrayed, tortured and crucified. It is this Jesus, acting in both these roles that God instructs us to listen. It was only later through the resurrection that the disciples truly listened and understood. We who stand on this side of the resurrection are graced to do likewise.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 1 – Patricia Masek  
– Michael Hill

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



March 1 – Darlene & Bob Stryk

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



### **Remember to pray for the following intentions:**

*In Thanksgiving*

*For Kelli Brom*

*For My Husband*

*For Annabelle Louise van Deurser*

*For My Children & Their Children To Keep The Faith*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### **Second Collection This Weekend**

#### **Rice Bowl**

Consider taking the money you save from fasting from your excess in life and put it in the Second Collection.

*Be generous.*

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

### **Lenten Food Drive**

We will once again be collecting canned good for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. You may leave your canned goods at the back of Church.

### **\*Lenten Second Collection (Rice Bowl):**

All Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday.

## **Liturgical Orientation**

### *Connecting Liturgy, Life and Mission*

The liturgy is the ritual action during which we are immersed in Christ's death and resurrection. Through the celebration we are transformed into being able to live more perfectly Christ's life and mission. The liturgy in a sense reminds us of who we are and how we are to live. Both the *Liturgy* and *Life* are about Jesus who was sent by his Father to be God's saving personal presence among us. He was on a mission! He was engrossed in his task. He allowed nothing to deter from accomplishing what we had been sent to do. Nothing – not even rejection, scoffing, suffering and death. As Jesus sent his disciples to announce the Good News to all so through our Baptism we as Jesus' followers are also sent. To that extent we unite ourselves with Jesus' saving mission. Like Jesus we cannot let anything deter us from making known God's loving presence, offering the hope of everlasting life, caring for the sick, helping the poor, fighting for justice and peace. This is the living Gospel. Jesus' life is now our life. Jesus' mission is now our mission.

The sentiments sometimes expressed is: *I don't get anything out of Mass!* In this era of self-improvement people expect results. There should therefore be some connection between our sincere beliefs and the way we live our lives. Connecting *Liturgy, Life and Mission* means that our liturgical celebrations, especially our Sunday Liturgy can no longer simply be actions we go to, that have little to do with our everyday living. For too many people the Sunday liturgy is the only time of the week they consciously turn their attention to God. Connecting *Liturgy, Life and Mission* means that we begin to see every moment of every day as turned to God, that God is truly the center of our lives, that God's will is our will, that Jesus' mission is our mission. This means that our whole life becomes a kind of prayer – it indeed means that we turn to God in prayer more than an hour a week on Sunday. We begin to realize that our very life is God's life, that all we have and do is a gift from God, that our most life-giving relationship is the one we have with God.