

March 17, 2019

Lent

Second Sunday



Glimpses of Easter on the Way of Exodus

The old rite of Covenant-making which God performs with Abraham mentioned in the First Reading today reminds us that God's covenant goes back before the covenant at Mt. Sinai. **Note!** It is only God who passes between the animals that have been split in two, while Abraham is overtaken by a trance. God's action turns our attention to the other sealing of the Covenant – the delivering of God's own Son for our salvation. It is the cross that stands among us as the pledge of that Covenant. It is toward the cross that we turn in time of crisis, to God who has already accomplished marvelous things for us.

Today's Bulletin is printed
in memory of Hayden G. Hummel,
sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 23

4:30 p.m. Louis, Albina & Mary Smolik

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention – Marcella Vana Henke

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.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit
this week in memory of
Ludmila & Paul Pokluda.



OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

The Second Sunday of Lent

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. If Lent is a time for us to be open to the ways through which God can bring us salvation, we will have to be able to recognize these ways when we come upon them. Lent is a time for such recognition.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Though, like the three apostles, we might want to share in his glory, we can only do so by sharing in his



suffering. Lent is a time for us to enter into his suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer, and penance but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us – in the fear of children who have been deprived of the innocence of childhood, in

the aimlessness of youth who do not appreciate their own worth, in the desperation of parents who must raise their children in the midst of violence, in the empty eyes of the aged who often forget and are themselves forgotten. The glory of God remains just beneath the surface of their lives. – Dianne Bergant

K.J.Z.T. District II Social Today, at St. Michael's Family Center in Weimar. Registration 11:00 a.m. followed by a catered meal, memorial service, awarding of pins and presentation of fraternal status awards. Drawing of door prizes will be held. All members and their families are cordially invited to attend.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The Praha Altar Society is accepting members for 2019. All men and women of the parish are encouraged to join. The dues are \$5.00 per person. *The activities the Society supports are Praha*

Pancake Sunday, the Cake Walk at the Praha Picnic, a Thanksgiving Bake Sale, celebrating Graduations, decorating the Church for various seasons, selling cookbooks, providing altar flowers at miscellaneous times throughout the year, hosting a Christmas Social and providing items in need for the altar. If you would like to join please provide the following information: Name, address, phone number, email address and date of birth. You may drop your details and check for \$5.00 payable to the Praha Altar Society, in the collection basket or mail it to Barbara Prause, 8323 FM 340, Moulton, TX 77975.

Thank you for your consideration.

REFLECTION

The Exodus – The Journey!

The Sacred Passages proclaimed today invite us to consider how and why the lives of Abraham, Jesus and Paul's converts in Philippi were transformed. Abraham, a wandering Aramean, a nomad, became the father of a nation after his encounter with God and his covenant with him. Transformed by his experience of Jesus, Paul continues to remind believers that commitment to Christ will one day result in transfiguration into glory. The disciples described Jesus' glorious transfiguration in physical terms. "His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah speak of the exodus of Jesus "that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

The exodus of Jesus, his journey from the manger to Easter has a two-fold character: on the one hand, humility, suffering, and death; on the other light, glory and life. Dramatic visions and spiritual experiences are balanced by huge demands. Mountaintop moments with God are not given to us for nothing. When we emerge from a moment during which God seemed close and God's love for us has become powerful and real, we then become better servants of God in the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 17 – Gary Greive
– Julie Schneider
March 18 – Celine Kalina
March 19 – Lynette Okruhlik
March 20 – Fr. Gabriel
March 21 – Mary Bartos

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat, March 21-24

Remember the retreatants and team members in your prayers this week.

A.C.T.S FAMILY SOCIAL GATHERING – APRIL 6
at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, La Grange. Mass 5:00 p.m., social 6:15 p.m., meal 6:45 p.m., and Spiritual Reflection. Childcare available. Please RSVP - call or text 979-966-3597

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton

Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$10.00 Per Plate
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

**Dine in the Social Center
Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go**

*All proceeds go to charities.



LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today - Rice Bowl



The *survival right* – food, clothing and shelter – are essential and nonnegotiable. Catholic social teaching has consistently held that "in their use of things people should regard the external goods they

lawfully possess as not just their own but common to others as well as themselves (Vatican II).

Make a sacrifice this Lent. Give generously to the hungry in the second Collection, the Rice Bowl. Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing.

Orientation: Transformed By God in Lent

Lent is to understood, celebrated and lived like the transfiguration, in the light of our faith as we make our journey toward the Celebration of Easter. It is a time granted to each and every one of us to again purify, and renew our faith in the Resurrection. In the measure in which we resolve to undertake this Paschal Journey, we shall be able to proclaim during the Holy Night – **Christ is Risen**. We have the practices of Lent that allow us to give their proper places Fasting, Prayer and Charity.

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

The journey of the Stations of the Cross is a time honored tradition in the Church. The Lenten Season affords us all a great grace moment to participate in the sufferings of Christ for our salvation. Make an effort to join the Parish Family at 6:00 p.m. in Church.

Lenten Food Drive: We are once again collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. You may leave your canned goods at the back of Church.

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:

For Our Children

For Our Son, Andrew

To See My Mom Here & Prosperity/Health For Family

For Deceased Family & For My Emotional Stability

For Evan To Get Internship, Gamal & Kaneen to Find Jobs

In Thanksgiving For A New Vehicle & A New House

For My Parents

For Family Unity, Healing of Hurts, And Conversion to Grow Their Faith & Love of God

For Best Health For My Sons & Daughters And My House Not Yet Restored After Hurricane Harvey (Live Upstairs – No Kitchen/Cook Outside)

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued 45

