

## Second Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2020

**Readings:** Gen 12:1-4; Ps 33:3-4, 18-22, 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Today we hear another important passage from the Old Testament, the call of Abraham. God wants to renew the world after Adam and Eve's sin, the murder of Cain, Noah's family's sins, and the pride of the Tower of Babel, and so he calls Abram to become a father of the chosen people. Despite his Abram's old age, God promises him land ("Go forth...to a land that I will show you"); descendants ("I will make of you a great nation"); and a worldwide blessing ("All the communities of the earth will find blessing in you"). And these promises will serve as a kind of blueprint for the whole story of salvation: Moses will later lead the people back to the land, after their stay in Egypt; David will mark the beginning of the great kingdom of Israel; and ultimately Jesus Christ will be the "beloved Son" offered up, like Isaac, to bless the whole world.

The reading urges us to be ready to respond to God's call, and specifically, to pray, to communicate with God each day. Am I doing so? Listening to God, asking His guidance? Without this communication, I will be guiding myself according to my own desires, hopes, and calculations, all of which are limited and imperfect; but with it, I will discover that God has a plan, which is perfect and wise, one that far surpasses anything I could've planned myself. "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor 2:9)

God bless,  
Fr. Tim Daniel



### Mass Intentions

March 7 - 14, 2020

Sat. 3/7	8:00am	No mass
	10:15am.....	+Phillip Mangum Funeral
	4:30pm	+Lukas Pastier
Sun. 3/8	8:00am	+Jonathan C. Mitchell & deceased family members
	10:00am	Sabrina Abigail Willis
	1:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 3/9	12:00pm	Special intention
Tue. 3/10	12:00pm	Special intention
Wed. 3/11	12:00pm	Special intention
Thu. 3/12		No mass
Fri. 3/13	12:00pm	Tom Myers
Sat. 3/14	8:00am	Special intention
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

**Pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:**

**Question of the week.** How can I listen to Jesus over the next week? What is he telling me?



Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8. That's when you'll move your clocks ahead an hour.

## Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during lent at 5:30pm.

## Adoration



Every Friday during lent at 6:00pm

**Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries: 2020 Jubilarian Mass.** Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass, held Sunday, June 29, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register for the Mass: complete the forms located at both entrances to Church. The deadline to register is Friday, May 15.



**Nativity Sodality** for hosting the Parish Community Sunday. We had a great time and welcomed 50 seminarians for fellowship.



**Lenten Fish Fry.** Knights of Columbus, Keane Council #353, will start selling dinners, sandwiches and sides every Friday during lent (except Holy Friday) at the end of Adoration. Tickets can be purchased in advance. All proceeds benefit Nativity and St. Gabriel parishes.



**Weekly Rosary** with Meditations by Saint John Paul II. Every Saturday during lent at 12:45pm.

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