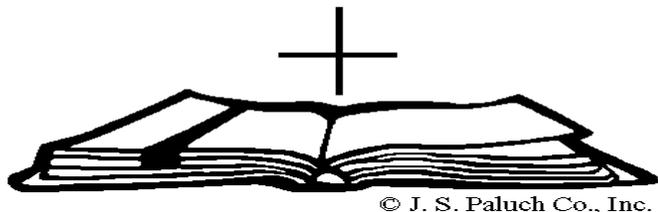


Second Sunday of Lent
 February 28, 2021
 If God is for us, who can be against us?
 — Romans 8:31b

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.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Feb. 27, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Elizabeth Armstrong, **and for the living**; Special Intention, Karge Family, Kelly Constanza

Sun. Feb. 28, 7:30 a.m. Frank Minyard

Sun. Feb. 28, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Feb. 28, 11:00 a.m. Thomas Wallace, Al Stumpf, Joseph Legnon, Carol Pieri, Bob Etle, Gene Grabbe, Patrick Marchand, Robert Simpson, Fred Kopfler, Noel Rowley **and for the living**; Lloyd Callais, Caleb Callais, Katie Brooks and Henry Bradford

Mon., Mar. 01, 8:00 a.m. Millard and Michael Mule’ (L)

Tues., Mar. 02 NO MASS

Wed., Mar. 03, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’

Thurs., Mar. 04, 8:00 a.m. Lillian Bartel

Fri., Mar. 05, 8:00 a.m. James (Mac) McLachlan IV

PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham	Ryan Ware
Joel Ferrera	Louise Cashmere
Kenneth Vicari	Yolanda Bourgeois
Roy M. Piazza	LeLe Kopfler
Catherine Atkins	Roxanne Troxclair
Debra Vandenborre	Robert Till
Gene Cambus	Diane Rodriguez
Tuck Tucker	



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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary:	Jason Stein
Blessed Mother:	Thomas B. Wallace
St. Joseph:	Gene Grabbe
St. Anne:	Tuck and Carol Tucker

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent, the stations of the cross will be at 3:30 p.m., outdoors weather permitting. Each parishioner attending the Stations of the Cross is requested to keep the booklet for personal use during this entire Lenten Season. New booklets will be purchased when we return to indoors.

POPE FRANCIS’S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS
LET US PRAY,**

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

RICE BOWL-BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids will not grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

EASTER OUTREACH

St. John's Outreach Ministry will be making Easter baskets for the homebound and sick in our parish. If you would like to donate or help deliver baskets, please call Linda Carlin at 985-302-2009 or Phyllis Legnon at 985-796-3552. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIED-FISH DINNERS

continue Fridays in Lent. We are offering dinners by drive-thru pick-up service only. Our menu is traditional domestic farm-raised fried catfish plate including the usual sides of a cheese-topped potato dish, coleslaw, and hush puppies. Sorry, we are unable to offer baked fish this year. The cost is unchanged at \$10. We will also offer canned drinks or bottled water for \$1 each to complete your meal.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Second Collection for Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans, is this weekend. This year, the CCANO second collection, will also accept online donations due to the coronavirus since some families may not be able to attend Mass in-person; but still want to support the good works of the many diverse programs of Catholic Charities. Your parish's support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

**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.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, March 11th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays, during Lent-3:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will conclude our study of the time period, Protestors and Defenders, by continuing our look at the English Reformation and the great Saints that God raised up as a response: Thomas More and John Fisher. We will also focus on John Calvin, who institutionalized Protestantism and who in the words of Hilaire Belloc: "began the war against joy."

Due to the extreme weather, the front and back of sheet for our weekly bulletins are still in Memphis. Fed-ex is working on catching up shipments. Sorry for the inconvenience.