

Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.



Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 1
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
MARCH 6
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday
MARCH 7
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 or
20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH



God's Gift Appeal— Definition of a Good Steward

Good stewards generously return a portion of all God has given to them, as "Good Stewards of God's Grace." They contribute to the ongoing building of His kingdom on earth. As good stewards, we work towards the fullness of His life for us by giving of our "first fruits." Our goal is scriptural tithing, 10% of the first fruits. (cf. Gen 14:17-20)

Here is the suggested formula for distributing tithes:

5% to the parish

4% to charitable interests that support Catholic's teaching

1% to the Diocese of Fargo

Better Meals in Madagascar— In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in our life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

OLP STEWARDSHIP 2/21

Adult	\$1283.00
Plate	\$64.00
Votive	\$36.71
Easter flowers	\$90.00
Total	\$1473.71

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon	No Mass
Tue	3/2 OLP 9:00am Amelia Rose Kubischta
Wed.	3/3 OLP 9:00am +Rev John Fallon
Thur	3/4 OLP 9:00am +Rev John Fallon
Fri	3/5 OLP 9:00am +Rev. John Fallon
Sat	3/6 OLP 5:00pm Noah Beckett Kubischta
Sun	3/7 OLP 10:30am +For the people
	St. Agnes 8:30am +Ray Fugelstad

Holy Hour OLP- Sunday's 3:00pm-4:00pm

OLP prayer chain information

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Dee VonRuden 788-3334

Mary candle— special intention

ST AGNES PARISH

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— 2nd Sunday of Lent

It is easy to say “here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

The traditional practice of “giving something up for Lent” is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let’s think of these children. Let’s offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit www.priestsforlife.org.

Job opening: Holy Family-St Mary’s Catholic School in Grand Forks is looking to hire a kindergarten teacher, full time. contact kmayer@hfmschool.org

St. Agnes Stewardship 2/21

Adult \$520.00
Plate \$65.00
Mission \$70.00
Total \$ 655.00

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If anyone has something to share that should be included in the bulletin, please contact Lois, 874-2144, 701-238-4380, lois_ewertz@hotmail.com

This weeks trivia questions:

When does Lent end? Are Sunday’s during Lent fasting days?



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us **how important it is to live in the present.** Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today’s readings also carry implications for the future.

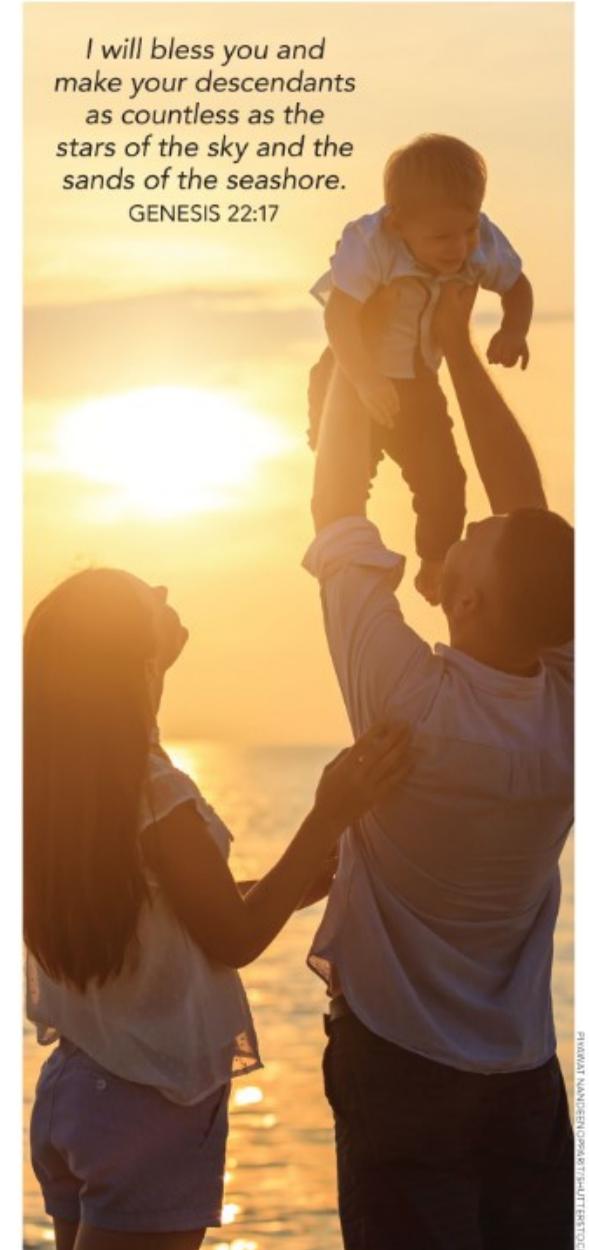
Isaac was not only Abraham’s beloved son; he was Abraham’s legacy and future dynasty. Isaac’s death would have put an end to Abraham’s memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God’s hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus’ transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what “rising from the dead meant.” Still they placed their future in his hands.

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*I will bless you and
make your descendants
as countless as the
stars of the sky and the
sands of the seashore.*

GENESIS 22:17



FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?*
- ✦ *True disciples must place their lives in God’s hands. Pray for this grace.*