

February 28, 2021

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



- Thursday, March 4
4:30 p.m. Ben Smolik
- Saturday, March 6
4:30 p.m. Hayden Hummel
- Sunday, March 7
8:00 a.m. Gerald Kalina

Individual Confessions in Praha and Moulton.

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in thanksgiving to God.**



2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$8,179.00

We thank the following for their recent contribution and all those who contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far:

Carol & Gene Patalik Patricia & James Gready

ORIENTATION

Mountain Experiences: In today's First Reading and Gospel, we are privy to two mountain experiences, that of Abraham and the one Jesus shared with Peter, James and John. Abraham's story is shocking, to say the least. He and Sarah had long awaited the birth of Isaac and had all but given up when three mysterious visitors, to whom Abraham offered generous hospitality, told them to expect a son in a year's time (Gen. 18). Isaac's birth was a miracle; he was a beloved only son, and yet God was asking for his life? And Abraham was ready to obey? The hard lesson here is to open ourselves in faith and trust to a God who cannot be understood, who is beyond all our scheming. Abraham was totally dependent on this God. He did God's will.

Lent is a time to pray quietly, fervently, seeking God's will and then asking for the strength to make it our own. On our *mountain*, we can rethink priorities, set goals and evaluate our relationship with God and with others. It is also a time for realizing that God is God and we are not. When we come to grips with that, we can surrender ourselves to the mystery, and, trust even when reason and common sense warn otherwise.

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



This year, as in the past on Sundays of Lent we return to the ancient tradition of departing in silence after the Good Friday Service. After the *Dismissal by the Priest* 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.

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 Cycle A Readings for Lent.

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Quarterly Meeting today in the School Chapel after 8 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

REFLECTION

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 116
Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

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
March 5 – Jason Bartos

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



March 1 – Congratulations Darlene & Bob Stryk
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary

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 with social distancing protocol
in place or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go.*

**All proceeds go to charities.*

Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Dessert. *(Menu subject to change)*

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, 5:30 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 5:30 p.m. in church.

Lenten Food Drive

Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY

Always the First Sunday of the Month



Join us on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 9:00 at the Praha Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice & coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME. A

free will donation is appreciated.

The Altar Society is always looking for volunteers to help with Praha Pancake Sundays. The time commitment is 7:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month. Everything is provided we just need your smiling face and helping hands. Please contact Lori Janecka if you and your family would like to help. Lori may be reached at (361) 772-4307.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - MARCH 21

The Praha Altar Society will have its annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 21, 2021 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. 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 baptisms and graduations, decorating the church for various seasons, selling cookbooks, providing altar flowers at miscellaneous times throughout the year and providing items needed 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:

Tracie Holub, 1618 W State Hwy 71 #123, La Grange TX 78945 Thank you for your consideration.