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## *From the desk of* *Father Rich Yanos*

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Today we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Lent.

The events in today's first reading from the Book of Genesis took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That's why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham's great faith.

Today's second reading from Romans is part of a hymn that celebrates God's love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. In our first reading we heard how God spared Abraham's only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did not spare his only son.

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Just a reminder that this coming Friday, March 1st, our Knights of Columbus will be hosting their delicious Lenten Fish Fry. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you haven't attended one of these days, you really ought to. Come on out for some good food and fellowship.

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All in our community along with your family and friends are also invited to our parish's annual St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 23rd. This event honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity by serving traditional non-meat foods to the public and selling bakery items from the St. Joseph's table display. You really must experience this event to appreciate all the work that goes into this special day. Admission is by ticket only and there are two seatings. The first seating is at 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm and the second seating is at 5:45 until 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

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Our upcoming Scandinavian trip to Norway and Sweden is steadily filling up. For this reason, I'd like to invite and encourage anyone in our parish, along with your family and friends, who have never been to this part of the world or who have never experienced "group travel" to consider joining us. You'll not only be seeing and experiencing the scenery of two of the most beautiful countries, you'll also be sharing in this experience with a great group of people along with their pastor.

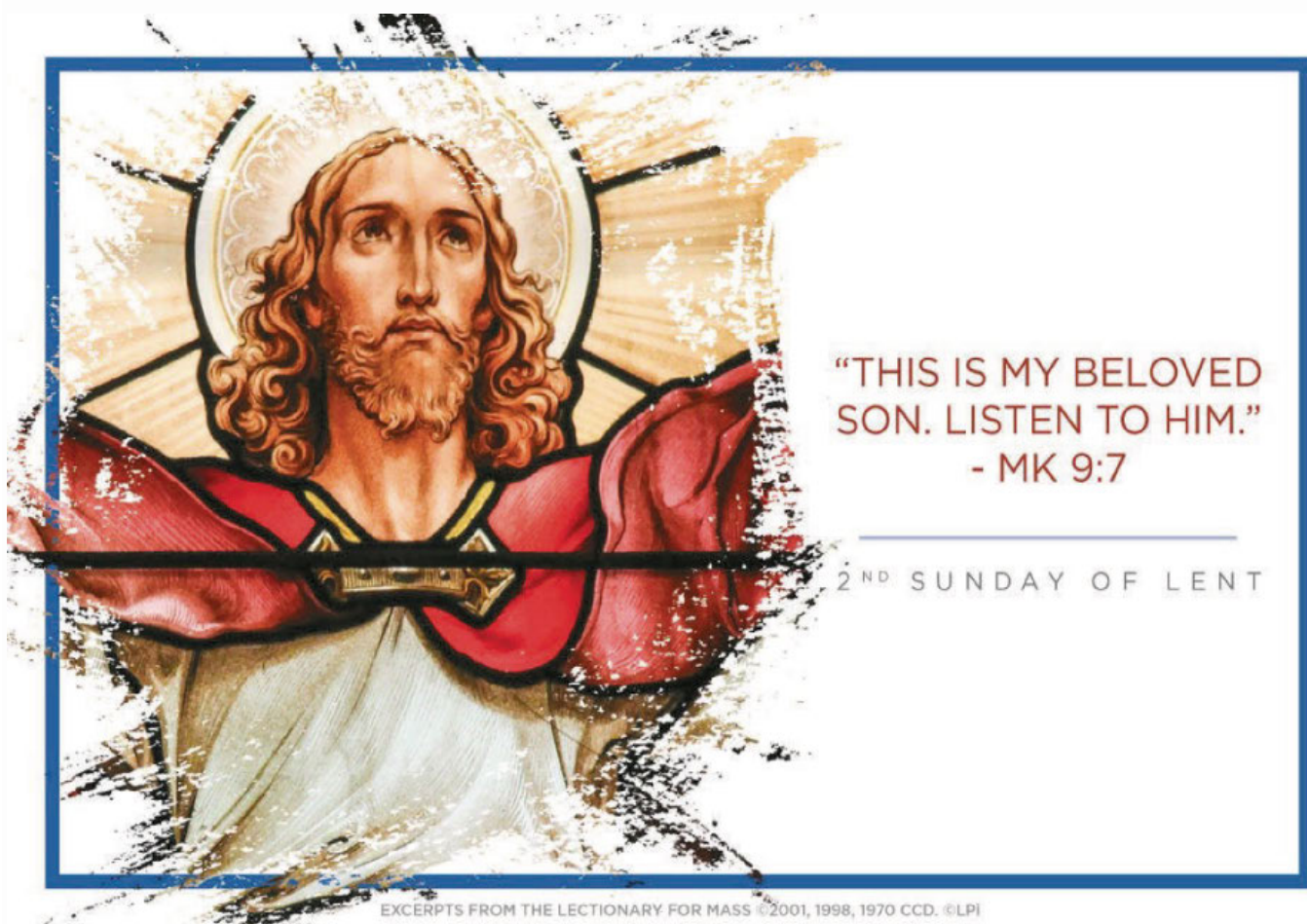
Currently we have only about 10 spaces left so if you think you might like to join us sign-up soon by sending in the RSVP Form that is inside the Trip Brochure. You can pick up copies of the brochure either in church or at the parish office. You can also request to have one sent to you by emailing me at [ryanos@st-eugene.org](mailto:ryanos@st-eugene.org) or by filling out the form at the bottom of the Norway and Sweden advertisement page in today's bulletin and I'll be glad to send you one.

We always have a great time on these trips. Hope you can join us.

I'd like to remind all in our Queen of Peace Community that our Parish Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place here at St. Eugene on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on Tuesday night, March 19th as you make your personal preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross are prayed at St. Eugene Church every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday, however, they will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. at both Our Lady Mother of the Church and at St. Eugene Church simultaneously.

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# SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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