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FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent.

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation, but they teach religious truths in parable form. Today we begin the 12th chapter which contains stories with identifiable historical roots. The first of these is the call of Abraham, whose original name was "Abram".

The second letter to Timothy, although probably written some 30 years after Paul's death, was written in his name. This was an acceptable practice at that time. It was not a forgery, but an acknowledged way of continuing someone's spirit and authority. In the passage, the author encourages the readers in the face of trials.

This year's Appeal theme "Together We Bring Light" is important as we prayerfully consider our support for the appeal but also important for embracing the way of life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference. All parish communities participate in the Appeal, and the gifts of many enable our parishes and schools and ministries to offer needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift you can complete the mail-in giving envelope that can be found in the pews at Mass or at all the doors of our two worship sights. You can also make your gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

This year we are taking a much softer approach to the Appeal. Rather than taking the significant time at Mass to walk everyone through the process of filling out the pledge envelope that we have done in years past, we are trusting that all our faithful parishioners will follow through on making a pledge and supporting this important effort by taking the envelope home and praying about what your level of support might be. You can mail the form in directly or you can drop them in any of our Sunday collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office. In either case, please remember to put **QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH** on your form. Thank you so much!



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.

I would like to personally thank all in our parish who have made their pledge/contribution to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation is so appreciated and truly does make a difference in both the services that the archdiocese is able to provide to so many and the assistance they offer to so many parishes. May God bless you for your generosity.

We are once again providing the Lenten "Little Black Books" for your personal spiritual and prayer life during the upcoming Lenten season. In the gathering space and at all the exit doors of our churches this weekend you can pick up a copy to carry with you in your purse, car, pocket, etc. You can use these informative books to spend just six minutes a day in personal meditation/reflection and as your traveling companion for the season of Lent and Holy Week. Enjoy them!

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 at St. Eugene on Tuesday, March 31st, 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 31st as you make your personal preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

Hopefully, by now you may have noticed the QR code that has been affixed on all our pews at both St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church. These were placed there to make it easier for those who are comfortable with and used to using their phones to pay their bills and/or make their contributions. To see how easy and convenient it is to utilize this on-line giving platform, simply take a picture of the QR code with your phone and you will be immediately directed to Give Central where you can make your weekly Sunday offering to the parish. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact our parish Operation 's Director, Lisa Keeney at the parish office.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone of our upcoming fish-fry dinners and St. Joseph's Table. The dates for these events are in the Lenten Activity page located in today's bulletin. You don't want to miss either of these events!

Have a wonderful week ahead, everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos