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Mass Schedule

Weekday	Monday to Friday 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM Saturday at 6:30 AM
Weekend	Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM; 6:00 PM

Confession/Reconciliation

30 minutes before each Weekday Mass and
from 3 to 4 PM on Saturday

Baptisms

FIRST Sunday of each month (except during Lent)
following the 11:30 AM Mass. Baptismal Seminar
on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the
Life Center Building. Please call the Church Office
for arrangements.

Weddings

Arrangements should be made six months before
the wedding. Please call the Church Office to
schedule.

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Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Closed for Lunch 12 noon to 1:00 PM

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
March 16-17, 2019

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent are quite interesting. Reading some commentaries on these readings, most writers dwelt on the “transfiguration story of the gospel” to reflect on the theme. My attention and subsequent reflection, however, was caught by the words “and they became frightened when they **entered** the cloud” (Latin: *timuerunt intransibilibus illis in nubem*) from the Gospel of Luke 9:34. (Emphasis mine) In particular, the word “enter” stuck out for me – Peter, James and John “entered the cloud,” i.e. the presence of God and they were in “fear” (*timuerunt*). And this was even BEFORE God spoke!

God has always been “entering” into our presence and lives from the beginning of time. We only need to re-read the creation story from the Book of Genesis and the rest of the Sacred Scriptures in order to realize that God has a constant habit of “entering” into the lives of His people.

In the 1st reading this weekend from the Book of Genesis, God entered into the lives of Abram and Sarai at the time when the lives of both are almost ready to end; they were already advanced in age when God called them! Yet still, God called them both from the Land of Ur to “a land that He will show them” to do His will. Leaving behind all and everything and uncertain about God’s plans, Abram and Sarai “entered the Lord’s plan” for them. After a while, Abram realized that things may not work-out for him and his wife – they are old and tired and have no children! Fickle-minded, Abram started doubting the Lord. In the 1st reading, we will hear Abram complain to the Lord about this.

The Lord responded to Abram through a “sacrificial ritual” (something they did a lot in those days) wherein God responded to Abram’s complaints and promised him descendants-galore (like the stars in the skies) BUT only if Abram continue to trust God completely. Eventually, the descendants came as promised and Abram and Sarai became “Abraham and Sarah” the parents of countless generations. And God continued to enter the lives of His people, the most significant of which is the Incarnation of His Son, Jesus.

In the person of Jesus, God “entered” our presence Divine and human. In the transfiguration story of the gospel, we heard Peter, James and John “enter God’s

presence and “saw His glory” and “heard His voice.” But the disciples were not ready for such an experience for as they “enter God’s presence” they were frightened.

We all enter the presence of the Lord when we go to a church, a sacred place or space where we hope to encounter God. Interestingly, the Scriptures did not relegate such encounters of God in these places or spaces alone – God was encountered in the mountains and deserts, seas and rivers, roads and unexpected places, people and events. In most instances in the life of Jesus, you will find Him where you least expect – among the sick and the suffering, the outcasts and the unwanted, the sinners and the unrighteous. It is in these places and moments where God transfigures and reveal Himself to all those who have been privileged to be around Him. And if you were in one (or some) of these places and spaces, people and events, would you be frightened as you enter God’s presence, or would you truly say to Him, “*Master, it is good that we are here!*”

This Lenten Season, the Lord invites us to “enter His presence” where His glory will be revealed. Where is the Lord inviting you to enter this Lent?

Father Vic+

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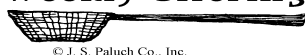
DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

Lent comes every year. It’s meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the best version of ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn’t a transformative experience. It’s just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

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Friday's of Lent

11AM—1PM

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A LITTLE SERVING FOR YOUR SOUL

Am I waiting on God to do something?
 What "little things" is God doing in my life?
 How can God's "little gifts" change my life?



Stations of the Cross
 Fridays during Lent
 (following 5:30PM Mass)



Lenten Mass Schedule:

Weekday Masses will
 be held at 6:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and
 5:30 PM



Way of the Cross

Fridays Following
 5:30 PM Mass

YOUR participation is needed!!

This year we are requesting each Ministry
 assist / attend the assigned Friday.

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| March 15 | Jacob's Ladder
Church Office Aides including
Money Counters / Bulletin Stuffers |
| March 22 | Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers,
Matthew 25 & K.C. Members |
| March 29 | Heaven's Handymen &
Lenten Gumbo |
| April 5 | St. Vincent de Paul,
Lectors/Commentators &
Community Builders |
| April 12 | Pastoral / Finance Council
Implementation Team Members |



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
Canned Good Drive
March 16th/ 17th

Please bring a canned good item for a donation
 to the local Food Bank.

Collection Baskets will be at the entrances of church.

View of the Altar will take place in church
 on Tuesday, March 19th from
 6:30 AM Mass till 5:30 PM Mass.

