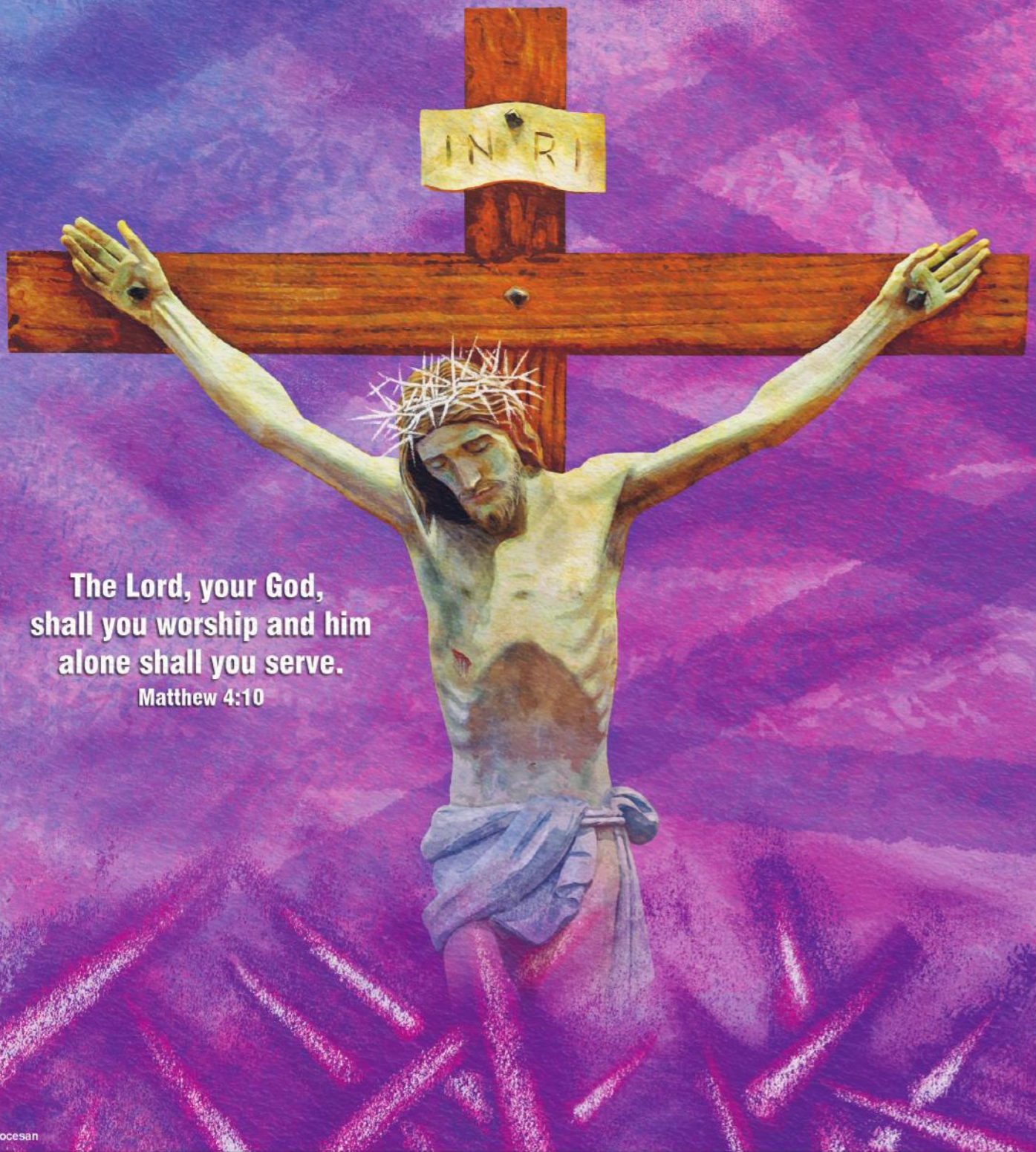


# First Sunday of LENT



The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and him  
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10



*'One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'*

That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith! "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1 God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him,

placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

### Scripture Readings for the Week of February 26, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



#### Pray for those who are ill:

Sarah Langston, Paul Perdue, Paula Price, Nolan Link, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Barbara Yonge, Janie Gonzales, Carson Thelan, Steve Pelletier, Mary Perez, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Richard Keistler, Leslie Stein, Joyceline Nachtegaele, Joni Bergeron, Maurice Badeaux, Steven Rod, Ron Jones, Ronnie Hock, Carolyn and Earl Erickson, Judson McCann, Rene Damian

### Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions February 25— March 5

<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	†Jim Solis †Lillian Sablatura
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	†Sherry Aaron †Leo Crosley
	9:30 AM	†Weldon Drapela †Ray Gustin For the People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Jesus Aguilar †Lola Bea Rumley
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Sylvia & Luis Codina †Loney Berteau
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†John Rosser †Sherry Aaron
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Agnes & Charlie Kieler †Bill Cook
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	†Chase Epps †Richard Merck
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	†Travis Knox Jessica Harpe
	11:00 AM	†Edwin Canizares †Bill Cook



#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm in the Church. Please prayerfully consider making the Adoration Chapel a part of your weekly prayer time. To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Williams at [adoration@smlj.org](mailto:adoration@smlj.org). You may view the schedule and empty adoration hours on our website by clicking on "Ministries", then "Adoration Chapel".

#### IMMEDIATE ADORATION HOUR NEED:

2-3 pm Thursday

**Adoration will be closed in the church on the following days:**

There is no regularly scheduled Adoration on:

Ash Wednesday (Feb 22)

Wednesday -Holy Week (April 5)

Holy Thursday (April 6) - See below for note on Holy Thursday

Good Friday (April 7)

Easter Vigil-Holy Saturday (April 8)

Easter Sunday (April 9)

*Holy Thursday:* There will be Adoration after evening Mass on Holy Thursday (April 6) and is scheduled from 8:00pm to Midnight. You can sign up for those shifts on the app or contact Pat Williams at [adoration@smlj.org](mailto:adoration@smlj.org)

### Lenten Penance Service Schedule for 2023.

Parish	Date	Time
St. Mary's, Freeport	3/9	7:00 pm
St. John The Baptist, Alvin	3/21	6:30 pm
Sacred Heart, Manvel	3/22	6:30 pm
Most Holy Trinity, Angleton	3/23	6:30 pm

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parish Family,

A few days ago, we had the ashes traced on our foreheads to remind us of our mortality and the need of penance in our lives. As an appropriate gesture, we have fasted by eating one full meal and we have abstained from eating meat during the day. Yes, the holy season of Lent has begun.

As with many past seasons of Lent of our lives, we ask ourselves, what will I give up for Lent, what sacrifices do I have to do this time? It's a good question to ask ourselves. After all, the things we give up, and the sacrifices we make is to journey with the Lord in His suffering and death on the cross. Allow me to suggest something different this year. Maybe we need to GIVE rather than GIVE UP. Maybe it's 'living up' instead of 'giving up'-as in aspiring to live up to certain spiritual goals or ideals. While sacrifice remains an important Lenten theme, I believe we can greatly appreciate a fresh spiritual challenge. Try this: Pray for a stranger or someone you don't even like. Take time to write a soldier overseas. Visit an elderly neighbor, the aging, the shut in. Light a candle for all those who are lost, frightened, uncertain or alone. Say a rosary for peace. Buy a doughnut or a hamburger for that man standing on the street corner with a sign around his neck that said "Hungry". In short, we begin this holy and penitential season by giving.

So we plant these small seeds of sacrifice. Tend them. Nurture them. Cultivate them. And then let the roots take hold. You may well be astounded at the graces that have blossomed by Easter morning!!

A Blessed Lent to you!!!

*Fr. Dwight*

The **2022 contribution statements** were emailed out. If you did not receive yours, please check your spam folder. Those who do not have an email address on file with the office will receive their contribution statement in the mail.

## RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION



On this First Sunday of Lent we celebrate the Rite of Sending for those preparing to come into the Catholic Church. At this rite, the sponsors affirm that the catechumens (unbaptized) desire to join the Catholic Church and have taken their formation seriously. The parish faith community then offers their blessing and prayers as we send the participants to go before the bishop in the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election marks the end of the *Catechumenate* (period of instruction) and the beginning of the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment* (prayer and self-reflection), as the bishop acknowledges them as the "Elect of God" and gives them his blessing as they continue to the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please pray for our catechumens Felicia and her two daughters Isabella and Briell as they journey towards Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist this Easter.



### Job Openings at St. Michael's

**Facility Maintenance** - ensures the proper upkeep of the buildings and assets on the parish campus. Performs typical maintenance and preventative maintenance tasks and coordinates any contracted maintenance. This is a 30 - 40 hour / week role.

**Faith Formation Director** - responsible for the religious education programs of the parish with direct responsibility for the Pre-K to 6th grade catechetical and sacramental preparation program. This is a 40 hour / week role.

Full medical and retirement benefits are available for these roles.

### In Memoriam Gifts

If you are wishing to make on-line Memorial Gifts to St. Michael's in memory or in honor of a loved one, you can go to [www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds) and select Memorial Gift.

Please note this is **not intended to be used for Mass Intentions** which need to be made in the office.



### Planning to be married in the Church?

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Raffle Tickets are also available for sale with over \$1,800 in gift card prizes. Contact Dick Schneider at [rclj54@yahoo.com](mailto:rclj54@yahoo.com) for tickets or info.



This is the Knights largest fundraiser and helps support the various ministries and charities the KC's fund.

First Sunday of Lent A 2 *Romans 5:12-19*

### What One Can Do

One person can do a lot of damage. As we begin Lent we remember the story of Adam and the origins of human sin. But we all know how much damage any one person can do, because we have experienced it in our own sinful lives. One person can say and do things that hurt. Such things hurt another person, but they also hurt the very person who commits the offense. In addition, one person's offense may tarnish others—the family, the profession, or the church. One person can do a lot of damage.

At the beginning of Lent it is tempting to wallow in sin. This season will indeed turn our attention to our offenses. This is a perfect time of year to make a good examination of conscience and to bring our sin to the sacrament of reconciliation.

But there is more to Lent than sin. There is grace.

St. Paul told the Romans that death came into the world through one person's transgression, but "how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ."

One person can do a lot of good. The kindness we perform for another person can bring unexpected joy. And by the death and rising of Christ, sinners are made righteous.

Yes, reflect on sin this Lent, but remember also the grace. Jesus brings life to the world, and to you.

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## Save the Date

**March 20 & 21, 2023**

Lenten Day of Prayer

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**The Total Net Profit for the Bazaar was \$93,251.71**

### Rosary

**Mondays at 7 pm in the Church  
Tuesdays-Fridays at 8 am. in the Church**







The Knights will be hosting a **Blood Drive** Sunday, **March 5**, 8:00 - 1:00 in Wleczyk Hall. Please consider stopping by, picking up a nice hoodie sweatshirt, and most importantly, saving and changing lives with your precious donation.

**Stations of the Cross**—7:00 pm in the Church  
Each Friday during Lent  
**Confessions February 28—April 1**  
Tuesday & Thursday 4:30—5:30 pm  
Saturday 4:00—5:00 pm

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## SAVE THE DATE



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— Pope Francis

## Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel

We welcome all visitors to our faith community and hope that your experience here was blessed with the spirit of Christ. If you are a new resident of the area and would like to know more about our parish opportunities, please read this bulletin for more information or check out our website at [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org). If you are interested in joining our parish as a registered member and receive parish communications, please fill out the registration form from our website or stop by or call our Parish Office, Monday - Friday; 9:00am-4:00pm for more information.



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**Thank you for your continued support!**



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