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### PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love. May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
At other times by appointment	

### NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

### ADORATION

Friday 9:00-10:00 am - In the Church

### INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a bimonthly Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

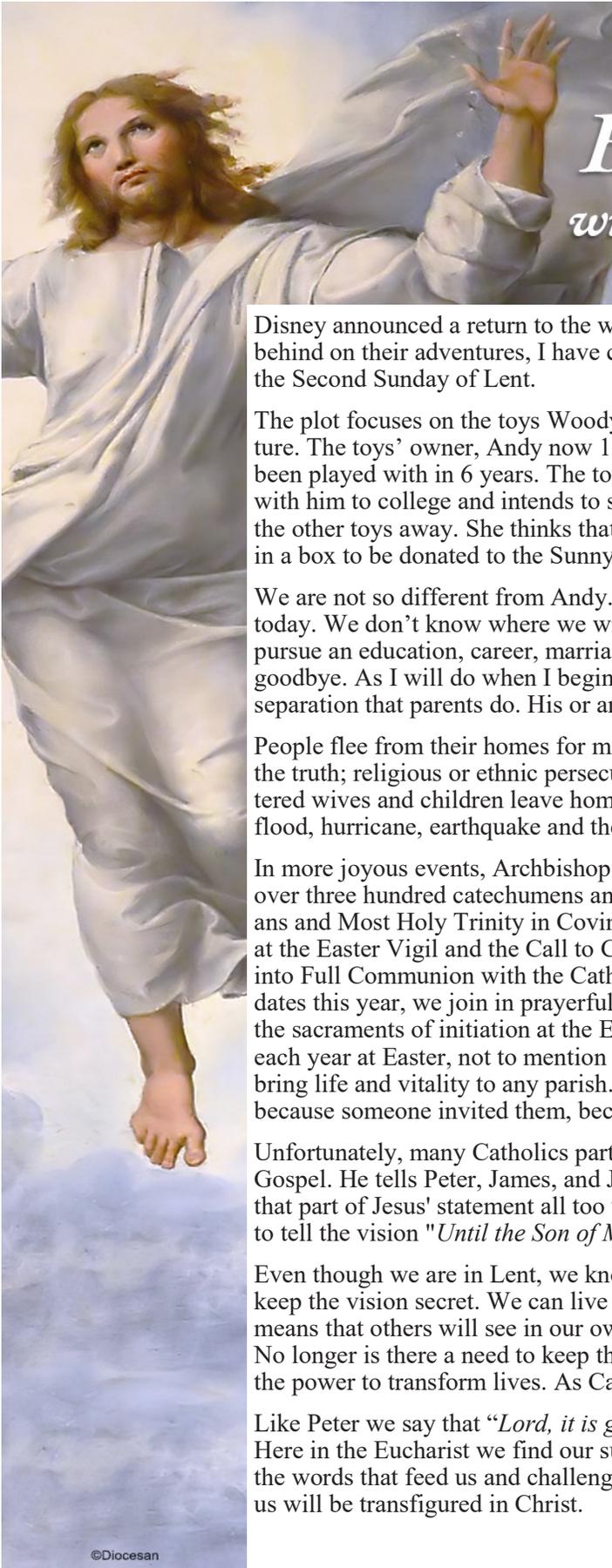
### MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

## Uptown Canticle by Father Michael



# THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

*with Whom I am well pleased*

MATTHEW 17:5

Disney announced a return to the world of Woody and Buzz in Toy Story 5. Even though I am way behind on their adventures, I have chosen to refer to Toy Story 3 as they relate to the scriptures for the Second Sunday of Lent.

The plot focuses on the toys Woody, Buzz Lightyear and their friends dealing with an uncertain future. The toys' owner, Andy now 17 years old, is preparing to leave for college. His toys have not been played with in 6 years. The toys feel forgotten and abandoned. Andy decides to take Woody with him to college and intends to store the other toys in the attic. Andy's mom accidentally throws the other toys away. She thinks that they are no longer wanted. The toys escape and decide to climb in a box to be donated to the Sunnyside Daycare.

We are not so different from Andy. And we're not so different from Abram in the Genesis reading today. We don't know where we will put down roots or what we will be doing. We leave home to pursue an education, career, marriage or another vocation. Answering God's call often means saying goodbye. As I will do when I begin retirement in four months. Andy's toys felt the same loss and separation that parents do. His or anyone's leaving home symbolizes leaving childhood behind.

People flee from their homes for many reasons: government death squads or reprisals for speaking the truth; religious or ethnic persecution; the unemployed search of desperately needed work; battered wives and children leave home to escape abuse; homes that are no more, destroyed by fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake and the destruction by the war in Ukraine.

In more joyous events, Archbishop Aymond celebrated the Rite of Election and Recognition for over three hundred catechumens and candidates on February 26 and 27 at St. Dominic in New Orleans and Most Holy Trinity in Covington. These adults and young people are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil and the Call to Continuing Conversion for the Candidates preparing for reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Although our parish has no catechumens and candidates this year, we join in prayerful solidarity for those in our archdiocese as they journey toward the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Roughly 150,000 adults join the Catholic Church each year at Easter, not to mention others who become Catholic during the year. New members bring life and vitality to any parish. But as most newly baptized will tell you, they became a member because someone invited them, because someone was an example of Christian life to them.

Unfortunately, many Catholics partly follow the instruction of Jesus at the end of this weekend's Gospel. He tells Peter, James, and John, "*Do not tell the vision to anyone.*" Sometimes we follow that part of Jesus' statement all too well. But Jesus adds an important follow-up, charging them not to tell the vision "*Until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.*"

Even though we are in Lent, we know that Jesus has been raised from the dead. We don't have to keep the vision secret. We can live and act with our lives transformed because he is alive. That means that others will see in our own living and example, what it means to be a Catholic-Christian. No longer is there a need to keep the vision secret or to hide the good news. The love of Christ has the power to transform lives. As Catholics we exercise that love in the world today.

Like Peter we say that "*Lord, it is good that we are here!*" Here we gather in the presence of Jesus. Here in the Eucharist we find our sure shelter and home. And in his voice, we will continue to hear the words that feed us and challenge our growth and transformation as a community of faith so all of us will be transfigured in Christ.



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March 4/5 - Building & Maintenance  
March 18/19 - Archdiocesan Seminarian  
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**A Stewardship Moment**

In today’s second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: How willing are you to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp  
burns this week for

**Poor Souls in Purgatory**



**Mass Intentions**



**SATURDAY, March 4 - 4:00pm** - Henry Schorr, Luis & Flora Marino, Rita T. Aucoin, Sidney A. Mills III

**SUNDAY, March 5 - 9:30am** - Parishioners  
**11:30am** - Jose Luis Escobar, Betsie Melancon, Rita T. Aucoin, Cynthia Gilmore, Sidney A. Mills, III, The Intentions of Dr. Sue duTreil

**MONDAY, March 6** - The Intentions of Howard Brown

**TUESDAY, March 7** - Maria Bertha Caldera

**WEDNESDAY, March 8** - William Otis

**THURSDAY, March 9** - Ms. Carol Jean Gardner

**FRIDAY, March 10** - All Souls Book of Remembrance

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Prayer Intentions**

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Claire Adams, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Savannah Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Jennifer Siegrest Bondio, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Mary Chamberland, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, David Doll, Sr., Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Veronica Merritt, Jeff Mitchener, Joy Morton, Jay Occhipinti, Johnny Parker, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Wayne Pietri, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Nancy Williams, Residents of Audubon Retirement Village (Hainkel), Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House and patients of Children’s Hospital.

*O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.*



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Plastic Easter eggs will be handed out after masses as a visual reminder of how we are supporting new life during this Lenten Season. Inside you'll find instructions on how you can help.

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## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For Those Hurting from Abortion or Miscarriage



There is forgiveness, hope and peace after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, we can help. Please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat. All faiths are welcome! Open to women and men.

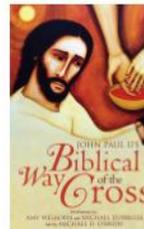
Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time.

**Date:** April 21-23, 2023  
**Price:** \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available)  
**Facilitators:** Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann  
**Priest Facilitator:** Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators:  
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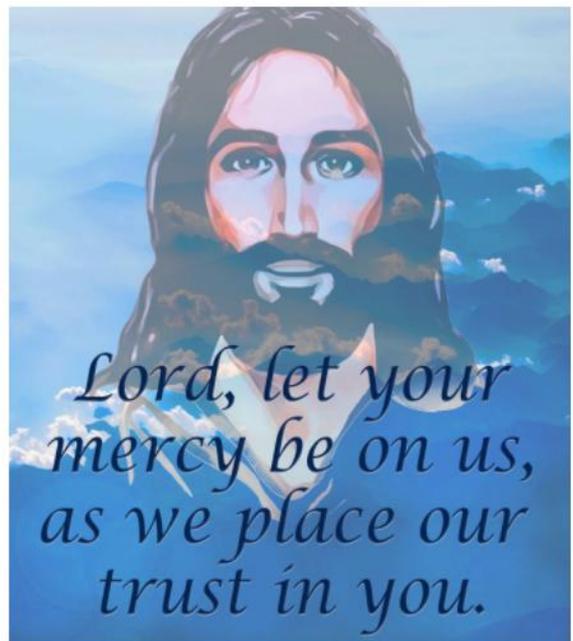
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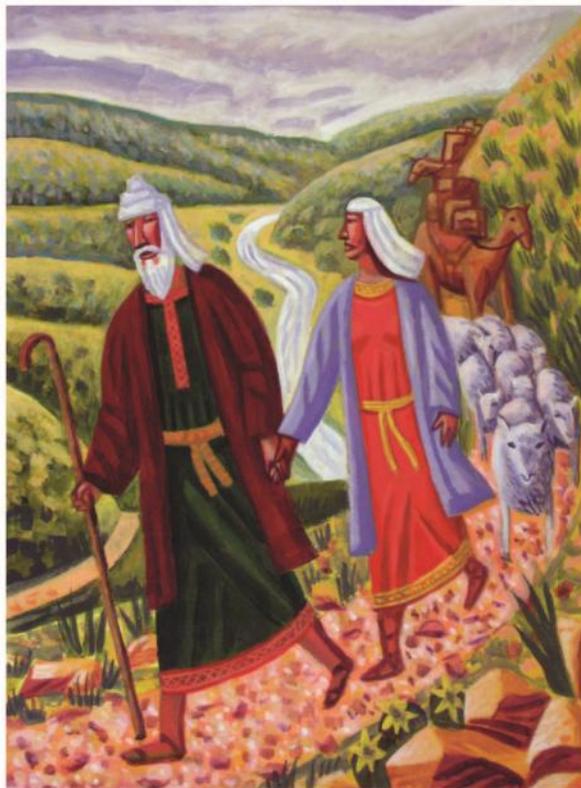


## Stations of the Cross Fridays 6:30 pm

Friday's during Lent Stations of the cross will be celebrated at 6:30 pm in Church.



# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## Help Us Hear

God of wisdom,  
you offer words of loving guidance  
to all ready to listen.  
Help us follow the example of our Lord  
and create time and space in our lives  
for quiet prayer in your loving presence.  
Speak your words of wisdom  
to our hearts,  
offer us the guidance  
we need for our lives  
and help us hear your voice today.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Listen to Him



*Today's readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9.* Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we remember the transfiguration of Jesus. Placing ourselves in the narrative on that high mountain, new details might be noticed that draw us into deeper layers of meaning.

The readings leave three details for contemplation this week. First, whenever Jesus retreats to a mountain or quiet place in the Scriptures, he seeks prayer time with his Father. Second, this particular time of prayer between Jesus and his Father results in a *theophany*, an intense manifestation of God in visible form recognizable to the human eye. Jesus reveals his full divinity to Peter, James, and John, and subsequently to all of us through the written account.

Finally, God boldly breaks into the encounter and speaks words of confirmation to the disciples and to us, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Matthew 17:5).

During Lent the Church invites us to be even more intentional about stepping away from our normal activities to meet God in prayer. Our response to this invitation will not disappoint because prayer never leaves us unchanged. When we follow the example of Jesus, make time and space for prayer, and quiet ourselves into a listening posture, we give God the opportunity to speak the words we most need to hear. How does God speak with love to you today through Matthew’s portrayal of this pinnacle moment in Jesus’ life?





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, March 6

#### Follow the Signposts

Consider the directions from Jesus in Luke's Gospel today signposts. They are so pivotal that our Church built the entire Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016 on their foundation. Be compassionate. Avoid judgment. Shun condemnation. Offer pardon. Give generously. Write these directions on note cards and place them around your home where you will see them as daily signposts from Jesus. *Today's readings: Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36-38.*

### Tuesday, March 7

#### Live with Integrity

At the heart of today's Gospel is the call to live discipleship with integrity. To be a person of integrity means there is congruence between who we say we are and what we do. Speak with transparency. Act with authenticity. Strive for sincerity. Embrace the virtue of integrity as the doorway to holiness. *Today's readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, and 23; Matthew 23:1-12.*

### Wednesday, March 8

#### Seek to Serve

Contending to be the first to be noticed, the first to be served, the first in line is a familiar human condition. Jesus reminds his apostles, and all of us, to vigorously resist this temptation. Instead he instructs us to cultivate humility through privileging service over prestige. Commit to practicing one act of humble service anonymously today. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Matthew 20:17-28.*

### Thursday, March 9

#### Who Sits at Our Doorway?

Today's Scriptures provide a striking reminder to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. The contrasting images between

those like the rich man who trust in human beings and those who trust in the Lord reveal the consequences of our choices. Take a careful look around to see who sits at our "doorway." Perhaps there is a neighbor who goes regularly without food or feels invisible to our local community. How might we raise the visibility of those at our doorways and reach out with hope in the Lord? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19-31.*

### Friday, March 10

#### The Voices We Listen To

The quickest way to veer off the path of holiness is to bury our conscience. In tuning out the guiding voice of the Holy Spirit we can be easily led to destructive choices. The people around us may influence and even form us in some ways. Think about the primary people in your life and how they impact you. Today's Scriptures invite us to examine our conscience and do a check-in on the primary voices we are listening to in daily life. *Today's readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.*

### Saturday, March 11

#### Lead with Compassion

Jesus uses parables to show how much our merciful God desires to be close to us. Today's parable about the forgiving father reminds us that God steadfastly stands waiting for us with open arms and infinite forgiveness. Be alert to the lost in your family and community: a child who feigns disinterest, a teen suffering with mental illness, a troubled, lonely neighbor. Through our warm smiles, kind gestures, and hospitable spirit we can communicate the invitation to return to our compassionate God and reconcile with the community of faith. *Today's readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.*



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