

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

-- ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD --

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day 9:00am - 9:00pm.



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent. ©LPi

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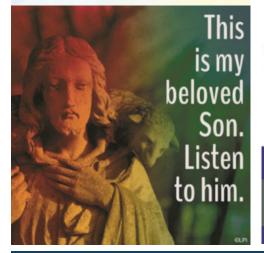
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26

Florence & Karen Keller 8:30 am

Tuesday, February 27 • St. Gregory of Narek

8:30 am Barbara Johnson

Wednesday, February 28

John Anders 8:30 am

Thursday, February 29

8:30 am Allen Cotogno

Friday, March 1 • First Friday

8:30 am John Rauch, Jr.

Saturday, March 2 • First Saturday

Ellis & Marilyn Torres, Anthony Valure, Melancon & Fisher 4:00 pm

Families, Special Intention, Special Intention, Rauch & Stumpf Families, Don Dippel, Kerry Ford, Jamie Brady, Fryoux, Roussel, & Shipley Families, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Anna Thuong Dinh, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, Jeffrey Andry, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Arnold McGill, Sr., Jeanette Cashio, Luce Marks

IN MEMORY of ME

Sunday, March 3 • 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Eula McMurry, Inez Perilloux, All Souls, , Doris Beadle, Chere

Johnson, Karen Angelo, Michelle Haase, Harold Strehle, Living & deceased members of the St. Pierre & Poche Families, Tracy

Marchetta, Michelle Walker

10:30 am Elysabeth "Nancy" Faslund 3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Rory & Jourdan Growl, Lynn Hymel, Jr., Dolly Ocmond

VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The Anders Family

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

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AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

Evenings of Confession



Wednesdays March 6, 13, & 20 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Confession will be available in all Archdiocesan Churches from 5:00 - 6:30 pm on this day.

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at Noon & Fridays at 6:30pm in Church

Friday Stations of the Cross will include a Communion Service and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Stations of the Cross in Spanish follows on Fridays at 7:30pm



LENTEN FISH PLATES

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

10:30 am - 6:00 pm under the tent in front of school

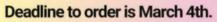
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March 6th 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend a grace-filled evening here at **Ascension of Our Lord Church**, with internationally known Catholic evangelist,

Mr. Alan Ames



Alan will share his conversion story after Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service.

For more about Alan Ames, visit alanames.org.



Is God calling you to serve as an

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Liturgical Ministry Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now available for registration.

Call the Parish Office to register for the following or another upcoming workshop.

Saturday, March 16th 9am-1pm St. Joan of Arc Church

Visit <u>www.aolparish.org</u> for various

Lenten Resources including the

Ascension Lenten Companion

Weekly Videos





TEXT AOLPARISH to 84576

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, February 26

3:00-6:00pm AOL School Garage Sale Fundraiser - Savio Center

6:00-7:30pm Practice for First Reconciliation - Church

6:00-7:30pm Parish School of Religion - School

Tuesday, February 27

12:00noon Stations of the Cross - Church

3:00-6:00pm AOL School Garage Sale Fundraiser - Savio Center

7:00pm First Reconciliation Service - Church

7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office

Wednesday, February 28

2:20pm School Stations of the Cross - Church

3:00-6:00pm AOL School Garage Sale Fundraiser - Savio Center

Thursday, February 29

8:30am School Mass - Church

3:00-6:00pm AOL School Garage Sale Fundraiser - Savio Center

Friday, March 1

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church

10:30am-6:00pm Lenten Fish Plates for Sale - in front of school

3:00-6:00pm AOL School Garage Sale Fundraiser - Savio Center

6:30pm Stations of the Cross/Communion Service/Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30pm Spanish Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2 • Team 1

8:00am-1:00pm AOL School Garage Sale Fundraiser - Savio Center/School

Sunday, March 3 • Team 1

Prayer

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

Sharing the Gospel

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter. James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

Kids Corner

Find the matching shadow:





PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

The Adoration Chapel is open every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

"He remains among us until the end of the world."

Go to your Adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - Father John Muir

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy. ©LPi

CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

(Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 *©LPi*



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