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Sunday February 25, 2024 ~ The Second Sunday of Lent

From the Bishop's Pen...

"This is my beloved Son."

We know the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Yet how does the Transfiguration tie into the story of Abraham preparing to sacrifice his son, Isaac?

Abraham is our father in faith, who lived about 2,000 years before Christ. Abraham was seventy-five years old, married but childless, when he heard God call him, listened, and went where God led Him. Isaac was his only son with his wife Sarah, so you can imagine what an overjoyed father Abraham must have been. It was through his son Isaac that God tested Abraham's faith.

Abraham's faith was so strong that he did not hesitate to sacrifice his "own beloved son" when called by God to do so. Isaac in this story, prefigures Jesus Christ in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, with the major difference being that God would not let Abraham harm his son. Isaac carried the wood on which he was to be offered as a holocaust. When Abraham was told not to harm Isaac, the boy rose to help his father offer a ram as holocaust.

Jesus carried His cross to Calvary. He was the lamb that was sacrificed, and He rose from the dead. God the Father would not allow Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but He did allow His "own beloved Son" to be sacrificed. Because of His unwavering faith in His Heavenly Father, Jesus rose from the dead, glorified by God for eternity.

In the Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed in the glory that will be His in the Resurrection. Jesus' Transfiguration strengthens His disciples, so that knowing the glory to which they have been called, will go out and proclaim the Gospel with complete faith, without any reservation or hesitation. Peter, James, and John were being prepared for the sacrifices they would undergo, as would the other Apostles, knowing the glory God would give them for their faith.

St. Paul tells us, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God calls us to share in that same glory of His "own beloved Son", that through faith, we prepare to accept and follow during this Lenten season.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

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Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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MASS/LENTEN SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday During Lent Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass & 7:00 pm

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Melcome

To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you aifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

> LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!

PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use your offertory envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there is no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgement for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link: https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving to sign-up for Faith Direct, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given

to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is \$10.00 CASH per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A February 18, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for January 2024 - \$ N/A

> Our Offertory last week was % of Expenses

Faith Direct: January 2024 - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: Ash Wednesday Masses-861 Sunday Masses - 757

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

Masses / Observances and Church Activities



Monday February 26, 2024 Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday February 27, 2024
St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot
and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass - 8:30 am Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm Benediction - 6:30 pm Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday February 28, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
Confession / Reconciliation - 6:00 pm

Thursday February 29, 2024 Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

First Friday - March 1, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Stations of the Cross
9:00 am & 7:00 pm
Exposition / Adoration
(AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS)
Benediction - 6:00 pm

First Saturday - March 2, 2024
First Saturday Mass - 8:00 am

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Confession / Reconciliation
10:00 am - 11:00 am
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday February 25

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and Friends Choir (CL R2) 10:30 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm
- Youth Ministry Meeting (CLR1)1:30 pm
- African and Friends Monthly Meeting (RR) 1:30 pm

Monday February 26

• RCIA Class
(Virtual) 7:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/81533487037?
pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd
2YwZERmcXhUUT09

Wednesday February 28

• Line Dancing (RR) 11:00am

Thursday February 29

- Line Dancing (RR) 12:30 pm
- St Joseph Sodality
 Pray the Rosary
 (Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in
 number (848) 220-3100
 Conference ID: 06241954#
- Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm
- SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CLR 1) 7:00 pm

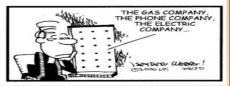
Friday March 1

• Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (RR) 12:00 pm

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HOLY HUMOR





Daily Readings for the Week Week of February 25, 2024

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

<u>Next Sunday:</u> 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/

For Our Young Parishioners

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.

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.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.

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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie Clark,

Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carrie Richards, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Nicholas Walter, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn,

And the Recently Deceased:

Carolyn Branch, Walter Nicholas, Diane Wilson-Bragg

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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Sunday 10:00 am - J-Marie Tchefo † 12:00 pm - the St Joseph Family <u>Monday</u> 8:30 am - James and Cecelia Hill †

0 AM - JAMES AND CECELIA TILL <u>Tuesday</u> 8:30 AM MARVIN GRAVES †

<u>Wednesday</u>

8:30 am - Bosede Adeleye (Birthday Blessings) Thursday

8:30 am - Theresa Adeyemo (Birthday Blessings) Friday

8:30 AM - VICTORIA OWEH (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. *Have you ever felt tested by God?*

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

GOSPEL READING

After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. *What helps energize you spiritually?*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

<u>Question:</u> An assembly of Cardinals formed to elect the next pope is referred to by what name?

Answer: (a) A Conclave (b) A Council (c) A Summit

Answer on Page 5

PRACTICING 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?"

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Zora Neale Hurston

Although Hurston claimed to be born in 1901 in Eatonville, Florida, she was, in fact, 10 years older and had moved with her family to Eatonville only as a small child. There, in the first incorporated all-Black town in the country, she attended school until age 13. After the death of her mother (1904), Hurston's home life became increasingly difficult, and at 16 she joined a traveling theatrical company, ending up in New York City during the Harlem Renaissance.

"No matter how far a person can go the horizon is still way beyond you." — **Zora Neale Hurston**



Every Friday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
Confession / Reconciliation
Every Wednesday - 6:00 pm
Every Saturday 10:00 am & 3;00 pm

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Saturday March 2

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CLR2) 7:30 am
- Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm
- SJYM Krispy Cream Donut POPUP (RR) After Vigil Mass

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) A Conclave

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