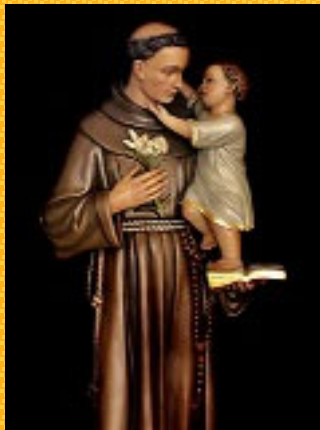




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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Take your son Isaac ... whom you love ... (and) offer him up as a holocaust.

These are shocking words to us but would not necessarily have been so for Abraham.

Child sacrifice was an accepted practice in Abraham's time among the polytheistic religions.

But our God does not desire human sacrifice. Thus – and what is even more shocking in this story – **God stops him!** No pagan deity – the false gods of the polytheists – would ever have stopped a sacrifice. God was putting Abraham to the test, and for his faithfulness he was granted righteousness and became the father of a great nation, through whom, *all the nations of the earth shall find blessing.*

Christ is a descendant of Abraham, and theologians point out the parallels between this episode and the crucifixion. Just as Jesus carried his cross, Isaac carried the wood for the sacrifice. Abraham was *willing* to sacrifice his beloved son for God.

God did sacrifice his Son for us.

God's sacrifice of his Son for us is at the heart of Saint Paul's message to the Romans today.

If God is for us, he says, who can be against us? God loves us, and this love was made known when **God did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all.** Because of this we have reason to hope, since **Jesus intercedes for us.**

Continued on next page...

This hope is brought to light in today's Gospel account of the transfiguration of Jesus. Accompanied by three of his disciples, Jesus goes up a mountain. While they were there, **Jesus was transfigured before them.** Then Moses and Elijah appeared, and **they were conversing with Jesus.** Overshadowed by a cloud, the disciples hear a voice declaring, **This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.** And suddenly they are once again alone with Jesus.

The transfiguration of Jesus demonstrated his divine nature and manifested the glory he had always possessed and would return to upon leaving his earthly human body.

It is also a prefiguring of the glory we shall one day obtain in our resurrected bodies.

If we live and die with Christ – if we do in fact **listen to him, for he intercedes for us** – then we shall take our place among our ancestors, as Christ showed on that mountain.

That is our hope and our faith when we profess:
"I believe in the resurrection of the body..."

Blessings,
Fr. Tad

MASS TIMES

Outdoor Saturday Mass
(Parking lot, Little Church)
4:00 p.m.

Live Stream Sunday Mass
8:00 a.m.
(without attendees)

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Outdoor Sunday Masses
(on the Patio, Big Church)
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

(Reservations thru weekly constant contact or
<https://churchstanthony.com/>.
Please use links for Mass date and time sent that week.
Previous reservation links will not work.)

Weekday Mass :
Outdoors on the Patio
(Also Livestreaming)
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Available
8:00 a.m. Mike Kuhn (RIP)
9:30 a.m. Available
11:00 a.m. Parishioners

March 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. Peggy Ciesinski-Hennessy (RIP)

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Available
8:00 a.m. Charles Kenyon (RIP)
9:30 a.m. Available
11:00 a.m. Parishioners



COMMUNITY ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24,
MARCH 3, 10, 17 & 24 AT 7 PM
LIVESTREAM
PLEASE JOIN US

YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for Religious Education, NOVA, & OASIS

Registration will remain open for all students K-12th grade this whole year!

Please contact Ana Fuentes to register today!

The cost of registration for each student is \$75. Note there are two registration forms, one for Religious Education (K-5th) and one for Youth Ministry (6th - 12th)

Lenten Series: Ashes to Glory

Calling all teens and young adults! The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office is hosting a special speaker series every Wednesday night during Lent. It will be livestreamed from various parishes on the DSJ YYA YouTube page from 8:00pm - 8:30pm. Check it out at this link: tinyurl.com/1WM49Y5U or search DSJ YYA on YouTube.

Breaking Open the Word

Reading Scripture is an integral part of deepening our faith and knowing our Lord at a more intimate level. Though, the Word of God has always been subject to misuse and even Jesus knew this problem well. Second guessing the meaning of God's Word was the first tactic used against Eve in the Genesis narrative and towards Jesus when He was preparing for His public ministry in the desert.

Jesus established the Church to be our teaching authority, the guiding voice that helps us know and understand Scripture so that we may know what is true. The teaching body of the Church is called the "Magisterium" - they are responsible for interpreting Scripture in a way that does not change the meaning of it, but allows us to understand it in light of our current circumstances.

This still doesn't mean that all authority figures within the Church will be perfect. Saint Paul was a great example of God's ability to work through imperfect people as he was a prime persecutor of the Church before his conversion. Scripture can and should be read individually, but even when we read it alone, we are still reading it as part of a community. Before the Bible was compiled into one book, many of these stories were handed down within a community of believers through storytelling. In the Church, we call this Tradition. The Catholic Church does not believe in *sola scriptura*, which means "only Scripture." We allow both Scripture and Tradition to inform our understanding of the faith.

Scripture scholars use three criteria to work toward proper interpretations of Scripture - these practices can guide us as well. The first is that we always seek to understand pieces of Scripture within the context of the entire story of Scripture. The second criteria is that we read it within the living Tradition of the Church. The third is that any interpretation has to be attentive to the analogy of the faith - this means that no interpretation of Scripture can stand in opposition to the Tradition of the Church, the dogma of the Church, or Scripture itself.

When we read Scripture using these three criteria, we realize that Scripture can inspire how we live our daily lives. The Gospel perspective allows us to interpret our current situations and make decisions according to the will of God. Individually, a person can read Scripture and determine the way in which God is calling him or her to personally serve.

OASIS

Join us tonight on Zoom for a special OASIS Live social! Our goal always is to continue building this community - we'll do that this Sunday by playing some games and having fun, you don't want to miss it! Check out our Instagram [@st.anthony_ym](#) for more updates and content!

NOVA

Although NOVA may not be gathering on Zoom right now, stay tuned for youth ministry content to be sent home soon! Through this new process, we want our teens to develop their faith even when we can't meet together. NOVA registration will remain open throughout the year, feel free to invite anyone with teens in 6th - 8th grade - contact Ana Fuentes analisa.fuentes@dsj.org for more info.

Confirmation

Mark your calendars! Our next Confirmation class is this Wednesday March 10th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm on Zoom. Remember to do your Mass nuggets on Discord every Sunday after attending Mass! Because we are doing livestream Masses, this is how we know you attended.

Youth Ministry Instagram

Follow along on all adventures youth ministry on our Instagram page [@st.anthony_ym](#)!! You can also feel free to DM our Instagram with any questions regarding youth ministry or events!

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Tara Kelly, Tony Elliot, Ryan Keit,
Bev Yourstone, Diego Pelayo,
Juanita Elizabeth Croker, John Malloy,
Luca Colacino, Janice Page,
Encarnacion Leocena, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett,
Steve Fineburg, Jessica Votaw, Kathy Zwibelman,
Sean Banchemo, Adonis Causing, Dale Anderson,
Rose Flowers, Teresita Roig, Matt Cesario,
Michael Rideau, Dennis Ikerd, Marlene Agnoletti**

ANOINTING & CARE OF THE SICK

To add a name to the Prayer List, please contact the
Parish Office: churchstanthony@dsj.org

✠ If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, received a recent serious medical diagnosis, or is experiencing the burden of years, please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick.

✠ Communion can be brought to anyone who is ill or homebound through our Pastoral Care Ministers.



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FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

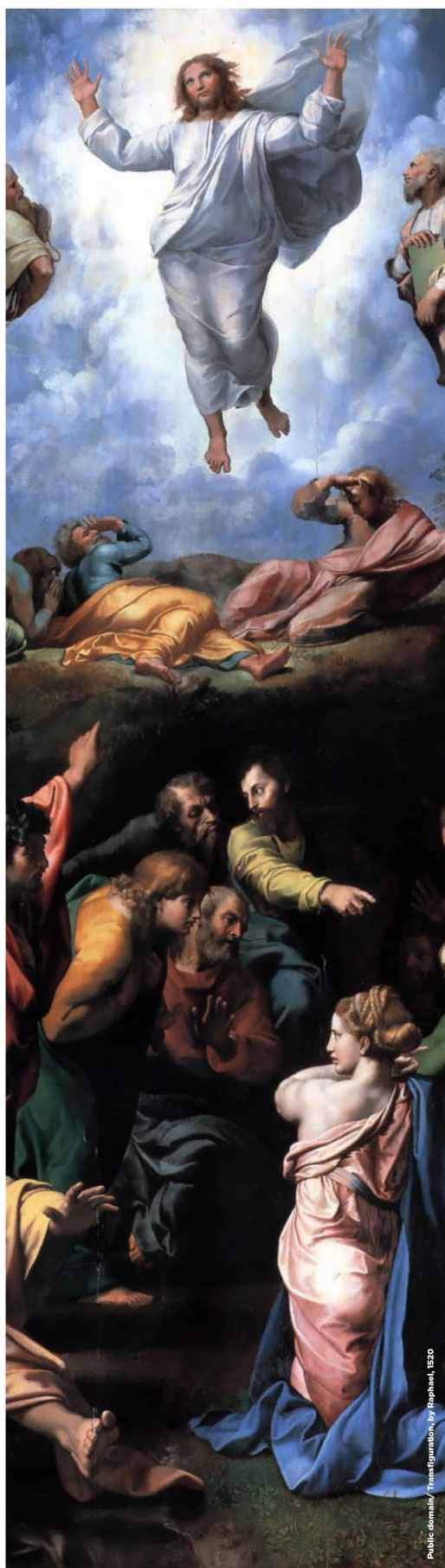
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Oh, the gloom! The view out my window on a typical Michigan winter day can be described as “grayscale monochrome,” a technical term for black-and-white photographs. Fortunately, the sun peeks out on occasion, providing a lovely sunrise or sunset that can lift my mood and remind me that spring will come. If such an ordinary thing can provide hope, imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father’s presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus’ glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul’s powerful words that “God is for us” add solace and encouragement.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Catholics, we are likely very familiar with the four Gospels, but I have to say I can’t get enough of Paul’s letters. Like a good coach, Paul encourages us to dig deep and trust God. In today’s reading, he reminds the Romans that God loves us so much that he did not spare his own Son. I’m struck by his assurance that Jesus not only died and was raised for us, but “indeed intercedes for us.” Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for *others*, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

PRAY I find that I often make prayer all about me! Yet, as the Church teaches, “in intercession, those who pray look ‘not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,’ even to the point of praying for those who do them harm.” (CCC 2635) One way to practice intercessory prayer is to make a list and pray for the people and intentions on it once a day. For those of us who regularly pray the rosary, another practice might be to dedicate each decade to an individual in need of prayer.

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Giving Method

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Check	\$ 25,805
Online	\$ 4,504

Collection Total **\$ 30,721**

Two Week Budgeted Collection **\$13,224**

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We want your participation and need your support.
Your gift will make a difference!