

## Second Sunday of Lent

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### Reading I **Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - all this because you obeyed my command."

### Reading II **Rom 8:31b-34**

Brothers and sisters: 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? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died - or, rather, was raised - who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

### Gospel **Mk 9:2-10**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

*Every Sunday the church is open to all from 10am - 11:30am for private prayer*

## Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28, at 11:30am, with Shades Choir

Please be sure to sign-up early for Sunday Masses. We still only have room for 50 people in the church. **Reserved seating only.** To attend any service, you must register ahead of time. Click on [Register now](#) or sign up at the Parish website [st-therese.cc](http://st-therese.cc) or use your smart phone at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A9AE29A0FA7-sttherese>

Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes early for Mass. Ushers will seat you (additional details below).

**Livestreaming of St. Therese Masses at:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/StThereseParishSeattle/>

**\*Donations to Livestream Enhanced System** may be made on the [Parish website](#). Click on GIVE on the right hand side of the menu bar.

**Stewardship of Treasure link:** Please make your pledge for 2021 online at <https://www.st-therese.cc/stewardship-of-treasure-commitment-form>

### ◆ What We Need to Do & Changes at Mass to Keep Each Other Safe

You must register ahead of time -

BUT please stay home if you are sick (temperature over 100.4°, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion, or fatigue)

- ◆ Wear a mask \* Wear gloves \* Check in at entrance on the west side of church
- ◆ 6-ft. physical distancing at all times & 12-ft. from our priest while he celebrates Mass
- ◆ Seating by ushers \* No kiss of peace \* No group singing (cantor wears a mask)
- ◆ No processions and no passed baskets \* No incense or holy water \* No cup  
\*Communion in the hand during the Mass
- ◆ Dismissal from back to front.

*Please dress warmly as the church is very cold. The doors to the south and west are now closed during Mass. However, windows in the church remain partially open for required ventilation.*

### Winter Common Home Work Party



Saturday, February 27, 9:30am.

The snow has melted, now is the time to prepare for spring. We will start about 9:30am.

Come late, leave early. New volunteers are always welcome! Contact John Russell at [jvrussell85@gmail.com](mailto:jvrussell85@gmail.com)

Submissions for the Bulletin must be received by noon on Wednesday at [bulletin@st-therese.cc](mailto:bulletin@st-therese.cc)

### Parish Events

Fri Feb 26	All Star Dads Fish Fry <i>(see pg. 8 for details)</i>
Sat Feb 27	<b>Our Common Home 9:30am</b>
<b>Sun Feb 28</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent 11:30am</b>
Tue Mar 2	Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Wed Mar 3	Staff Meeting 10am
Thu Mar 4	Pastoral Council 7pm
Fri Mar 5	Stations of the Cross 6pm
<b>Sun Mar 7</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent 11:30am</b>
Wed Mar 10	Bible Study 5pm

All events are virtual except Mass & Our Common Home

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

February 28, 2021

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and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.  
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and his clothes became dazzling white,  
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.  
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and they were conversing with Jesus.  
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“Rabbi, it is good that we are here!  
Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”  
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Mark 9:2-6

Can you imagine what it would have been like to be on that mountain with Peter, James and John? The three undoubtedly thought they were just once again retreating to pray.

But what a prayer! Moses and Elijah, the personification of the Law and the Prophets, appear with Jesus, and their garments become something more than just a dazzling white, more a terrifying white.

White is often the color of the good guys but it is also the color of terror, of nothingness, of white-outs in the mountains, of lost Arctic adventurers, of Melville’s whale. We want a world of color and people and order but all the disciples see is white, bright, blinding white.

Peter, the impetuous one, blurts out something about building tents, like at the Feast of Tabernacles, but the suggestion is ignored, as Jesus seems to have taken it as a sign of their confusion and terror.

Then a cloud comes and a voice says, “This is my beloved son. Listen to him.” I doubt this calmed them down much.

But the appearance ends as fast as it began, and the four of them descend the mountain, and Jesus tells them to say nothing to anyone until he had risen from the dead.

I suspect they were still shaking as they rejoined the world, and they couldn’t understand what rising from the dead meant. I think this prefigures the disciples after the crucifixion, terrified and wondering what rising from the dead means.

A final suggestion for Black History month reading: take a look at the March issue of The Atlantic with [We Mourn for All We Do Not Know](#), about the 1930s Federal Writers’ Project collection of narratives of people born enslaved, [A Forgotten Founder](#) about Prince Hall, and [When America Became a Democracy](#) about the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**Collections July 1 - February 18, 2021**

**\$267,552**

**Where we need to be:**

**\$256,897**

**Last year at this time:**

**\$241,322**

### **It’s Time to Update Online Giving**

Thank you for your support! Automatic withdrawals stay the same, unless you initiate changes by yourself! Here is how to update your online giving: Please go to <https://www.st-therese.cc/>

# Stations of the Cross

**Fridays, February 19th -  
March 26th, 6pm**

Ritual and prayer are practices of Lent we can observe despite our pandemic. If you are comfortable, consider joining the community to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church or view online on the parish webpage, Facebook, or the usual places you tune in for Livestream events.



## CRS Rice Bowl

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**SECOND WEEK OF LENT  
BETTER MEALS IN  
MADAGASCAR**

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished.

That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Need some ideas to live deeply into the season? View the [CRS Lenten Calendar](#). Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.





## **ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

### **FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON – A HERO FOR THE AGES**

This is Black History Month, or maybe in these eventful times, Black History Year. Father Augustus Tolton was born April 1, 1854, the son of slaves who escaped Missouri and settled in Illinois. He was baptized Catholic as a young child. He grew up in Quincy, Illinois, and suffered discrimination in his early school years. At age 14, he enrolled at a new school, St. Peter Catholic School. His pastor encouraged him to enter the priesthood, but he was refused admission at several seminaries presumably because of his race. Tolton enrolled in and graduated from St. Francis Solanus College. In March 1880 he was admitted to the Collegian Urbanium in Rome which trained priests for mission work. He was ordained in 1886 becoming the first Black priest in the United States.

Expecting to do African missionary work, he instead was assigned as the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Quincy, where unfortunately the prejudice he experienced in his childhood continued. He eventually left the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, for the Archdiocese of Chicago where he organized a storefront church (which he named St. Monica) for Black Catholics. Later he built a new church and by the time it opened it was serving more than 600 parishioners.

On July 9, 1897, during a heat wave in Chicago, Fr. Tolton died of heatstroke at age 43. In 2010, the Archdiocese of Chicago began the process for opening the cause for his canonization. In 2019, the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints voted unanimously to advance his cause, recognizing his heroic virtues.

Father Tolton's life is that of a true hero and saint who inspires us all.

### **Good News**

There is now hope alive for rental assistance for our neighbors in dire need of help. Governor Inslee's \$2.2 billion COVID relief bill provides \$100 million for rental assistance. It has a link to the Federal Cares Act like the previous relief legislation. We expect that our St. Vincent de Paul King County Council will be involved, and that our Conference will assist with the same awesome success we experienced before.

Our new conference President, Melanie Amador, is also currently working with the Council on a new program whereby Amazon is providing funds for clothing for those in need, and she has already made a distribution to one of our neighbor families. When I asked the neighbor about the three boxes of clothes, she responded, "Great". Good start, Melanie!

If you would like to assist us in helping our neighbors, you can donate by mailing your gift to Sr. Kathleen, SVDP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122. You can also do so by going online via the parish website [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.st-therese.cc) where you will find specific information about donating to the conference. For food donations, please see below. For help for your family, please call 206-767-6449.

God Bless and We Will Be There.      **Robert Mackin**      [rmackinatty@yahoo.com](mailto:rmackinatty@yahoo.com)



### **DROP OFF TIME FOR SVdP FOOD DONATIONS**

The pickup of nonperishable food every Sunday is 12:30pm for food donations left outside the church after 8:30am that morning.

**LENT SMALL GROUPS** are meeting weekly beginning the week of February 21 through the week of March 21, and meetings are held on ZOOM. We encourage you to join a small group for prayer, discussion, and support. Each session will focus on the Gospel for the following Sunday and will also include a selection from current writings on racism. A preparatory session can be done on your own.

Here is a list of small groups. Join a particular group by contacting the group leader. The group leader will send the booklet to you in electronic form and will also send a ZOOM invite.

- John Lewis, Sundays at 5pm [johnlewis11@comcast.net](mailto:johnlewis11@comcast.net)
- Sr. Margaret Dimond, CSJP, Tuesdays at 7pm [dimondcsjp@comcast.net](mailto:dimondcsjp@comcast.net)
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Also, If you would like to form your own group, or have questions, please contact Victoria Ries at [victoria.ries@comcast.net](mailto:victoria.ries@comcast.net) to have your group added to the list above and to receive the Lent booklet.



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February 19, 2021

Lenten Greetings, St. Therese Family!

Week 22 came and went with little time to blink as we returned to school this past week for a rather abbreviated week thanks to the Presidents' Day Break. However, we now hunker down and prepare for a strong close to the 2nd Trimester over the next two weeks. While the week was short, it was not short on notable events. On Wednesday, we welcomed some of our 4th Grade Allstars back to campus for the first time this year, and they wasted no time jumping into their faith-filled servant-leader roles as they had two liturgical assignments to fill - with little to no time to practice! However, being the Allstars that they are, they led by example during our Ash Wednesday Mass on their first day back to campus and led us in our first round of our Lenten Stations of the Cross - two spiritual practices that intentionally remind us to "repent, and be faithful to the Gospel."

On Ash Wednesday, we ushered in the Lenten season. With the epic snowfall and 5 days away from campus preceding the beginning of Lent, we didn't exactly have much time to "prepare" for this season of preparation. However, this annual liturgical season is one that Catholics have always had distinct practices and rituals. While we may not always be ready when Lent arrives (particularly down in New Orleans when the St. Louis Cathedral bells ring at Midnight on Mardi Gras night to officially close that season and begin the season of penance), the **three essential spiritual practices always remain: PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING.**

There are many ways to pray, fast, and give, but in the elementary school setting, children have a unique way of embracing these practices. At our Ash Wednesday Mass, Fr. Maurice both invited and challenged our students (and families) to be intentional about praying more meaningfully and intentionally this Lenten season. After all, we know that the family that prays together...stays together. When my children came home that day, I was humbled when they reminded me of this, so we lit a candle and offered up some intentions and sang a song together after dinner. It was simple, beautiful, and took less than a few minutes of our time. Fasting has too often been associated with the things in our life that we enjoy. **The purpose of fasting is not to grow unhappy, but to grow in awareness and mindfulness of our connection with God.** Pope Francis challenged us to rethink fasting a few years ago, inviting us to focus more on behaviors and attitudes that lead us away from God and our neighbors. **By intentionally embracing our prayer lives and fasting from behaviors and attitudes that separate us from God and our neighbors, we also will naturally be led to increasing our generosity and giving to others.**

For our 2nd Grade Allstars wrap-up this Black History Month and their call for coins to make a change by supporting Black-owned and social justice-focused organizations and businesses, giving is nothing new. While we all have our attachments, **I am always in awe of what children are willing to give up when their triggers for fairness and justice are awakened.** In our first round of praying the Stations of the Cross this Lent, our Preschoolers were moved with compassion when they learned that Jesus was arrested and condemned to death. We were invited to discern what he must have felt at that time, and asked to ponder what we would whisper to Jesus to bring him comfort if they were with him. Their words say it all...

*"Don't worry Jesus, I'll give you my toys." - Sezen ... "You can have my toys to make you feel better." - Orlando  
... "I'll give you some treats in a box." - Emmanuel ... "I love you Jesus." - Zuri & Olivia ...  
"I'll read you some books, Jesus." - Petra ... "I'll save you!" - Maria*

**If our youngest of children can offer these words of love and support to Jesus as he begins his journey to death and resurrection, what can we offer our God, our neighbors, and ourselves this Lent?** We already know what God has offered us - may we all do our part to *repent, and be faithful to the Gospel.*

Blessings on the week ahead,  
Mr. Matt DeBoer, Principal