

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2021

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you.

Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy of self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen.



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Weekly Collections

February 21, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 3,737
Maintenance:	\$ 910
Candles:	\$ 17
Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 10
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 235
Poor	\$ 44
Easter Flowers	\$ 50

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St. John's Club Drive-Thru Shrimp Dinner – reserve now!

Sign up now for your Lenten dinner, 5 p.m., Friday, March 26, sponsored by our own St. John's Catholic Club.

Don't bother to cook dinner that night because club volunteers will bring it right to your car window. How easy is that?

This is an annual event and fundraiser to continue the club's rich history.

Here's the dinner menu: jumbo shrimp, hush-puppies, potatoes, corn-on-the-cob and bread. Cost is \$17.

Reserve yours now by calling the Club at 913-371-9690, or responding on the Club's Facebook post.

Dinners must be paid in advance. Mail a check to St. John's Club, 414 Barnett Avenue, Kansas City, KS, 66101. For the technology-savvy, you can use Venmo to @StJohnsClub.

Club open for parties

Good news! St. John's Club is now open for parties - following local COVID guidelines, of course.

If you have been patiently waiting to have a celebration at the new, improved club - now is the time!

In preparation for its 100th anniversary, St. John's Club has been undergoing an interior renovation. There are updates to the bowling lanes, the addition of a shuffleboard and a new grill, fryer and bartop.

Call or text (913) 238-9648. Or send a message via the club Facebook page.

Our Parish Family

Share family news, events and sweet memories of our church and school with parish friends.

We are open 24/7 at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com! Or call Kathy Lally Bareiss at (480) 926-8715.



First Reading

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."

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

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.

Verse Before the Gospel

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel

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.

Readings - Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021 (bible.usccb.org)

Picture: Transfiguration of Christ, circa 1600 (Liturgytools.net)