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Second Sunday of Lent

The weekly bulletin of

HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am
(English & Vietnamese)

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Second Sunday of Lent – Year B

Lent is a time for special encounters with God in prayer. It is a time for new insights into what God wants of us on our journey of faith.

The readings and the Gospel of the second week of Lent contain such powerful messages for each one of us to reflect.

The first reading, Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, recalls the toughed test that Abraham had to face with. God told him to take his son, Isaac, the "child of promise", and travel to the land of Moriah, up on mountain, where he was to offer Isaac in sacrifice! This request must have devastated Abraham in heart and mind.

Nevertheless, Abraham obeyed God to the point of raising his knife to kill his son. How was he to know that this was only a test? An angel stopped his arm, and God, now satisfied, renewed the covenant He had made. And Abraham then knew that if he was to please God, he must offer Him absolutely everything of himself, of his dearest possessions, and his very hope of future joy.

Another great encounter with God is offered to us this Sunday in the Gospel, Mark 9: 2-10. It was also offered on mountain - Mount Tabor. On that mountaintop the disciples saw Jesus talking with two men. Peter, James, and John recognized them as Moses and Elijah. Moses represented the Law, and Elijah represented the prophets who were sent by God to call kings and the Israelites to follow their consciences and do the "right thing".

As Jesus talked with Moses and Elijah, He was radiant with glory. The disciples heard words from heaven "*This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!*"

The request from God the Father to all of Jesus' followers is that we listen to his Son Jesus. How often do we listen God's voice?

God demanded total surrender from Abraham. Although God spared Isaac, He did not spare His only Son, Jesus, as the second reading says, Romans, Rom 8: 31b-34. God gave Jesus up for us, for our salvation.

May our prayer this week be one of total surrender, total love, and trust to our God.

Fr. Phi Nguyen



Fr. Matt O'Donnell
Pastor, St. Columbanus
Chicago



Fr. Bradley Zamora
Director of Worship
Mundelein Seminary

LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED.

Holy Child Jesus Parish Mission with Arise Preaching

Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The stories of the Gospel will come alive through story and song as we embark on a journey of discipleship to remind us that we are LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED. This mission affords us an opportunity to set away some time to root ourselves more deeply in relationship with Christ and challenge us to live our lives day to day rooted in God's love. We experience God's love through the waters of baptism, we are healed through the mercy of reconciliation and we are anointed for our appointed journey to preach the Good News.

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HOLY CHILD JESUS BULLETIN NAME

"But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift...to equip [us] for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God...to the extent of the full nature of Christ...living the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:7, 12-15).

Holy Child Jesus Parish may be the most ethnically and culturally diverse parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We celebrate what makes each of us unique. We further celebrate that we are together in one house, as one family, in the embrace of the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

Our bulletin is now entitled *Holy Child Jesus Parish*. We have named the bulletin in this way because Holy Child Jesus is our identity, portraying the universality, the all-encompassing, and the all-embracing nature of our parish.

As sisters and brothers in Christ, we come together in prayer, worship, the Eucharist, and good works. As the Holy Child Jesus embraces us, we embrace both him and each other as we strive to live our lives in the most Christian way we can.

As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Always preach the Gospel. When necessary, use words."

May our bulletin name of *Holy Child Jesus Parish* inspire us to bring the reality of the Holy Child Jesus into our lives and the lives of all those around us.



Every Friday Evening in Lenten Season

6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm

Mass (Bilingual)

7:40 pm

Exposition and Stations of the Cross (English)

4 A REFLECTION

The following article is part of a series of parishioner reflections by members of the Holy Child Jesus Parish. We welcome your comments and feedback.

As the season of Lent is upon us, you may have already decided to give up certain things, like chocolate or a certain behavior. If you haven't already considered it, one form of abstinence to consider is taking a break from social media and mainstream culture. In place of this, try filling the time reading scripture, watching Catholic television programming, attending virtual retreats, or watching YouTube videos featuring Catholic teachings and discussion. Fill your free time with the Lord. If you take a step back from our current culture, it may have a profound effect on how you perceive the world. To be able to step back and view the whole forest may help you evaluate your closeness to Christ. Are you too preoccupied with the trees around you to spend time with Jesus?

The shift in your focus may help build your sensitivity to things that are not of God. You may be better able to recognize the overlay of this influence around you, whether it's the divisions, feuds, profanity and profane images pervading our society, or some other insight you recognize.

Immersing yourself in Christ may help you recognize this overlay in your own life. How what's not of God may be impacting your thoughts, decisions, and reactions. Being close to God helps you to stay on guard for this influence, bringing you closer to your salvation. Your new heightened awareness may then extend to other areas of your life that aren't aligned with Christ, such as new age practices that have become mainstream. Putting on the full armor of God guards you in ways you may never know.

The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians provides instructions on how to put on this armor. Consider incorporating St. Paul's instructions in your Lenten practices and throughout the year:

Ephesians 6:10-18

6:10 Finally, grow strong in the Lord, with the strength of his power.

6:11 Put on the full armor of God so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics

6:12 For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the principalities and the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in this world, the spirits of evil in the heavens.

6:13 That is why you must take up all God's armor, or you will not be able to put up any resistance on the evil day, or stand your ground even though you exert yourselves to the full.

6:14 So stand your ground, with truth a belt round your waist, and uprightness a breastplate,

6:15 wearing for shoes on your feet the eagerness to spread the gospel of peace

6:16 and always carrying the shield of faith so that you can use it to quench the burning arrows of the Evil One.

6:17 And then you must take salvation as your helmet and the sword of the Spirit, that is, the word of God.

6:18 In all your prayer and entreaty keep praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray for all God's holy people

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

February 21, 2021

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,191.00
Loose Money	\$1,677.50
Total Collection	\$3,868.50
Variance.....	(\$5,073.50)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	55

SCHOOL CORNER

NCA TRIVIA NIGHT, MARCH 6, 7 PM

Did you think a pandemic was going to stop our trivia fun?!? No Way! Northside Catholic Academy is having a Virtual Trivia Night! Buy your ticket and grab your cocktail because this is one Trivia Night you don't want to miss.

Organize your team of 2-8 people and register at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/ncatrivianight2021>.

Tickets are \$25 for single player and \$50 per couple.

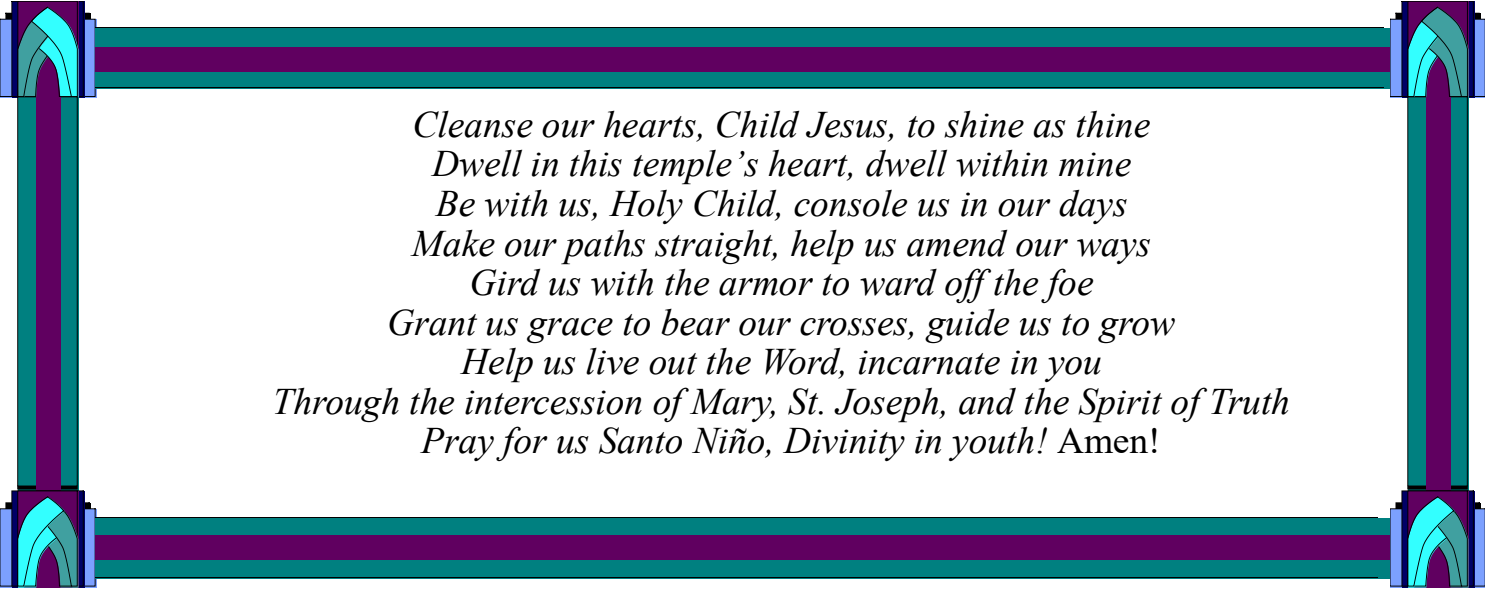
CYCLES OF FAITH

Second Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



*Cleanse our hearts, Child Jesus, to shine as thine
Dwell in this temple’s heart, dwell within mine
Be with us, Holy Child, console us in our days
Make our paths straight, help us amend our ways
Gird us with the armor to ward off the foe
Grant us grace to bear our crosses, guide us to grow
Help us live out the Word, incarnate in you
Through the intercession of Mary, St. Joseph, and the Spirit of Truth
Pray for us Santo Niño, Divinity in youth! Amen!*

NEW PARISH PRAYER GROUPS

As we continue our parish unification, we welcome the following prayer groups.

A Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed in church every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be held after the Novena on the first Wednesday of every month.

The Rosary will be prayed every Saturday in church at 3:30 p.m.

These spiritual practices are a wonderful way to put us more in touch with God and to show our devotion to Our Mother Mary. They can strengthen us spiritually throughout Lent and through the entire year.

All are welcome!

6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 28

2nd Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese

7:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria và Giuse.
Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô.

English

9:30 am Pedro Bernal - anniversary
Juanito Tiongson

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Nguyễn Khắc
Vĩnh.
Xin tạ ơn Chúa và cầu cho các đồng
linh hồn.

English

1:30 pm Mario Vega

Monday, March 1

8:00 am For the soul of Ambrosio Natividad.
Thanksgiving to God on the birthday of
RJ Sadar.

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn ông bà nội ngoại hai
bên.

Wednesday, March 3

St. Katherine Drexel

8:00 am Raquel Guerra
Fr. Thomas Viruthyil
For the souls of Hary, Molly Metcalf and
Phillip Metcalf.

Thursday, March 4

St. Casimir

8:00 am For the soul of Donnie David Sanchez
(60 days death)

Friday, March 5

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Võ Hoàng Mai.
7:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, March 6

8:00 am Agnes Robst
Elsie Heyler
For the soul of Josefa Vargas

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Cầu cho linh hồn Phanxicô Xavier Khúc
Hữu Chính

Sunday, March 7

3rd Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese

7:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

9:30 am Barbara Isaacson
Christopher Murtaugh

Vietnamese

11:30 am Xin tạ ơn Chúa.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10,
15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13
[cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

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

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 [8a]/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 or 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

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
at least three months in advance.

Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm

2nd in English
3rd in Vietnamese

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

1st & 3rd in English
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

CLASSIFIEDS

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quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or
Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-
7534;

FOR SALE: 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773-764-3789.