

February 21, 2016

Lent

Second Sunday



Transformed By God

Today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus can easily remain a story with no relevance to our lives. None of us will hear God's voice from a cloud calling us God's chosen one. Yet we are God's sons and daughters. Like Jesus, God has plans for us. The first step is to give God permission to change our minds and our hearts when we participate in the Liturgy.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, February 24
6:00 p.m. For the Welfare of Parish
Saturday, February 27
4:30 p.m. Felix Hajek, Jr.
Sunday, February 28
8:00 a.m. Mary & Jerome Kocian

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm: 103

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

No Bible Study Wednesday, February 24

C.C.D. Wednesday, February 24

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Praha Altar Society dues of \$5.00 for 2016 are now due. Contact or give to an Altar Society officer: Kathleen Svatek, Liz Janak or Virginia Olsovsky. Thank you for your promptness.

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment \$7,532.00
Amount Contributed \$7,085.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Pat Masek
Nancy & Thomas Petru*

Restoring Maticka Praha



Church Restoration Fund Donations

We thank the following for their recent donations:

In Memory of Anton Okruhlik

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To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.



K.J.Z.T. DISTRICT II MEETING – MARCH 6

Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Flatonia

Registration at 1:30 p.m., meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m. All society members are invited and encouraged to attend. Hosting Society is #83, Flatonia.

REFLECTION

The Exodus – The Journey!

The Sacred Passages proclaimed today invite us to consider how and why the lives of Abraham, Jesus and Paul's converts in Philippi were transformed. Abraham, a wandering Aramean, a nomad, became the father of a nation after his encounter with God and his covenant with him. Transformed by his experience of Jesus, Paul continues to remind believers that commitment to Christ will one day result in transfiguration into glory. The disciples described Jesus' glorious transfiguration in physical terms. "His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah speak of the exodus of Jesus "that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

The exodus of Jesus, his journey from the manger to Easter has a two-fold character: on the one hand, humility, suffering, and death; on the other light, glory and life. Dramatic visions and spiritual experiences are balanced by huge demands. Mountaintop moments with God are not given to us for nothing. When we emerge from a moment during which God seemed close and God's love for us has become powerful and real, we then become better servants of God in the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



February 21 – Barbara Janak
February 26 – Frank Michalak

God's Embrace Ministry Upcoming Events

Directed by Dr. Michael Fonseca

Seminar Series 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.:

February 27 - Practicing the Presence of God

March 19 - The Mass

April 2 - Catholic Family Life

April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing

Retreats:

February 13 - Jesus in His Public Life

March 11-13 - God's Plan of Salvation: Jesus in His
Passion, Death, and Resurrection

For more information phone 979-561-8883 or email
info@godsembrace.org.

LENTEN FISH FRY – FRIDAYS OF LENT

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$8.00 Per Plate

Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

Dine in the Parish Hall Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go

*All proceeds go to charities.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. If Lent is a time for us to be open to the ways through which God can bring us salvation, we will have to be able to recognize these ways when we come upon them. Lent is a time for such recognition.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Though, like the three apostles, we might want to share in his glory, we can only do so by sharing in his suffering. Lent is a time for us to enter into his suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer, and penance but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us – in the fear of children who have been deprived of the innocence of childhood, in the aimlessness of youth who do not appreciate their own worth, in the desperation of parents who must raise their children in the midst of violence, in the empty eyes of the aged who often forget and are themselves forgotten. The glory of God remains just beneath the surface of their lives. – Dianne Bergant

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl



The *survival right* – food, clothing and shelter – are essential and nonnegotiable. Catholic social teaching has consistently held that "in their use of things people should regard the external goods they lawfully possess as not just their own but common to others as well as themselves (Vatican II). "Feed the people dying of hunger," argued the early church Fathers, "because if you don't feed them you are killing them."

Make a sacrifice the Lent.

Give generously to the hungry in the Rice Bowl.

Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Food Drive: Leave your canned goods for the needy at the back of Church.

Lenten Day of Reflection and Adoration

Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's

Please join us for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. For more information contact Lorrie Adamek at 361-293-1300.

**St. Joseph's Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner
Next Sunday, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Moulton**
Dine In or Soup, Sandwiches and Desserts To-Go