

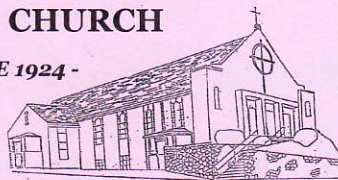
HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

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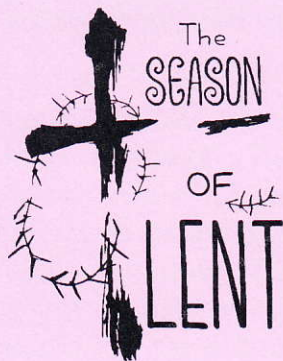
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BULLETIN for
2nd Sunday of LENT
March 16, 2025
Holy Mass at 9:00 AM

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Mass Intention for this Sunday **is available**. If you have one, please see Father Paul before the Mass.



A reading from the book of Genesis (15:5-12,17-18)

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. – He then said to

him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

Psalm (27)

Response: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

A reading from the of St Paul to the Philippians (3:20-4:1)

Brothers and sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

Everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

Gospel Acclamation:

***Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ,
King of eternal glory***

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

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke (9:28-36)

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had




spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ *We have entered Lenten time. As Catholics we are obligated to refrain from eating meat meals and poultry each Fridays of the Lent. This applies to all of us between the ages of 16 and 65. However, individuals with some medical conditions are exempt. Let us also remember about **charity deeds** for those in need.*

➔ *Stations of the Cross are held each Friday during Len at 6:30 PM. This devotion is combined with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Benediction. Right after this devotion SOCL Class will follow. This year we will focus on **history of our Church**. So, please come for the Stations of the Cross and stay afterwards for the School of Christian Living Class.*

➔ *Polish Plate Dinner will be held in our parish this Saturday, March 22nd, from 4-6 PM. Tickets are available - \$20 per person. To reserve please contact Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455, or Ray Provancher @ 860-377-9585. Bring family and friends to enjoy our good food.*

 ➔ *Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: Sarah Squezello, Logan Caruso, Debbie & Emil Caruso, Agnes Geruch, Renata Wos, (wife of Fr. Henry Wos).*

➔ *Fundraising campaign for heating our church. So far, we have raised \$4890 for this purpose. Thank you for your understanding and support.*

➔ *Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: The Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit. In case of emergency call the father: 475-208-4455.*

General Intercession:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:

Sandra LeBlanc – March 9

James Nelson – March 17

Aneta Dudek – March 30



Time of Gratitude - For many Christians, the season of Lent typically includes some kind of fasting. In place of a food fast, some Christians commit to give up a pleasurable activity or dedicate themselves to charitable giving. Focus on prayer and devotions are also especially emphasized during Lent. If during Lent Christians choose to give up something or rededicate themselves to helping those in need as a way to proclaim the salvation Christ has won for all by His suffering and death, then **such activities are sacrifices that glorify God**. However, it is essential to remember that nothing we do through self-denial or good works can ever earn the Lord's forgiveness or repay Him for what He accomplished for us. Lent is not about our giving up something to please God. Lent is a time when we can show our gratitude for what Jesus sacrificed for us – His own life.

Readers for this month:

March 2nd – **Janet Tropeano**

March 9th – **Henry Zapatka**

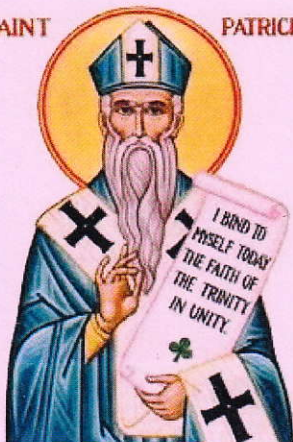
March 16th – **Ken Krasko**

March 23rd – **Donna Warner**

March 30th – **Janet Tropeano**



SAINT PATRICK



Why the shamrock is attributed to St Patrick?

Legend credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by showing people the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. This story first appears in writing in 1726, though it may be older. The shamrock has since become a central symbol for Saint Patrick's Day.

Also, most of icons of St Patrick often depict the saint with a cross in one hand and a sprig of shamrocks in the other". – Is good to know that in pagan Ireland, three was a significant number and the Irish had many triple deities, a fact that may have aided Patrick in his evangelization efforts when he "held up a shamrock and discoursed on the Christian Trinity".

LUKE 9:28b-36

Entering the word

1. Imagine that you're Peter, John, or James.
 - a. What are you thinking as Jesus leads you up the mountain?
 - b. Why do you fall asleep?
 - c. What wakes you up?
 - d. How do you recognize Moses and Elijah?
 - e. Do you hear Jesus talk with Moses and Elijah? If so, what do they discuss?
 - f. Do you want Moses and Elijah to stay?
 - g. How would you describe the cloud?
 - h. What does the voice sound like?
 - i. What all do you feel?
 - j. Why don't you tell anyone about what happened? Do you ever tell?
 - k. If you talk about what happened with the other two disciples, what do you say?

Living the word

2. In what ways are you asleep?
3. How should God wake you up?
4. How well are you listening to God's Son? How do you know?

THE GOSPEL READING

While he was praying

Luke emphasizes the importance of prayer. In his Gospel the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus *after* his baptism, while Jesus is praying.

Here Jesus is praying on a mountain. In the Old Testament dramatic encounters with God often took place on mountains. Mountains were close to the heavens, the realm of God.

Moses & Elijah

Two of the most revered figures in Jewish tradition appear with Jesus. Their stories interconnect.

- Moses led people out of slavery and into a new relationship with God
- Moses went up a mountain to receive God's law, and a cloud descended upon it
- Elijah glimpsed God while on a mountain
- Elijah didn't die, but was taken up to heaven; people believed he would return to warn people of God's coming

Moses and Elijah represent God's law and the prophets. In the presence of Jesus, however, even these important people fade away. Jesus is the final law-giver and the greatest of God's prophets.

Waking up

After his baptism God called Jesus his *beloved Son*. Now God declares that Jesus is his *chosen Son*. Although Peter calls Jesus *the Messiah of God* (9:20), a title that implies God has chosen Jesus for a special mission, Peter and the others struggle to understand that mission (9:44-45, 18:31-34).

God tries to awaken the disciples to who Jesus is and what true discipleship requires. God thus tells them to pay closer attention to what Jesus says about suffering and discipleship (9:22-23, 46-48).

Jesus' exodus

Jesus talks with Moses and Elijah about his *exodus* or *departure* (v.31). This refers both to his death and the new life his death brings. Such glorious new life can't be separated from Jesus' passion and death. Peter and the other disciples can't stay on the mountain.

Jesus has begun to warn his disciples that he will suffer and be killed. True disciples of Jesus will also walk difficult paths. New life will come, but only if Jesus' disciples listen to him and follow where he leads.

PRAYER

*Alternate Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent
(Roman Missal, 1985)*

Father of light,
 in you is found no shadow of change
 but only the fullness of life and limitless truth.
 Open our hearts to the voice of your Word
 and free us from the darkness that shadows our
 vision.
 Restore our sight
 that we may look upon your Son,
 who calls us to repentance and a change of heart,
 for he lives and reigns with you forever and ever.
 Amen.