



Lent

March 1, 2015 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Monday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20

Mt 20:17–28

Thursday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4,

12–13a,

17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3,

11–32

Sunday

MARCH 8

Third Sunday

of Lent

Ex 20:1–17 or 20:1–3,

7–8, 12–17

1 Cor 1:22–25

Jn 2:13–25

The apostle Paul was absolutely certain the love of God would find us no matter what happened and that if we had any role model and ancestor in faith, it was Abraham.

The stories are familiar. Abraham left his ancestral home to find a land promised him by a God who had only recently revealed himself. Abraham believed a child would come to him and Sarah, though both were old. Finally, he showed he would give everything in obedience to God when he was asked to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac.

This last story is troublesome to us. Would God require human sacrifice?

We can understand this as a story of faith in two ways. The traditional interpretation is that God requires everything from us and wants nothing to come between us and our love of God. God's "test" of Abraham is a test of obedience. Will we give our "all?"

The second way of seeing the story begins with our understanding that many of the surrounding nations practiced child sacrifice. It may not have been a surprise when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, since his neighbors were doing it too. But at the critical moment, when the angel calls out to tell Abraham to stop, he does. The Lord wants a different relationship with his people.

Abraham's faith is shown as much in his obedience to the second order as to the first. God doesn't want us to be just like everyone else. Rather, God wants us as his own people, following the path he carves for us—even if it means going against the tide.

Today's Readings

Gn 22:1–2, 9a,

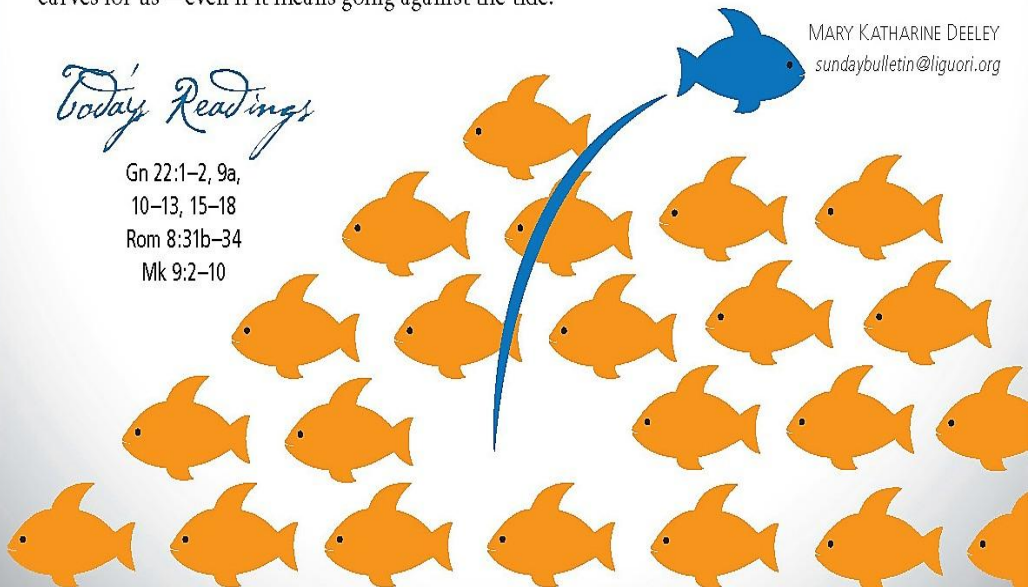
10–13, 15–18

Rom 8:31b–34

Mk 9:2–10

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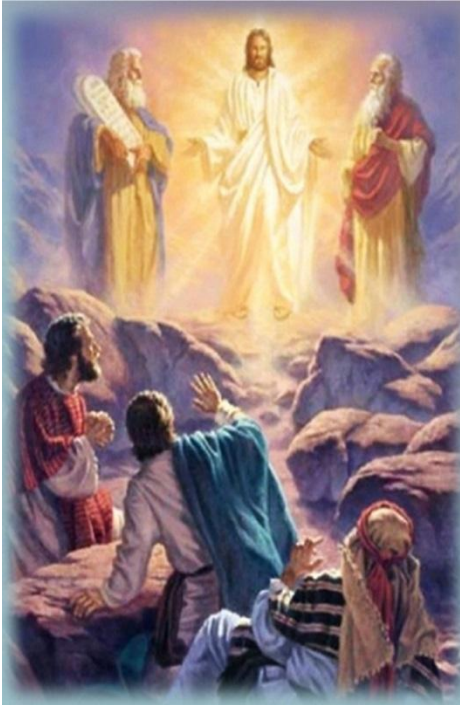
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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.
Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm +Betty Moran

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am Melissa Dedeaux

Tues 8:00 am +Betty Moran

Wed 6:00 pm +Betty Moran

Thu 9:00am +Annette Moran

Fri 8:00 am +Betty Moran

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Gospel passage on the second Sunday of Lent is always focused on the Transfiguration. This was a very important event in the lives of Peter, James and John as they witness the true Divinity of Jesus. They were taken up to a very high mountain to experience something profound.

"Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." Peter, James, and John must have been in a bit of spiritual shock. What a strange thing had just happened! They had witnessed Jesus, their teacher and friend, start glowing in his "dazzling white" clothes while engaging in conversation with two holy dead men. Then, a voice from the sky declared that Jesus was God's son. This was not natural. It was supernatural. These three chosen apostles were given a glimpse into the divine nature of their leader. They were shown something that no one else had a chance to see until after the Resurrection: Jesus in all of his glory. But this vision was short-lived. It suddenly disappeared and then Jesus instructed his friends to keep it quiet until "the Son of Man had risen from the dead."

Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God's healing, felt his mercy, or knew his presence was real. But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don't spend the majority of our time "on the mountaintop" with these "dazzling" insights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have "disappeared." Possibly Peter, James, and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. But

when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was all for real. As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that he can lead us to eternal life.

May God pour out His blessings upon you!

...Fr. Khoa

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2015 If you have not already offered your pledge in this year's CSA, please do so today. Your contribution will show that **You Will Be Enriched In Every Way For Great Generosity** as it benefits the Diocesan ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Biloxi. Through your generous support of CSA, we bring Christ's comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. Our parish goal for 2015 is \$14,648 for St Ann and \$1,595 for OL Chartres. With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the church in our community. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

Lenten Fish Fry: Every Friday, during Lent from 4 – 7 p.m. we will be serving buffet for \$13.00. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

Friday Stations of the Cross: Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m. at St Ann.

Bella Grace is no longer on Three Rivers Road. For your religious needs for Confirmation and First Communion, go to: Bella Grace's new location at: 516-D Courthouse Road; Gulfport, MS 39507.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 28 4:00pm	Paul McGill	Mike West, Richard Dunlap, Henrietta Ladner	Boots Moran Katelyn Casey	Doug Ladner August	Ira Necaise
Mar 01 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun March 01 9am	Sharon Leimer	Dale Babin , Carolyn Brewer, Kim Wood	Keegan Rylie Rines	Robert Pat Leimer	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Mar 07 4:00pm	Dr Lanny Acosta	Lenell King, Sharon Ladner, Rita Acosta	Boots Moran Katelyn Casey	Doug Ladner Ira Necaise t	Patricia Lizana
Mar 08 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun March 08 9am	Jason Necaise	Chantel Crabtree, Helena, Dale Babin	Conner Kaison McGill	Robert David	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 77Identifiable: \$4,921.00; Loose: \$1,634.00; Total: \$6,555.00; Children: \$26.00 Building Fund: \$184.62 Central & Eastern Europe: \$156.41, Africa Church: \$4.00 Saltillo: \$20.00, Ash Wednesday: \$523.00**

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES

STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$125.00; Loose: \$190.00 Total: \$315.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Parish Council: meet on third Saturday.

Altar Society: Meet on second Sundays. Please contact **Lenell King**.

Project Hope and Compassion: For more information, please contact the office.

Lizana Light: : For more information, please contact Sherry Money

Bible Study: We will study *the Book of Exodus* beginning on March 11, 2015. Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner.**

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website **www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo.**

RCIA: RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive information: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic pre-nuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding ceremony.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Betty Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, and Pat Leimer.