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Dear Friends,

*Before the sublime, the mundane-*

Before I go into today's Scripture, another reminder of the Annual Appeal. As of today (2/28), 184 donors have pledged \$122,090 to the Annual Appeal. By comparison, at this time last year 205 donors had pledged \$111,820. So, we are slightly ahead of last year's response, but we have a long way to go. Our first objective now is to reach our stretch goal of \$137,423 in pledges and then in cash so we can take advantage of the rebate offered by the Archdiocese. If you haven't pledged yet, I invite you to take the time this week to do so. A video of my talk at the Masses on Pledge Sunday is still viewable on the Homepage of our website. Please go to that for an explanation of the needs. You will be receiving another letter from me in the near future so, please join so many others in support of this work of the Church. In addition, you will be helping the parish to continue to sustain the present level of service and ministries, even with the decline in ordinary support, the result of the continued effect of the pandemic. Please make a pledge today and the easiest way is to go to the link on the homepage of our website.

*Now for the sublime-*

We continue on our Lenten journey. Today, our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading presents us with the beginning of the relationship God enters with Abram, whose name God will later change to Abraham. God invites Abram to move, to leave his land to find a new home. It will be the beginning of many invitations to Abraham to follow Him and each time, Abraham listens. In a special way, it marks the beginning of God's self-revelation that will continue and find its completion in the revelation of Jesus Christ—Son of God. For his obedience, God has designated Abraham, and his descendants, as those people through whom He will bless the entire world. We know those people to be the Jewish people. Abraham is "their father in faith," but he is ours as well, for from him has come Jesus, through whom God's blessings and grace will flow in abundance. And those people who believe in Him are now the new Chosen people, the new People of God—us.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading always relates the Temptation in the Desert. Whether from Matthew, Mark or Luke, the Gospels on that 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday call us to enter into the Lenten season facing the devil and all the temptations he throws at us, so that we may use this time as our own desert fast (like Jesus) to reject him and all his works (the baptismal promise we will renew on Easter Sunday) and live more faithfully this Christian calling of ours.

In a similar fashion, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent always presents to us the account of the Transfiguration, Jesus' appearing in glory, accompanied by Moses and Elijah, before the three chosen disciples, Peter, James and John. (After today, the readings for the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent will diverge from one common theme). While some scholars

maintain that the account of the Transfiguration is actually a post-resurrection appearance, the author of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter clearly presents it as happening during Jesus' lifetime. It comes at a moment when Jesus had first told His disciples that He would suffer and be put to death and after Jesus' rebuke of Peter for wanting it to be otherwise, it comes as an invitation to believe in Him even though the expectations which the disciples had of Him would not be fulfilled as they had hoped. It comes as an invitation directly from the Father—or maybe a warning—LISTEN TO HIM. At His baptism Jesus alone heard the voice; at the Transfiguration, the disciples hear the words spoken to them; not only is the Father well pleased in Jesus; they need to listen to what he is telling them.

Several elements in the account give us some clues as to why it always appears as the focus of reflection for this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. As stated, it follows the first prediction of the Passion, after which Peter "rebuked" Him, and for which Peter received his own rebuke. The transfiguration of Jesus, itself, is both the "breaking through" of Whom Jesus really is, the Son of God, (not the messiah as understood by Peter), and the foreshadowing of Who Jesus will be at His Resurrection. In light of this transfiguration, Jesus is overshadowed by a cloud, the classic Old Testament sign of the Presence of God, and out of the cloud comes the Voice, "listen to Him," something Peter was unwilling to do only a few days earlier.

There is considerable significance in the placement of this Gospel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. We could ask ourselves, after only one week, how are things going? Have we faced the "adversary," as Jesus did last week? Did we win or lose? Have we faced our sins, head-on and said no, or have we fallen already? (And this is not about our Lenten resolutions—they are only tools for the real contest—facing our sins). Whatever the state of our Lenten resolve, or of our Lenten struggle, this Gospel is offered to us as an encouragement, and a warning. It is an encouragement because it reminds us of the ultimate goal of our journey through Lent, and our journey through life—it is to reach the Kingdom, to be found in the company of Jesus, as this earthly journey ends so that He may lead us into Paradise. We can never forget that as much as we are challenged to build the Kingdom here on earth, it is that Eternal Kingdom on which we must keep our focus, and keeping our focus on it should be the spur that harnesses our spiritual energy to be more faithful on the journey.

And the warning. The Voice makes it clear. The Father is pleased in the Son, in His willingness to walk the way of the Passion and in His willingness to offer Himself for us, and the Father's willingness to accept that offering. And so the Father says, "Listen to Him." To listen to Him is to take up the struggle against Evil, both in our personal lives and the life of the world. No true believer can fail before this challenge. The stakes are too high. Lent is the time to "Listen to Him." Better start now.

But how can we listen to Him more deeply than we may now be doing? Like Peter, James and John, it's in experiencing the person of Jesus in His glory. Where is that

experience for you? It is certainly in prayer, the time we spend alone with God. It is certainly in our service to one another, in seeing Christ in others. But most especially, for us as Catholics, it is in the encounter with the Risen and glorified Christ in the Eucharist. We encounter the person of Christ in the most powerful way in the Eucharist and in Holy Communion. To meet the Christ of the Transfiguration is to receive the Eucharistic Christ and to receive the Eucharistic Christ is to be strengthened in faith for the struggle that is the wilderness of our lives. Nothing can substitute for this living sacrament and the life that comes from it and through it. Don't miss it.

God Bless,  
Fr. Ron

### STEWARDSHIP

"Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel..." In these opening words of today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Paul reminds us that everyone is called to be a "bearer" of the Gospel, that everyone must not only keep to it but spread it as well. The Christian Steward understands this, offering gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** as ways to bear the Gospel for the world, building God's kingdom in this same world. Do you "bear" and build?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$19,627. God bless your generous support of the work of the Gospel. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 Sundays of February was \$107,236. It was received as follows:

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| WeShare Online Giving:        | \$49,850 |
| In Pew/Mailed to the Rectory: | \$57,386 |

As a point of comparison, church support for the 4 Sundays of February, 2022 was \$72,902 and for the 4 Sundays of February, 2021, it was \$92,631, and for the 4 Sundays of 2020 (pre-pandemic), it was \$100,016. Thank you for your continued support of the parish in these difficult economic conditions.



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Checks (payable: 2023 Annual Appeal) may also be placed in the collection basket, the boxes at the doors of the church, or mailed/dropped off at the rectory.

## Second Sunday of Lent



### Religious Education March Theme: Sacraments

Children in Grades 3-8 will attend Reconciliation this month. The registration links will be sent out to all families in the Religious Education and Jr. High programs. Available dates are as follows:

#### ONLINE SESSION PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, March 6: 4PM-5PM; 7PM-8PM  
Monday, March 20: 4PM-5PM; 7PM-8PM  
Wednesday, March 22: 4PM-5PM; 7PM-8PM

### LADIES NIGHT OUT—RESERVE NOW! THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023—6:30PM BIAGIOS, PARAMUS

Join us for Ladies Night Out—a dinner and fundraising event to benefit Academy of Our Lady Tuition Assistance Program. The evening includes basket raffles, 50/50, auction items and more. Your ticket includes beer, wine, dinner and music! For reservations or to offer donations, contact:

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### Next Food Drive & Frozen Casserole Collection Saturday, March 18—9AM-12NN

Foil pans for the frozen casseroles will be distributed at all Masses the weekend before. These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, and Ridgecrest Senior Living. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**  
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James Nardelli, Robert Smith

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All are welcome to join us at the 8:30AM Mass and for a continental breakfast featuring Irish Soda Bread immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center.



#### ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL GYM—7:00PM-11:15PM

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#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Academy of Our Lady is in need of substitute teachers. Background check and attendance at Protecting God's Children workshop are required. If interested, contact Katie Branagh, 201.445.0622

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**Nov 1998-June 1999**

One hour of Adoration following a 7PM Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

**July 1999-Dec 2000**

7.5 hours of Adoration after 12 Noon Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

**June 2 & Dec 1, 2000 (Jubilee Year)**

Overnight Adoration after 12 Noon 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass until  
 8:30AM, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**Jan 2001-May 2002**

Overnight Adoration after 12 Noon Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays until 8:30  
 AM, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and every Friday-Saturday during Lent

**June 2, 2002**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (24/7) installed at OLMC on  
 the Feast of Corpus Christi. Procession of the Holy Eucharist  
 around the church, Benediction at the Plaza, followed by  
 reception at the Parish Center

**June 19, 2003**

First Anniversary celebration on the Feast of Corpus Christi  
 with procession, Benediction and reception

**March 20, 2020**

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**Sept 7, 2021**

OLMC Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration  
 Resumes after 6:30AM Mass

**June 19, 2022**

Feast of Corpus Christi. 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of  
 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC  
 with Procession, Benediction and Reception

**March 4, 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Communion Breakfast,  
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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun. Mar. 5   | 12:00NN CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB)<br>1:30PM RCIA (MR)<br>4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC)<br>5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR)<br>7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR)<br>7:30PM Adams/Kraemer Conf. Group (YCB)<br>7:30PM Gazzini/Hogan Conf. Group (YCA)<br>7:30PM Handy/McClure Conf. Group (REC1) |
| Mon. Mar. 6   | 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tues. Mar. 7  | 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Makeup (PC)<br>4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym)<br>5:00PM Children's Choir (Church)<br>6:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>7:00PM Adult Choir (Church)<br>7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)                                                                                            |
| Wed. Mar. 8   | 6:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Thurs. Mar. 9 | 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>5:00PM Jr. High Social (PC)<br>7:30PM Pray the Rosary (Chapel)<br>8:00PM Marriage Enrich/Prep (NCW)                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Fri. Mar. 10  | 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sat. Mar. 11  | 9:00AM CYO, AoOL Girls, Men's Bball (Gym)<br>7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
 TIME  
 BEGINS  
 NEXT WEEKEND**

**MARCH 12, 2023**

**Spring  
 Forward  
 1 Hour**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### TODAY'S READINGS

#### Monday, Mar. 6

- + **6:30AM Matthew Carr**  
req Armand & Diana Grasso
- + **8:30AM Dec'd Members of the Frank Family**  
req Carol & Bill Frank
- + **12:00NN Mary Jordan**  
req Rebecca & John Jordan

#### Tuesday, Mar. 7 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Juan Antonio Garcia**  
req Jose & Adela Vazques
- + **8:30AM Rocco Orlando, Sr.**  
req Ann Carol Orlando
- 12:00NN Special Intention of Ann Craven**  
req A Friend

#### Wednesday, Mar. 8 *Saint John of God, Religious*

- + **6:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**  
req Patricia & David Hughes
- + **8:30AM Dennis Stern**  
req Bill Brady
- + **12:00NN Al Lalonde**  
req Russ & Carol Forenza

#### Thursday, Mar. 9 *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

- + **6:30AM Stefano Bussanich**  
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + **8:30AM Charlie & Chaz Lanski**  
req Gloria Lanski
- + **12:00NN Richard Moan**  
req Andrew & Susan Varady & Family

#### Friday, Mar. 10

- + **6:30AM Shirley Cantwell**  
req Rosemarie Jones
- + **8:30AM John Harrison**  
req His Ridgecrest Friends
- 12:00NN Special Intention of Jason Scott Santlofer**  
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

#### Saturday, Mar. 11

- + **8:30AM The Family of Jerome Klecha**  
req Joanne & Mark Mulvey
- + **5:30PM Norman Delaney**  
req His Family

#### Sunday, Mar. 12 *Third Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **9:30AM Dorothy Kane**  
req Anita & George Russo
- + **11:00AM Patricia Engel**  
req The Mitchell Family
- 12:30PM Ralph Colon**  
req The Woodward Family
- + **3:00PM Frank Criscitiello**  
req Ed & Eileen Halsch
- + **6:30PM Max Buchanan**  
req Paul & Becky Simpson

#### 1. Genesis 12:1-4a

In the early chapters of Genesis, a familiar pattern emerges, God bestows blessings that are consistently rejected. But in Abram (Abraham) God finds a worthy recipient, one who responds in faith and trust. Living with the uncertainties of his decision, Abram leaves his country, following God's word, in which he finds his security. For this faith and trust, Abraham's name, itself, will be a blessing for all the world.

#### 2. 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Early in his letter to Timothy, to whom he gave the care of the church in Ephesus, Paul warns him that as a disciple he will face hardships, but hardships he can bear because he will have a strength that comes from God. And with this strength he can remain true to the Gospel in thought, word and deed. God and grace will always be present with a power that can transform any human weakness.

#### 3. Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus leads three chosen disciples to a high mountain where they see Jesus as they had never seen Him before—transfigured, described in terms of a brilliant sun and sparkling white clothes. More importantly, Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the Prophets) are also there, conversing with Jesus. But it is the voice from heaven that places the stamp of importance on this event—this is My Son, listen to Him. With the disappearance of Moses and Elijah, the message is now clear, all that has gone on before in God's revelation to His people is now captured, wrapped up, concluded in the Son Who will lead God's people to Himself.

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Like Abraham, have you ever felt God calling you toward an unknown goal?
2. In what and where have you born the "hardships" of the Gospel?
3. Have you ever felt an intense presence or experience of God in your life? Where and when? What came out of it?

### NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS (always subject to change)

|      |      |         |              |
|------|------|---------|--------------|
| Sat. | 3/11 | 5:30PM  | Fr. Anthony  |
| Sun. | 3/12 | 8:00AM  | Fr. Ron      |
|      |      | 9:30AM  | Fr. Ron      |
|      |      | 11:00AM | Msr. Sheeran |
|      |      | 12:30PM | Fr. Anthony  |
|      |      | 3:00PM  | Fr. Soliman  |
|      |      | 6:30PM  | Fr. Anthony  |

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