

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek

Friday: First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FASTING

Fast from:

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| * Anger and Hatred | * Discouragement |
| * Judging others | * Complaining |
| * Resentment and Bitterness | * Spending too much money |

May you find yourself walking in the love of Jesus during this Season of Lent.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

JESUS GIVE ME

Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of You. Take from me all lukewarmness in the mediation of Your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of You and Your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I might respond with generosity. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Betty McGuire Birthday †
Huey Gabe Sherlock Birthday†

Tuesday: Bryan Jude Gorman Birthday

Wednesday: Black Pete Anniversary †
Winnie Ann Birthday †
Tommy Jude 30th Birthday †

Thursday: In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
High
Jimmy Gorman
Bryan Jude Carroll

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A husband drew up his chair beside his wife’s sewing machine. “Don’t you think you’re running too fast?” he asked. “Look out! You’ll sew the wrong seams. Slow down, watch your fingers! Steady!”

“What’s the matter with you, John?” said his wife in alarm. “I’ve been using this machine for years.”

“Well, dear, I thought you might like me to help you since you help me drive the car.”

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join us for our first ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on April 6, 2024. This is an opportunity for the entire diocese to gather around our Lord in the Eucharist. The event will include Mass with Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, and opportunities for adoration and confession. Due to limited capacity, this will be a ticketed event. Please contact the Parish Office or visit: charlestdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,225.00	\$1,532.00
Number of Families contributing	86	69
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$22,349.00	\$22,551.00
Received to Date	\$17,707.00	\$13,749.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,642.00	\$8,802.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$372.00	\$2,346.00

34 ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$130.00	\$510.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

7 CHILDREN contributed \$22.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Billy Jude, Mary Rita, Matt, Jennifer, and Faro Thomas in loving memory of Tommy Jude on his 30th Birthday and the blue rose is in loving memory of Deputy's Mary Ann;
2. the Family of Big Joe in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite for prayers answered;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Mar. 1: Religious Education Teachers

Mar. 8: Lectors

Mar. 15: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Mar. 22: Society of Mary Immaculate

Mar. 29: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent. All are requested to make use of this golden opportunity to join in the world-wide praise of God at the beginning and the close of each day.

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	10:00 A.M.
	Friday	9:30 A.M.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 P.M.
	Friday	6:30 P.M.

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

WHY 40 DAYS OF LENT?

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness.

THANK YOU to a parish member donation in thanks to St. Expedite for prayers answered and to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

PERFECT WORDS FOR A STRONG RELATIONSHIP

If we don't know...ASK.

If we don't agree...DISCUSS.

What we don't like...SAY IT POLITELY.

But, we shouldn't start JUDGING silently.

READERS

Sat. Feb. 24th, 4:00 P.M.

Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Feb. 25th, 10:00 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Mar. 3rd, 4:00 P.M.

Montela & Macy

Sun. Mar. 4th, 10:00 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Mary Martha
Wednesday	-	Katsyn
Thursday	-	Willie's Rita
Friday	-	Josie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Lauren Ashley
Tuesday	-	Paris
Wednesday	-	Gracelynn
Thursday	-	Willie's Rita
Friday	-	Gwen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right

Left

February 24th

Theresa Hun

Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

February 25th

Ned's Rose Marie

March 3rd

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