

Second Sunday of Lent

“To renew all things in Christ”

Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Friends, I have always had a fondness for the passage from the Book of Genesis that is given to us this weekend. It is the story of God’s alarming request that Abraham offer his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. I’m sure this request made as much sense to Abraham as it does to us. Why on earth would God ask Abraham to offer his own son as a sacrifice? Why would he do this, especially since Isaac was the “miracle” child that God had promised to Abraham and Sarah? The Scriptures never give us a reason, except to imply that this was somehow a test of Abraham’s fidelity.

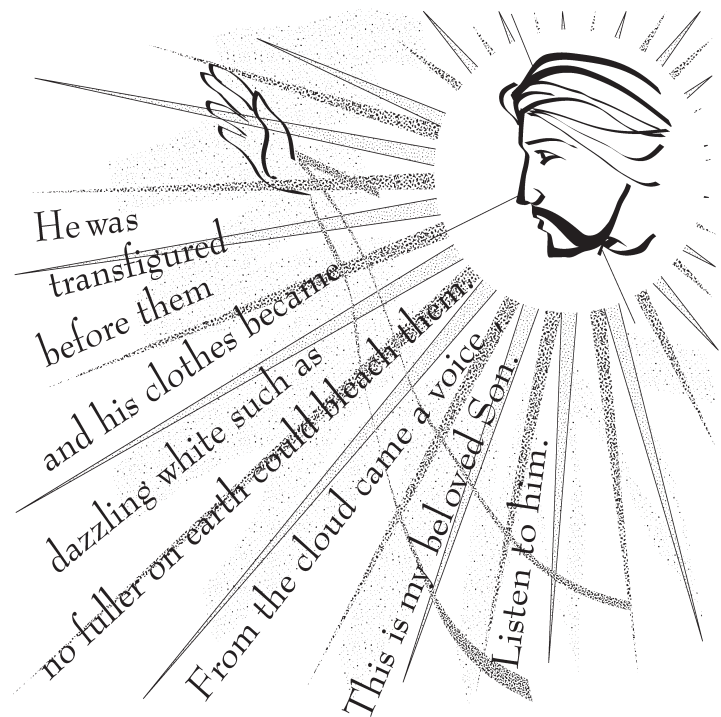
Reluctant, but obedient to God’s command, Abraham leads Isaac to Moriah, and places him upon the altar of sacrifice that he had constructed. We know the rest of the story. Seeing that Abraham, against all human logic, was willing to sacrifice the most precious gift of his own son, God sent an angel to stay the hand of Abraham in order to prevent him from following through with the act. Could we ever say that we would be so faithful?

Over the course of two weeks, I was dealing with some kind of respiratory illness that has been going around. It mostly agitated my sinuses and had me coughing up a storm. At some point, following two days of nearly incessant coughing, I felt like I had been placed upon Isaac’s altar of sacrifice and would gladly have asked to be put out of my misery! I got some antibiotics from the doctor, but I’m not sure how much it helped me. Sometimes positive effects are nearly imperceptible. The thing that confounded me is that there were times where it seemed that I was better, and then the coughing would come back with a fury.

I’m a typical man when it comes to illness. I avoid treating it, thinking that it will run its course, until I get to a point where I really need to call the doctor. I’m terribly impatient too. I want to get back into my regular routine and get frustrated when my body doesn’t cooperate.

It didn’t take me long, however, to start thinking about all those individuals who deal with illness on a chronic basis, without any view to an end in sight. Theirs is a life of sacrifice. They sacrifice all the many activities that they wish they could do again.

They sacrifice comfort and convenience. Theirs is a life of sacrifice in which many of the things we take for granted are no longer available to them. Yet, underneath the outward pain and sacrifice that so many experience, there lies an inner strength that is forged by a mature and lively faith; a deep love and abiding trust in the Lord that enables them to remain steadfast in confidence that the Lord will lead them through. Especially admirable are those parents whose son or daughter suffers an untimely death. They know the depth of sacrifice, but they hold firm in faith and trust that the Lord will lead them through that painful mystery.



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We never fully know why God permits us to endure some of the things we endure. We are not always sure why God asks certain things of us. Sometimes they don't make sense. In the midst of it all, though, we are called to be faithful; to be unfailingly faithful to God, knowing that he loves us. Abraham's fidelity merited that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Who knows what will come to us if we can use this Lent to embrace with heroic love the things the lead us to deeper trust. God bless!



Lenten Rosary

On Monday, March 5, at 6 PM, the Catholic Daughters will recite the rosary at the prayer garden. All are invited. Bring family, friends, and chairs.

Lost and Found

there are jackets, umbrellas and other articles in the lost and found at the back of the church. If you have lost something, you might want to check back there. After next Sunday the articles will be discarded.

St. Pius Irish Festival

The St. Pius X Leprechauns are working to make the IRISH FESTIVAL & BRUNCH next Sunday, March 11, the best one ever. We plan to have a sold out crowd as we did last year when 300 hungry souls appeared at the Parish Hall door asking to enter and enter they did promptly at 11AM. It will be an exciting event with excellent music & dancing along with a delicious menu as follows: Erin Go Bragh Stew, Blarney Stone Salad, Soda Bread & Strawberry Preserves, Dublin Vegetables, and Kate Reagan's Gingerbread with Whipped Cream, Coffee or Irish Coffee prepared by the Leprechauns. Adults \$12. Children will need their own ticket unless they are 2 years old or younger. Tickets will be sold at the door this weekend March 3-4, and also from members of the committee or at the rectory office. For additional information or to become a sponsor call: Maxine Sommers ... 814-8814, for tickets call: Sue Dougherty @ 855-8541. All tickets are presold! Attention: Leprechauns will meet in the Parish Hall this Sunday at 1:30PM.

Items for Military

Many military personnel are still serving in active duty overseas. Boxes

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM
Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.
Weddings take place on weekdays any time and
on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM
Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.
Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

of items are sent from South Texas periodically to brighten their days and provide snacks and sweets, etc. to let them know we support them. Donations of individually packs of nuts, jerky, candy (wont melt) can be dropped off in the box provided in the church foyer. Thanks for your generosity.

From Scripture to Celebration

Looking for a way to continue your on going Catholic education this Lent? Our Seminarian, David Bayardo, will be offering a series of talks entitled: From Scripture to Celebration: A Spiritual Study of the Liturgies of Lent and The Holy Triduum.” Join David as he will discuss the Historical and Scriptural richness that the liturgies of these most sacred season offer.

When: Every Monday night of Lent starting March 12

Where: In the Church

What time: 7:00PM – 8:15PM

What a wonderful way to learn more about our faith! Hope to see you there.

Attention Catholic Singles

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Corpus Christi diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org

Financial Report for week ending 2/26/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection\$23,183.26

Other Income\$ 2,047.89

Total Operating Revenue\$ 25,231.15

LESS: Week of 2/27/2012 Actual

Operating Expenses.....\$28,916.17

(Includes weekly Diocesan loan payments and end of month payroll & stipends.)

DEFICIT FOR WEEK.....\$ 3,685.02

Other Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$ 10.00

Catholic Charities\$ 90.00

Janosek Scholarship\$ 115.00

Church in Central/Eastern Europe\$ 253.00

Total Other Contributions.....\$ 1,637.41

Total Contributions 2/26/2012\$ 26,868.56

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, March 4

Sale of St. Patrick's Festival tickets

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

1:30PM – Baptism Class – CC#1

1:30PM – St. Patrick's Festival meeting - PH

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts – CC#2

6:30PM – LIFE TEEN - YC

Monday, March 5

3:00-4:30PM – School ballet class – PH

2:00-3:00PM – Sultanas - R

4:00-8:00PM – Confirmation Class – CC#1

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 6

6-8AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30-3PM – MAP – CC#1

Wednesday, March 7

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

10:00AM – Staff Meeting - R

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD & Parents – PH, CC#1&2, Cafeteria

6:30PM – Alhambra – R

6:30PM – EDGE - YC

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, March 8

7:30AM – 3:00PM – School pictures – PH

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00-7:00PM – School - PH

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration - CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, March 9

9:00-11:00AM – Women's Prayer Group – CC#2

2:30PM – School Stations of the Cross – CH

3:30-5:30PM – Webelos – CC#2

3:30PM – Chess – CC#1

4:30-7:00PM – Fish Fry – PH

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

Sunday, March 11

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

11:00AM – St. Patrick's Festival - PH

6:30PM – Life Teen - YC

Creating/Maintaining a Safe Environment

If you are serving in the parish as a volunteer, you are required by the Diocese to be certified as a person who will protect children and vulnerable adults. **CMSE Classes** are offered throughout the year. Those who have never been certified are required to take the CORE CLASS and those who have been certified and whose certificate is expired are required to renew their certification by taking the recertification class.

Class offerings at St. Pius X are as follows:

March 13	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1
March 27	Core Class	6:30 pm	CC#1
April 10	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1
May 8	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1

(Classes in other parishes are listed on the Diocesan Website at www.diocesec.org)

Altar Servers

March 10-11



Sat. 5:30 p.m.
 MC Stephanie Gibbon
 Reagan Gibbon
 William Tucker
 Michael Morin
 Theonna Wisner

Sun. 8:00 a.m.
 MC Sarah Green
 Javier Camacho, Jr
 John Rodriguez
 Justin Gomez

Sun. 10:00 a.m
 MC Lali Rodriguez
 MC Evan Rodriguez

Sang Hoang
 Brian Kostoch
 William Soward

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
 Joseph Tarin
 Matthew Lutz
 Blake Finch
 Riel Posada
 Kate Soward

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
 MC Alex Rossi
 Francesca Alvarado
 Millicent Alvarado

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA NEWS: Congratulations and Prayers. This past Sunday Bishop Michael Mulvey welcomed Danielle Dominguez, Rockland Milot and Robert Morales as Elect of God.

Bishop Mulvey also affirmed Sabrina Cox and Weston Pavelek in their Call to Continuing Conversion as they seek the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PERFECT ATTENDANCE—We had perfect attendance in three classes this past Wednesday. Congratulations to the following classes. Sacramental Prep IIC—Mrs. Quiroz and Mrs. Lopez, Sacramental Prep IA—Mr. Salazar and Mrs. Luera, Sacramental Prep Ib—Mrs. Holland. Last week, Ash Wednesday, we had perfect attendance in Third Grade A—Ms. McKenna.

PARENT MEETING—There will be a parent meeting on March 7th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Parents with children preparing for the Sacraments are required to attend. Please make sure you check in at the beginning of the session.

SUBSTITUTES—if any parent is willing to be a substitute for CCD classes, once in a while, please contact Sr. Barbara at 993-9024 or e-mail at bnetek@stpiuscc.org. Thank God for our faithful Catechists. However, we never know when someone will not be able to teach that evening due to an emergency or illness.



Lectors

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MAR 10	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
MAR 10	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Mike Winstead
MAR 11	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
MAR 11	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Tracie Jensen
MAR 11	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Ron Osman
MAR 11	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Colleen Thomas
MAR 11	SUN	12:00	NOON	Clay Thompson
MAR 11	SUN	12:00	NOON	Margaret Thompson
MAR 11	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa
MAR 11	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz



"Danny, I know your youth pastor encouraged you to be the 'Light of the World,' but I rather prefer incandescent in our living room."

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

Although the first day of Spring doesn't occur until March 20, Spring Break is right around the corner for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. Both the teachers and the children are counting down the days to that glorious week off that begins on March 12. Spring Break marks the end of the 3rd quarter of school. When we return to school on March 19, we will begin the last nine weeks of school. This year has certainly flown by quickly!

If you attend the 12:00 Mass today, then you will see many of our students in their school uniform. That's because we gather our school family together to celebrate Mass at noon on the first Sunday of every month. You will see our students serving as lectors, altar servers, choir members and gift bearers. The little tickets they get as they are leaving are Free Dress Passes that give them a day off from wearing their uniform to school. They always enjoy that break.

By now, parishioners should have received a letter from the school with 5 tickets for our Golf Tournament Benefit Drawing. We are hoping that everyone will either purchase the tickets or sell them for us. An envelope was included for returning the stubs and the money. Checks may be made to St. Pius X Catholic School. There are some great prizes to win, and the tickets cost only \$1.00. The money we made on the golf tournament will help us purchase the rest of the playground equipment and security cameras for the school. The fencing for the front of the school is almost complete. When all of the projects are finished, St. Pius X Catholic School will be a much safer place to learn and play.

On Thursday evening, students from Texas A & M – CC will provide a Math Night for our students and their families. It will entail exhibits of all sorts of fun math activities that will demonstrate that math can be fun and exciting. There will be snacks and door prizes. The event will take place in the Parish Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

When we return from Spring Break, the teachers will begin meeting with parents to discuss their students' progress for the year. Report cards will be given out at this time. We hold these formal Parent Conferences twice a year. Parents can always check on their child's grades any time via the Internet, with a program we have entitled "ChurchWerks." That, along with Progress Reports that are given out mid-quarter, keeps the lines of communication open between parents and teachers.

Congratulations to Esme' McMullan, our school's Spelling Bee champion, for making it to the third round of the Caller Times Regional Spelling Bee last weekend.



She was competing with the champion spellers from all of the public and private schools in the area. She did a great job! Have a blessed week!

Health Corner

Do Well, Be Well

with Diabetes...

A free program for people with type 2 diabetes.



Texas AgriLife Extension Service, in collaboration with the Nueces County Commissioners Court and Wesley Nurse Health Ministries™, will be offering "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes", a series of free diabetes education classes taught by a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian for Nueces County residents with Type 2 Diabetes.

*This is a series of classes, all classes must be attended.

The class is limited to 15 people with Type 2 Diabetes.

Wednesdays *

April 25 – May 30

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Ethel Eyerly Community Center

654 Graham Road

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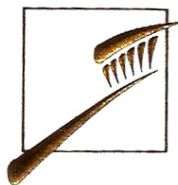
To register for the class or for more information contact:

Talma D. Benavides

County Extension Agent—FCS (361)767-5216

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Mass Intentions



- Sat. 3/3 8:15AM Monico Perez by Ruben & Veronica Escobedo
5:30PM Bob Conwell by Ellen Dickson
- Sun. 3/4 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by Brian Janosek
10:00AM Erika Benson by the Moraida Family
12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
Joe Rodriguez' Anniversary by Isabel & Kevin Rodriguez
5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 3/5 6:30AM Anselmo Torres by family
8:15AM Bill Traeger by Billy & Button Ruzicka
- Tue. 3/6 6:30AM Emil Kreji by Chuck Gross
8:15AM Pat Janosek's Intentions
- Wed. 3/7 6:30AM Mary Naranjo by Aurora Garza
8:15AM Ralph M. Reyna by Luis & Alice Cervantes
5:30PM Joe Shropshire by Camille Hojnacki & Family
Bob Glorfield, Jr. by the Glorfield family
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Elida Guzman
Johnny Gomez by Beatriz Soliz
- Thu. 3/8 6:30AM Vocations in Memory of Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
8:15AM Lucille Pacheco by Penny Pacheco
- Fri. 3/9 6:30AM Vocations in Memory of Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
8:15AM Lester Cunningham's Anniversary by Carolyn Buehrig
5:30PM Frances Vrazel by Anna Vrazel
- Sat. 3/10 8:15AM Mitzi Mendleski by Tom & Theresa Moore
5:30PM Arturo Vasquez,, Sr., Anniversary by Mary Vasquez
- Sun. 3/11 8:00AM Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
10:00AM Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen
12:00PM For the Parishioners
5:30PM Rogelio Garcia & Donald Thrash by Diana Garza

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Caleb Adamson, Martin Adrian, Mabel Allen, Susan Ames, Marie Annis, Irene Arkwright, Nancy Arkwright, Rita Austin, Madison Beckwith, Elizabeth Berry, Hazel Billodeau, Beatrice Bocanegra, Dawson Boone, Michael Boone, Robert Bowden, Martha Brown, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Dana Cadena, Michael Campos, Stella Campos, Ashley Cantu, Jonathan Carlson, Alexandria Carrion, Judy Carroll, Emma Casares, Annie Castro, M/M John Castro, Cameron Chrissman, Julie Anna Chrissman, Mela Ciochetto, Kathy Collins, Suzanne Conklin, Daniel Covich, Richard Lee Daily, Florinda De La Garza, Minga De Los Santos, Mark DeGaish, Elva DeLeon, Thomas Denniston, Samantha Didear Deste, Bertha Dominguez, Scott Dossat, Yolanda Duran, Maggie Dyer, Patricia Edson, Vance Elliot, Elizabeth Elovitz, Bill Enters, Sandi Escobar, Bess Evans, Dr. William Fant, Aurelia Fay, Mercedes Felan, Patsy Fikes, Bobby Floyd, Lexi Fuller, Frances Galvan, Travis Garbe, Alice Garci, Concepcion Garcia, Pam Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Jr., Laura Garza, Marvin Gates, Jackson Gavarkovs, Michael Gil, Krista Glorfield, James Goins, Melissa Golay, Elida Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Charlotte Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Tommy Groner, Iluminada Gunnar, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Carolyn Haese, Rose Marie Hand, James Hardeman, Bud Harris, Bartus Hebenwald, David Arriana Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Gabriel Hinojosa, Shelly Hinojosa, Chris Holland, Judy Holmes, Edwin Imhoff, Edward Jacobsan, Adam Jewel, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jeremy Keller, Willie Keller, Jason Keppery, Judy Kirchner, Alene Krause, Dorothy Krause, Carl Kuehn, Emma Lane (child), Paul David Laudadio, Susanne Logan, Baby Michael James Long, Jr., Larry Looka, Arlinda Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Randall Lovelace, Richard Lundeen, Christopher Mankan, Deborah V. Martinez, Stella Martinez, Georgia Maughan, Laura Mayagoitia, Michael McCloskey, John Medina, Mary Medrano, Virginia Medrano, Jose Mercado, Domenic Michaud, Robert Miller, Jennifer Mirabal, Estefana Mireles, Avita John Moore, Jose I. Morales, John Morgan, Idolina Munoz, Daniel Murray, LTC, Jerry Muttera, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Alma Mae Peter, Thien-Huong Phan, Karen Pinkerton-Kowalik, Robert M. Pope, Cameron Propp, James Ragan, Andres Ramirez, Irma Ramirez, Juan R. Ramirez, Rosenda Ramon, Rey Ramos, Judy West Rasor, Pat Reddick, Billy Redfox, Priscilla Renteria, Olga Reyes, J.R. Rios, Dr. Alice Robinson, Maria Rocha, Betty Rodgers, Calvin Rodrigues, Sr., Armandina Rodriguez, Cleto Rodriguez, Mary Lee Rodriguez, Marguerite Ross, Troy Ross, Angie Rossi, Robert Rushing, Isaiah Ryland, Luis Salazar, Maria Salazar, Joseph Salinas, Reynaldo Salinas, Janie San Miguel & children, Alison Schaff, Nathan Schoggins, Valerie V. Schoggins, Jenna Schulz, James Sedberry, Walter Sheehan, Josephine C. Sheldon, Joseph Shepherd, June Shepherd, Tina Shepherd, Dorothy Sherman, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Jaden A. Silva, Ian Silvertooth, Judy Slaughter, Kelley Smith, Morrie Smith, Marie Sophie, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mirium Lee Speiner, Mary Ann Starkey, Richard Stasiak, Jr., Mary Kay Stoner, Steve Struve, Irma Suarez, James H. Tansey, Melissa Taylor, Lydia Tey, Rossly Thonnard, Jim Trammell, Joseph Trevino, Tony Trevino, Laverne Ulbricht, Gary Valencia, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Dalinda Veriali, Johnny Villarreal, Kristopher Villarreal, Ardeth Weed, Steve Weikal, Catalina Weitzel, Joyce West, Nova West, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Greg Wiegthman, Belinda Wightnam, Bea Wilson, Maritza Windsor, Linda Witt, Fr. John Wright, Dollya Zittellie and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

