

# February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent



## Abraham Trusted

*God asked the terrible of him!  
But Abraham recalled  
God's promise with Sarah,  
descendants would come from him  
as many as the stars in heaven.*

*Gripping the knife in hand,  
holding it very tightly,  
but more tightly to  
God's strict promise,  
he made ready  
with trust to follow.*

*O God, help us trust too  
when your directions are so hard.*

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## SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

(Comments from Fr. John's talk last Sunday)

...The Holy Spirit has had a great impact on Father's life, especially during two retreats. While in the seminary when he questioned his vocation, he heard the Holy Spirit speak the words "Are you also going to leave?" During another retreat he experienced moments of contemplation which brought him great joy and peace.

...People of faith also inspire him to set his faith on fire especially seeing their faces at Mass. He said, "It fires me up."

...Father also spoke of the importance of and his belief in angels and related two incidents of when they were truly messengers of God for him.

...He spoke of his devotion to the Mother of God and how she helped him to make changes in his life. She is truly a "Lenten Companion" for him and for us.

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Feb. 28	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., March 2	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 24	4 PM	Julie Eckstein
Sun., Feb. 25	10 AM	Irene Barnhorst
Sat., March 3	4 PM	Carl Wolter
Sun., March 4	10 AM	Irene Barnhorst

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – March 3 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Kyle and Lindsay Black  
Mike and Cathy Wagner  
*Server:* Kara Merkel  
*Cantor:* Brooke Payne  
*Lectors:* Terry Harmeyer, Elizabeth Hermesch  
*Euch. Ministers:* Gene Moorman, Katy Schmidt  
Judy Steuri, Janet Wagner

### Sunday – March 4 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Greg and Amy Kinker – *back*  
Jeff and Cindy Weisenbach – *back*  
Duke and Keri Johnson - *side*  
*Servers:* Spencer Johnson, Connor Toops  
*Cantor:* Rachel Toops  
*Lectors:* Grace Truesdell, Greg Wagner  
*Euch. Ministers:* Joyce Muckerheide, Dolly Stirn  
Katie Spreckelson, Ben Harlemert

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2327.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.12
Loose Collection	\$ 225.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2569.12
Religious Ed	\$50.00
Utility	\$50.00
Capital Improvement	\$20.00
Black/Indian	\$409.00

## **Be Transformed Into Christ!**

*Being is much more significant and essential than having or doing. And the greatest temptation we face is to prefer having and doing more than being. ~ St. John Paul II*

**STEWARDSHIP** – Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are *my* gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn February 25 through March 4 for David Bedel.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR** – Please join us next weekend of March 3-4 to hear Rev. Robert White speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. White will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Father was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego in 1970. He studied at the Gregorian University in Rome. Join me in welcoming Father White to our parish.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Meeting TODAY Sunday, February 25, 8:30 AM.

**ADORATION** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 7:00-8:00 PM and Friday morning, March 2, from 8:00 until 12:00 noon. Come, let us adore Him!

**PENANCE SERVICE** – There is a Lenten Penance Service for the children this Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7:00 PM. The parish Lenten Penance Service will be on Sunday, March 11, 1:30 PM.

**WAY OF THE CROSS** – The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held on Friday, March 2, 6:00 PM at St. Maurice. There is also a Fish Fry in our parish hall from 4:30 to 7:00 PM that evening. Let's support the Knights of Columbus through our attendance at this supper. We will also be helping our youth in their next National Convention.

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, February 28, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served. Grades 3,4, and 5 will have their Lenten Penance Service this evening. Also, don't forget to bring in your pennies!

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, March 4, 8:30 AM.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room next Sunday, March 4, following the weekend Masses.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Before going to Europe on business, a man drove his Rolls-Royce to a downtown New York City bank and went in to ask for an immediate loan of \$5,000.

The loan officer, taken aback, requested collateral. “Well then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce,” the man said. The loan officer promptly had the car driven into the bank's underground parking garage for safe keeping, and gave him \$5,000. Two weeks later, the man walked through the bank's doors, asked to settle up his loan and get his car back.

“That will be \$5,000 in principal, and \$15.40 in interest,” the loan officer said. The man wrote out a check and started to walk away.

“Wait sir,” the loan officer said, “while you were gone, I found out you are a multi-millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow \$5,000?”

The man smiled. “Where else could I park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?” (Happy Catholic)

### **SUNDAY REFLECTIONS**

**You don't have to be a rocket scientist or a biblical scholar to find the connections between the crucifixion of Jesus and God's command to Abraham to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrifice.**

**Both Isaac and Jesus were loved by their fathers. Both were en route to their death: Isaac carrying the wood for the fire; Jesus carrying the wood of the cross. Isaac's journey was three days; Jesus' from death to resurrection was also three days. The Genesis story concludes with God's last-minute change of mind. Isaac is spared. Abraham's unswerving faith is richly rewarded. In the account of the passion and resurrection, Jesus breaks the bonds of death and rises as the Redeemer of the world. (Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration)**

