



Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

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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FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

February 14th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$516
Bldg.	\$350
Short	\$1234

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mass Intentions

Feb 27th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Feb 28th: Jerry Graves +
by Mary Alyce Fiechtl

March 6th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 7th: Harold Segerson +
by Khuyen Segerson

Liturgical Ministers

March 7, 2021

Lectors —

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl, Carmen McDaniel

Altar Linens — Lauri Green, Mary Theresa Foster

Ushers —Men of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

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).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak,

Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss,

Joey Wall, Shawn Wall

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower,

Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and

Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore,

Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello

THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn’t you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous

Special Collection

Catholic Relief Services

March 14th

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The basis of Abraham’s test in the first reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac’s life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me, a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal.

The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord’s passion and resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the bishop. The scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).

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