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**MARCH 8
2020**

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF
*Lent***

FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE THAT SAID,
"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM
I AM WELL PLEASED:
LISTEN TO HIM."
- MATTHEW 17:5

MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM (ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM (NOVENA TO THE BL. VIRGIN MARY)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 9:45-10:15AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:30AM-8:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30AM (DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

KARLA HENLEY, SECRETARY



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The spontaneous question that can arise in our mind today is why the scene of transfiguration – a scene which portrays the glory of Jesus is inserted during the time of Lent which mainly focuses on the passion and death of Jesus. The transfiguration scene is presented today to remove the fear and the despair of every believer. This presentation of the glory of Jesus urges us to live the remaining time of lent with courage and conviction.

The transfiguration is a special and privileged moment both for Jesus and his disciples. For Jesus, it is a moment of manifestation of his glory, divine confirmation of his status as son of God and an affirmation of his mission. With all these extraordinary events confirming Jesus' true identity, the one true response demanded from us is to listen to him. The transfiguration beautifully portrays the effects of God- experience. God – experience reveals one's true identity; Jesus heard the voice from the cloud confirming his sonship. God- experience is an experience of God's love; Jesus experiences the love of the Father in the voice, "This is my son, the Beloved, with whom I well pleased." God- experience transforms; Jesus' face shone like the sun and his clothes became bright as light. For the disciples, the divine experience was so awe-inspiring that they became ecstatic. The divine experience was also so overwhelming that the disciples became terrified.

Though the disciples preferred to remain on the top of the mountain, Jesus leads them down. Thus, Jesus offers us a lesson that contemplation and action should go hand in hand. The experience of the Lord should lead us to corresponding action, and our actions should receive their vitality and energy from our- experience in prayer.

2020 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL—"BRING CHRIST TO THE WORLD"

In today's Scripture we hear of God's call to "bear our share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Many of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Biloxi suffer the hardships of homelessness, hunger, depression, and despair. Although we cannot always be there to minister to them directly, we can help them by supporting the programs and offices that minister to them through the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Please consider helping "Bring Christ to the World" by giving a generous gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the church. Thank You!

Claiborne Hill Receipts

Please save your receipts and place into the box in the vestibule of Church. Total collected from Claiborne Hill Receipts as of: **February 24, 2020 \$2,463.19**
Thank You for your receipts!



Weekend of

February 29—March 1, 2020

Weekly.....\$5,241.51
Building Fund.....\$188.42

MANY THANKS!



Michael & Toddy	Verna Mae Ladner
Arceneaux	James Lovett
Ralph Baldwin	Sandra & Janet Mauffray
Nelsie & Johnny Banks	Woody Mauffray
Gene Breazeale	Carol Moragas
Claud Burk	Mary Louise & Sonny Moran
Jaycee & Jaylee Cameron	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Don "Sarge" Carter	Patrick Murphy
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Janet Necaie
Leticia J. Dedeaux	Tyrone & Faye Necaie
Peggy Glynn	Christopher Nugent
Christine Greenwood	Joy Patin
Merle Haas	Carolyn Reeves
Wayne Hoda	Brooke Rolison
Amanda Jones	Carla Santiago
June Kenney	Karrie Schultz
Donald Koenenn	Jerry Shavers
Cecile & Willard Ladner	Mike Shubert
Patsy Ladner	Timothy Scott Steen
	Maura Strong
	Josie Thomas

Financial NEWS

Annunciation Parish Financial Obligations

Insurance	\$38,820.00
Diocesan Support Tax	\$16,735.00
School Supplement	\$28,270.00
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Operational Expenses (approximate)	\$132,000.00
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$215,825.00
Amount needed each week	\$4,150.00
Average Sunday Collection	\$3,000.00
Currently we have a Weekly Shortfall of	-\$1,150.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

4:00pm - Carolyn Garriga Reeves

Sunday, March 8

8:00am - Parishioners

10:30am - John† & Nicole Necaie†, Teddy† & Shirley Morel†, Joel† & Peggy Cooley† & deceased members of Necaie Family

Tuesday, March, 10

8:00am - Frank Lewis† & Virginia McLeod†

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —

The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm —

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading —

God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel —

Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

RESERVE THE DAY

Lenten Parish Mission & Penance
Service with
Fr. Godfrey Andoh

March 31st & April 1st:

6:00-7:00pm

April 1st:

Penance Service 7:00-8:00pm

**LENT 2020
A Check List**

How can you make your Lenten observance more meaningful?

FASTING

_____ I will fast during Lent. Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller meals when considered together should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength. No food between meals, except for medical reasons.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is required for all Catholics 14 and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

What else can you give up that will be a true sacrifice for you during Lent?

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| _____ I will give up candy | _____ I will give up desserts/
ice-creams |
| _____ I will give up candy | _____ I will limit watching TV |
| _____ I will give up using tobacco | _____ Other () |
| _____ I will give up drinking alcohol | |

PRAYER

How will I make a special effort to pray more during Lent?

- _____ I will attend one or more extra Masses each week (Mon.—Fri. at 8:00am in the Chapel)
- _____ I will participate in the **Stations of the Cross** (Wed. & Fri. at 8:30am in the Chapel & Fri. at 5:00pm in the Church)
- _____ I will say rosary _____ days each week during Lent (Mon.—Fri. after Mass in the Chapel)
- _____ I will attend the **Parish Lenten Mission** March 31—April 1 from 6:00 – 7:00pm

ALMSGIVING

- _____ I will increase my tithing payments to support my Church during Lent
- _____ I will contribute _____ to the poor
- _____ I will contribute _____ to the **Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)**
- _____ I will give _____ directly to someone who needs it, especially a relative or neighbor several times during Lent

CONFESSION

All Catholics are obliged to confess their sins at least once per year. However, it is highly recommended that you go at least once during Lent and as often as you need to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance. **Annunciation will have our Penance Service on April 1 from 7:00—8:00pm.**

_____ I intend to confess my sins in the _____ week of Lent to be in full communion with Christ and the Church.

Congratulations to Robert Cassell, Ethan Cuevas, Alexandra Fausett, & Brianna Page on receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ It has been directed that the Precious Blood not be distributed at Mass and continuing until further notice. Also, we request that you avoid shaking hands during Sharing of Peace of Christ. The directive is due to the severity of the flu season.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesdays at 8:30am after Mass in the Chapel and Fridays at 8:30am after Mass in the Chapel as well as at 5:00pm in the Church.**
- ◆ Fish Fry Fridays in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- ◆ Annunciation's Annual Parish \$1,500 has begun. Tickets are \$20. Prizes are: 1st Place \$1,500; 2nd Place \$500; Most tickets sold \$200. Call Karla for tickets.
- ◆ The Women's Fellowship of Annunciation Parish is selling tickets for a chance to win a 100 quart boiling pot with a strainer and burner and accessories. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece and are available in the vestibule.
- ◆ We will have Fellowship Bunco this Sunday at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall, a signup sheet will be available in the vestibule.
- ◆ ExtraGive2020
We are requesting each family, if able, to offer \$40 extra or more each month in addition to what you offer to help meet the expenses of the church every month.
- ◆ Annunciation's Second Sunday Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday after the 8:00 Mass.