

## Second Sunday of Lent–March 13, 2022

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The end of crisis is cause for celebration. No one enjoys hard times; we wish them away and, once gone, try to forget them. Two biblical heroes in today's readings show us that personal suffering can serve the good of the community.

Abraham, in the Genesis passage, is completely frustrated. God promised a great nation, yet he is still without a son. How could this man be confident in God's promise of a great nation when he could not even count a single son? In spite of the questioning, Abraham confirms again his faith in the Lord. Once Abraham opened himself completely by this act of faith, the promise took a new turn. Now Abraham would have not only countless descendants but also a huge tract of land. This faith in time of crisis became Abraham's heritage to Israel.

Jesus' crisis is his pending passion, death, and resurrection. This awareness leads to prayer so intense that his appearance is changed in the Transfiguration. The prayer leads to the reassuring presence of the Father and the Spirit. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. Both of them experienced crises and also found their solutions in God's presence. Jesus learned that his passion and death would not be the last word. They were steps leading to the glory of the Resurrection and Ascension (see Luke 24:26). Jesus' crisis is for the benefit of us all.

We all know brokenness in relationships, in health, in finances, in self-confidence. We join Abraham and Jesus in victory over crises by trusting God and serving one another. This joining of our crises to those of the Redeemer means that we are able to stand with him on the mountain that we are able to transform our dying into rising. This is the three-sided nature of covenant: self, God, and community.

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Reflecting on Transfiguration. Lent is not an end. It is a necessary transition, as it is every year, to the glory of life in Christ – in which we already share in some incomplete way. These dazzling white clothes of Jesus recall our own baptismal garments in which we were clothed in him. They remind us to imitate him in all we think and do and say.

- ◆ How does the glory of Christ dazzle me to reflect on \_\_\_\_\_?
- ◆ How does my Baptism strengthen me to do \_\_\_\_\_?
- ◆ To use Saint Paul's words, how will I stand firm in the Lord?

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 20, 2022

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm



### **Heavenly Vision; More Human World**

While we were still without hope, God took us out of our emptiness and brought us into a new land, making with us a covenant of liberation.

But we remain “set upon the things of this world,” burdened with “the original darkness that shadows our vision.” Today’s liturgy is about restoring our sight so that we can “see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.”

The disciples saw “the bounty of the Lord” on the mountaintop. They witnessed the dazzling glory of Jesus shining in the company of Moses and Elijah, the glory of the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Abraham had also stood in the presence of the Lord, and he had been overwhelmed by a terrifying darkness pierced by the bright light of a smoking brazier and a flaming torch.

The road from Abraham’s encounter with God to the disciples’ encounter with God was a long one.

Lent is acting out of the long road from the covenant to its fulfillment. It is our public proclamation that we are a people who “eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

We recognize that “we have our citizenship in heaven,” but in the meantime we exercise our citizenship on earth for the coming of the kingdom of God.

We purge ourselves of our self-reliance, our thirst for power, and our preoccupation with self-interest, sacrificing and praying that God might “deliver Israel from all her distress.

*Christians, on pilgrimage toward the heavenly city, should seek and think of those things which are above. This duty in no way decreases, rather it increases the importance of their obligation to work with everyone in the building of a more human world.*

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965: 57

--Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Site

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## Schedule of Masses

Sun Mar 13 8:00 am Mass Martina Battreall  
Wed Mar 16 5:30 pm Mass Pat Kinhead  
Fri Mar 16 6:00 pm Mass  
Sun Mar 20 8:00 am Mass Ralph & Maria Koester  
Family

## Liturgical Ministers

Mar 13 Lector Greeter EM Servers

S Widowski B Porter Z Garrett Vol.

Cantor J Starrett

Mar 20 Lector Greeter EM Servers

A Dueker K Pobst F Dueker M Bergmann, M Palmer  
Cantor Z Garrett

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING March 6, 2022

Envelope (23) \$715.00

Loose \$73.00

Masses (1) \$50.00

Candles \$5.00

Black & Indian Mission (8) \$335

**Total: \$1178.00**

Building & Maint. (1) \$35.00 **Total \$35.00**

CSMA (7) \$920.00 **Total so far: \$1240.00**

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Mar 13 8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am PSR class  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
Wed Mar 16 5:30 Mass  
6:00 Parish Council Mtg  
Fri Mar 18 6:00 pm Mass  
4:30-6:30 pm Fish Fry  
Sun Mar 20 8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am PSR class  
9:00 am CCW Mtg

## Birthdays

Mar 13 Anna Mae Street  
Matt Slife  
Mar 15 Christine Ross  
M.G. Jones  
Mar 17 Evelyn Bergmann

## Ushers

\*Joe Nelson, Je Nelson

## Ushers

\*MMcMahan, R Weeks



**CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY (CSMA) APPEAL IS HERE. Please consider making a pledge or a one time gift.** Every dollar given to the appeal is earmarked to support Belleville diocese programs. Parishioners should have received their pledge information for the 2022 year, directly by mail from the diocese last week. If you did not receive this information, blank CSMA envelopes are available in the church foyer.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE OFFERED BEFORE EACH SUNDAY MASS DURING LENT.** Please volunteer to lead one of these Sundays. A sign in sheet is available in the foyer.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR CAIRO DAYSTAR STARTS IS NOW THRU EASTER.** We have a tub in the foyer for donations. A check can be made payable to Cairo Day Star in lieu of food. Your donations are appreciated.

**FISH FRYs WILL BE MARCH 18 AND APRIL 1 FROM 4:30-6:30 PM. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING.** Besides desserts, there is a need for set-up, kitchen help, and servers, Please sign up the sheet on the bulletin board if you can help in person. Desserts may be dropped off in the prayer room through the outside east door of the parish hall the Thursday before the Fish Fry. Proceeds from the Fish Frys will be donated to the Vienna Baptist Church Food Bank, the Heather Treat Memorial and Blessings in a Backpack. Questions? Please contact Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY MARCH 16.** Council members please pick up your agenda and minutes in the church foyer.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL (CCW) MEETING NEXT WEEK, MARCH 20.** A collection will be taken up after Mass. All parish ladies are welcome to come.

**THREE DAY LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US ON MARCH 27,28,29.** Father Sal Gonzalez, OMI, from King's House in Belleville is the presenter. Retreat starts at St. Mary in Harrisburg at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27. Monday March 28 the retreat begins at 6 pm at St. Mary's in Eldorado. Tuesday, March 28 the retreat begins at 6 pm at St. Paul, Vienna. Light refreshments will be served afterward at each parish. Carpools to St. Mary Harrisburg or to St. Mary Eldorado can be arranged. Contact Arlene Dueker at 618 559 7803 for carpool.

**FEED THE HUNGRY-GIVE WATER TO THE THIRSTY-VISIT THE PRISONER-VISIT THE SICK-BURY THE DEAD-SHELTER THE HOMELESS-GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR**

All women of the diocese are invited to the BDCCW (Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) South Vicariate Spring meeting on Saturday March 26, 2022 from 9 am until noon at St. Joseph parish in Elizabethtown. Our theme will focus on the corporal works of mercy and we plan on praying the Stations of the Cross outdoors if weather permits. Registration fee of \$5 will cover snacks and a light lunch. We look forward to gathering with our Catholic sisters to share in faith filled fellowship! Carpooling from St. Paul will be available for this event. Contact Arlene Dueker at 618 559 7803 or Vickie Anderson at 618 579-3748.