

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018**

If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b



THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	February 26 † Alina Beltrami
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 27 † Leonardo Lazo
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	February 28 Communal Service † Bob Allen † Demetria Canlas Songco † Esmeraldo Mallari † Anthony "Tony" Martinez
Thursday 8:00 am	March 1 † Philomena Viscarra
Friday 8:00 am	March 2 † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri
Saturday 8:00 am	March 3 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
4:30 pm	† Jenny Sant
Sunday 7:30 am	March 4 People of the Parish † Joseph Spiteri † Andrea Caraffi † Teresa Francisca Pino
9:30 am 11:30 am	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection February 18, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,378.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,622.00
Church Project	\$ 717.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

ICF CHAMPAGNE BINGO

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Champagne Bingo on Sunday, March 11th in Cantwell Hall. Doors open at 12 noon. Lunch will consist of Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$25.00 and includes one bingo packet. Please call Mary Perata 415-239-5936 or Florence Mangion 415-468-1764 for reservations. Deadline for reservations is March 8th.

Supporting our Archdiocesan Family

Appeal Sunday for the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal will be held shortly. At that time each of us will be asked to support the work of the Church by contributing to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Please be generous. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$50,615.00. Through the generous donations from our parishioners we not only met but exceeded our 2017 goal. \$ 1,197.00 was returned to the parish.

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
Deanery 2
Lent Recollection and Reconciliation**

**OBEDIENCE:
Listening to the Word of God
and Putting into Deeds & Practice**

**"Blessed...are those who hear the word of God
and obey it" (Lk 11:28)**

**Church of the Epiphany March 3, 2018 Sat.
O'Keefe Hall 9:00am to 12 Noon**

**9:00 am Registration & Breakfast (Pastries & Coffee)
9:30 -10:30 am Presentation Fr. Cameron Faller
10:35-10:50 am Break
11:00 am Church...Penitential Rite & Confessions
12:00 noon Lunch and Dismissal**

Sponsored by Epiphany Council 11033 Knights of Columbus

LITURGY AND ILLNESS

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 am on Channels 8,20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased
In your prayers this week, please remember
the repose of the souls of our deceased
parishioners, especially:*

Anthony "Tony" Martinez

"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."