

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Lent | February 25, 2018

26B SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mark 9:2-10 This is my beloved Son.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took Peter, James, and John
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;

from the cloud came a voice.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone
but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain,
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone.

except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

So they kept the matter to themselves,

questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS
Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM

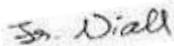
Dear Friends,

As we continue our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting/sacrifice and giving, we are developing a better understanding of what Christian "sacrifice" really means. It always and only has someone else as its focus - never me! If I sacrifice some of my favorite goodies, e.g. meat on Fridays or chocolate or God knows what, it is so I can give it (or its monetary value) to someone who can't indulge in such luxuries very often; I can also spend some time at a food bank or pantry and meet people who are not as well off as I am. Lent is primarily about reorienting one's focus away from self towards God and neighbor - that is the "conversion" that we are each called to.

Next weekend you will have the opportunity to donate non-perishable foodstuff to our monthly Mission of Yahweh food collection and/or consider donating some of your time to the Mission as well. The DSF (Diocesan Services Fund) envelopes are beside the bulletins on the tables as you enter/leave the narthex; this is another charitable outreach that would appreciate your support.

There are so many new faces among us at Mass these Lenten weekends that you should really avail yourselves of our parish hospitality and get to know your fellow parishioners better. Next Saturday, March 3, after the evening Mass, we will have our "Mingle" where we serve delicious finger food and adult grape juice to ease you out of your comfort zone and allow you to encounter those you have prayed with and celebrated Communion with in Christ. The following morning, March 4, we do the same when we serve breakfast after the 8:30am Mass. This is another great opportunity to meet your hungry fellow parishioners and the CCE parents who are doing their best to support and encourage their child/ren's religious practice, faith and social development. I would maintain you will find it extremely difficult to sustain a Church life in isolation; we need the support and friendship of each other - that takes effort and commitment, but together we can do it. Oh, and the congregation at the 11:15am Mass, be assured I am never in a hurry to leave. I lock up the building when the last person leaves, and we have finished whatever coffee, lemonade, cookies and cake that are available, and we have discussed the latest political, Church or local shenanigans! Lent is discovering a New Life in Christ with one another and those awaiting our ministry outreach.

God bless,



• **2018 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS** •

If you are making an Easter Flower Donation *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* a loved one, please note:

- ◆ Envelopes are due on or before Sunday, March 18, 2018
- ◆ Please PRINT the name(s) to be published - it is our goal to print your tributes as accurately as possible
- ◆ The Easter Flowers *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* will be published in the Sunday of Divine Mercy bulletin on April 8, 2018.

We appreciate everyone's generosity! If you have questions, please email Marcela Swihart at marcela@stcatherine-houston.org, or stop by the Parish Office weekdays from 10 - 4.



FEBRUARY 25, 2018 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MAKE LENT A TIME FOR FAMILY

Dear Parents,

Did the hustle and bustle of life cause Lent to sneak up on you this year? Here are a few easy to implement ideas for how you and your family can make the most of this season together:

Tune Out & Tune In: Turn off the radio/music during rides to school or around town, making room for conversation or introducing silence.

(Whine &) Dine Together: Make a point to spend your meatless Friday dinners together as a family. Even better, use this meal to discuss your Lenten journey – the struggles, temptations, and growth!

Remove & Replace: Pick something to fast from/remove (phones from meal time, something from your schedule, TV/electronics one day a week ...) and replace it with family time, availability, prayer ...

“Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

- 2 Corinthians 6:2

US BISHOPS ANNOUNCE NATIONAL CALL-IN DAY FOR DREAMERS

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB President; Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB Vice President; and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, together issued the following statement:

“We are deeply disappointed that the Senate was not able to come together in a bipartisan manner to secure legislative protection for the Dreamers. With the March 5th deadline looming, we ask once again that Members of Congress show the leadership necessary to find a just and humane solution for these young people, who daily face mounting anxiety and uncertainty.

“We are also announcing a **National Catholic Call-In Day** to Protect Dreamers. This coming weekend, we will be asking the faithful across the nation to call their Members of Congress next **Monday, February 26**, to protect Dreamers from deportation, to provide them a path to citizenship, and to avoid any damage to existing protections for families and unaccompanied minors in the process.

“Our faith compels us to stand with the vulnerable, including our immigrant brothers and sisters. We have done so continually, but we must show our support and solidarity now in a special way. Now is the time for action.”

CALL your SENATOR: Please call **855-589-5698** to reach the Capitol switchboard, and **press 1** to connect to your Senator.

CALL your REPRESENTATIVE: Please call 855-589-5698 a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard again, and press 2 to connect to your Representative.

VISIT the parish website, stcatherine-houston.org for more details and message suggestions for your elected officials.

PARISH CALENDAR

• SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT •

SAT	02/24	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN	02/25	8:30 AM Sunday Mass †John Amoruso 9:30 - 11 AM CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass
MON	02/26	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM No Weekday Mass
TUE	02/27	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 6 - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation Preparation
WED	02/28	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU	03/01	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Bible Study
FRI	03/02	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass

• THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT •

Mission of Yahweh Food Collection Weekend

SAT	03/03	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass 6 - 7:30 Saturday Mingle
SUN	03/04	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 11 AM CCE 9:30 - 10:30 AM Sunday Breakfast 11:15 AM Sunday Mass

CLUB 55+ BUS TRIP NEWS

On Saturday, March 10 we will see *On Golden Pond* at the Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston. Both lighthearted and deeply moving, playwright Ernest Thompson's American theatrical masterpiece is the story of a curmudgeonly father and husband who must confront his strained relationship with his adult daughter and his own not-so-gentle march into old age. We will leave the church at 3:30 pm for dinner at Shrimp 'N Stuff Downtown, and should return by about 11:30 pm. The cost is \$45 per person not including dinner. Please mail your check to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Save the dates: Upcoming bus trips are scheduled for April 26, May 17, and Jun 19 – details to follow. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.