

Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
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2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00 am

March 20, 2011

Intention: +Carrie Klusek

Requested by the Klusek family

Healing Intentions:

Michelle Mallory

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Diane Spina

Lois Bogacki

Bill Moran

Father John Fetcho

Jean Horan

Erika Zalewski

Mike Corn

Jeanne Klix

Josephine Wicks

Jon Hall

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Genesis 12: 1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people

The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the Lord directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading II

II Timothy 1: 8-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

God has saved us and called us to be holy.

Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails.

God has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to his own design – the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior. He has robbed death of its power and has brought life and immortality into clear light through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 17: 1-9

A reading of the holy gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before their eyes. His face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them conversing with him. Upon this, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is for us to be here! With your permission we will erect three booths here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice which said, "*This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him.*" When they heard this, the disciples fell forward on the ground, overcome with fear. Jesus came toward them and laying his hand on them, said, "*Get up! Do not be afraid.*" When they looked up they did not see anyone but Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountainside Jesus commanded them, "*Do not tell anyone of the vision until the Son of Man rises from the dead.*"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Transfiguration**

Each year on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the Church in liturgy meditates on the Transfiguration of Jesus.

As Jesus Christ went about in the public ministry, teaching the crowd, healing the sick, bringing people to life, his Divinity was "cloaked" in his humanity. But on Mount Tabor, God's light burst forth from the body of Jesus, and he was transfigured. His Divinity hidden in the depths of his humanity shined and overpowered everything around. The Brilliance and the Beauty and the Transcendence of the Divine in Jesus paralyzed all material surroundings and mingled it with the Heavenly Sphere. The Three Apostles got the glimpse of the moment of transfiguration of Jesus. They witnessed God in Jesus, as He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the cloud. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets.

Each year during Lent, the Church brings us to the Mount of Tabor and reminds us that we are made in the image of God; we carry the splendor of divinity within us. But every time we sin, we tarnish that wonderful image and sin disfigures us.

Human beings have the potential of doing ugly things or Godly things. We are capable of such things as hatred, bitterness, cruelty, greed, envy, lust.... These are ugly things and bring out the worst in us. They corrupt the heart. Evil has a comfortable room in the corrupt heart.

Sometime it is even visible how the corrupted heart coarsens the face and darkens the eyes. Evil disfigures the corrupt person.

But God transfigures the person who lives in the presence of God and does Godly works of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, mercy, and compassion. They are beautiful things and bring out the best of us. They purify the heart. And purity of heart softens the face and causes the eyes to shine.

The Church calls us during Lent to recapture the awareness of the divine values within us and do Godly Things, as we pilgrim in the darkness of this world. Amen!

Announcements

Please join us this morning for the SPOJNIA breakfast.


Adult Bible Study will meet today at 12:30 in the old school room (to the left of the office). Bring in your coffee and join us for a discussion of Genesis, Chapters 1-3.

The nominating committee will finalize parish committee nominations **this week**. Please see Father Senior if you wish to serve or nominate a fellow parishioner for an office, director position **or** an auditor position for the April 2011-April 2012 year.

The annual meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, April 3**, following Holy Mass and the YMS of R Breakfast. Please mark your calendars for this important opportunity to complete the business of our parish. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, March 23 4:00 pm Choir practice
Thursday, March 24 5:00 Polish language class @ Solvay Youth Center,
Woods Road, Solvay

Friday, March 25 

Sunday, March 27 **Lent 3**

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10:30 Youth Bible Study
11:00 Holy Mass
12:00 Coffee Hour
12:30 Adult Bible Class

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 3,
following the YMS of R Breakfast

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
March 6	\$821	\$673	\$148
March 13	654	\$673	-\$19
TOTALS	\$1475	\$1346	\$129