

From the Deacon

References to mountains in Sacred Scripture are always meant to convey a sense of the sacred. Moses met the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob on Mt. Sinai. Elijah also encountered this same God on Mt. Horeb. Jesus oftentimes would leave his disciples and go to the mountain to pray. It was there that he could close to the Father.

Abraham goes up Mt. Moriah in obedience to God's command to go offer a sacrifice of his son Isaac. We can only imagine the anguish of Abraham as he sets out to fulfill the command of God. Childless for so many years, he finally has a son promised by God and now he is to give this only son back to God in sacrifice. Ultimately, he is rewarded for his unwavering faith in God and is promised descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore. God keeps that promise to Abraham.

Peter, James and John encounter the sacred as they ascend Mt. Tabor and witness Jesus in all of his glory. His clothes become dazzling white and he appears with the two greatest prophets of the Old Testament: Moses and Elijah. Once more God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son just as He did at the moment of Jesus' baptism. God speaks: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." And this is the same son that God will offer in sacrifice for the atonement of our sins.

As we continue through these forty days of Lent, it may seem like a long journey that we make with Jesus. But following Jesus, we too can encounter the sacred. Like the disciples, we may become weary of the task. This Sunday is meant to encourage us with the two great stories of Abraham and the transfiguration of Jesus. We see in these stories the reward of perseverance in faith and the necessity of following Jesus in our lives. By his transfiguration, Jesus was preparing the disciples for a time when their faith, like Abrahams, would be tested. They witnessed a glimpse of what would be the final outcome if they remained steadfast in faith.

This is the same reassurance that we receive on this transfiguration Sunday. There will be many moments in our faith journey when it will seem to be easier to give up than to go on believing. The journey will seem too long or the challenges in life to be too difficult to bear. If we continue, however, to trust in God and God's promise of eternal life, we are assured that we will ultimately prevail. Abraham was rewarded for his faith. We too will receive our reward from God as we put our trust in Him.

In Christ,
Deacon Frank

This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, Feb. 25- 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP BY THE AFRICAN
COMMUNITY @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall
-Monday, Feb. 26- Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES
--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall
--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

-Tuesday, Feb. 27- Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES
--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-Bishop Odin
--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church
--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

-Wednesday, Feb. 28- Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel
--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall
--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center
--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A"
--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

-Thursday, March 1- Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center
--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin
--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"
--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel
--11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

-Friday, March 2- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
--5:00 p.m. Fish Fry-Community Center
--7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass-Church
--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Meeting Room
--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel
--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia
--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel
--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

-Saturday, March 3- Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
--8:00 a.m. Mass—Starts Day of Reflection
(All Liturgical Ministers)

-10:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters-Conference Room
-12:00 p.m. PASCOH-Alleluia Room

-4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church
--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center

--Sunday, March 4-THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

BLESSINGS FOR MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIV.
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP BY THE GROUP OF OUR
MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP @
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--2:15 p.m. Catholic Daughters-Parish Hall
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of the Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

MASS INTENTIONS

SEASON OF LENT/ CUARESMA 2018 EVERY FRIDAY/ TODOS LOS VIERNES



Stations of the Cross:

Immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass
6:30 pm (English)

MASS/ MISA: 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual-Bilingüe)

Estaciones de la Cruz

Después de la Misa de las 7 p.m. (Español)

Sunday, Feb. 25-2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8: 31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10

- 7:00 a.m. + Eufemio & Maria Cajita
- 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. Family of Ughanze (Thanksgiving)
- 1:00 p.m. Roselin A. Hernandez (15th Birthday)
- 5:00 p.m. + Thelma Richardson

Monday, Feb. 26- 2nd Week of Lent

Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

- 6:15 a.m. + For All Souls
- 7:00 p.m. + Mamerto Endriga Jr.

Tuesday, Feb. 27- 2nd Week of Lent

Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

- 6:15 a.m. Francisco Ramos (Birthday)
- 6:30 p.m. Gabriela Vazquez

Wednesday, Feb. 28- 2nd Week of Lent

Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

- 6:15 a.m. Alde Jaimes
- 7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, March 1- 2nd Week of Lent

Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

- 6:15 a.m. Debra Innocenti
- 7:00 p.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Miranda

Friday, March 2- 2nd Week of Lent

Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

- 6:15 a.m. Victoria Reyes
- 10:00 a.m. + Erlinda Aguilar
- 7:00 p.m. + Rosa Isela Almazan

Saturday, March 3- 2nd Week of Lent

Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

- 8:00 a.m. Maria A. Guevara Flores (Healing)
- 5:00 p.m. + Erlinda Aguilar

Sunday, March 4- 3RD WEEK OF LENT

Ex 20: 1-17, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25

- 7:00 a.m. + Leon & Josefa Cusi
- 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. + Delfin Jugueta
- 1:00 p.m. Erick & Jose L. Luviano Jr. (Special Int.)
- 5:00 p.m. + Pascuala C. Honculada

Lenten Guidelines/ Guías Cuaresmales

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

Los Viernes en Cuaresma son días obligatorias de abstinencia completa (de la carne) para todos los que han cumplido 14 años

Fasting is obligatory for people from 18-60 years. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

El ayuno es obligatorio para personas de 18-60 años. El ayuno le permite una persona comer una comida completa. Se pueden tomar dos comidas pequeñas, que no equivalen a una comida completa.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (en la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y para prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más fácilmente su Resurrección.

Shroud Encounter

An Unforgettable Big Screen Experience
Can Science and Faith Ever Meet?
A Lifesize Replication Display

Notre Dame Catholic Church
Saturday, April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Admission

More information on future bulletins....

Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:
Jacob Michael Alvarez
From Celerina & Juan Alvarez



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimborn, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar.....
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Calderas...

Central Europe

Marian Pilgrimage

Switzerland-France-Germany-Netherlands-Belgium

June 11 to 23, 2018

\$3,790.00 per person from Houston

SEATS ARE LIMITED

Spiritual Director:

Msgr. Rolando Diokno

Tour Coordinator:

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Houston, TX 77072

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- Round Trip Air Fare via British Airways from Houston
 - First Class Hotels *Double Occupancy *Breakfast and Dinner (where indicated in the itinerary)
 - First Class Motor Coach *Catholic Guides *Masses
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges (subject to change)

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Notre Dame Prepares for its 50th Year Anniversary

We Need Your Help!

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to admin@ndgh.org or accounting@ndgh.org or bring them to the parish office.

PARISH SUPPORT

**Financial Results for Church Operations
Six Months: July-December, 2017**

Receipts.....	\$473,006
Expenses.....	\$518,069
3 Month Deficit.....	\$ 45,063

PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500

Collection 02/18/2018

Regular Collection.....\$14,049.64

DSF (295 Families)

Pledged.....\$40,283

Payment.....\$16,839

Poor Box.....\$111.23

Capital Campaign.....\$8,944.38

Diocesan Social Ministry.....\$1,681.53

Black & Indian Mission.....\$1,494.00

EWTN will be airing programs hosted by Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. each Sunday of Lent from 4:30-5:00 p.m. CT. The series is named Lent- A Season of Grace

- 2/25/18 "Come to the Mountaintop"
- 3/4/18 "Persevere in Prayer"
- 3/11/18 "You are Loved"
- 3/18/18 "Explosive Growth"
- 3/25/18 "Holy Week"

Service Project with Young Adults

Come be the "hands and feet of Christ" with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The Day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast then head out to serve in teams all over the city. Online registration required www.archgh.org/yacm or call 713-741-8778. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects. \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast.

CCE Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina CCE

Monday/Lunes.....	4-8 pm
Tuesday/Martes.....	4-8 pm
Wednesday/Miércoles.....	9 am-2pm
Thursday/Jueves.....	9am-5pm
Friday & Saturday.....	Closed/Cerrado
Sunday/Domingo.....	9am-1pm

*Hours subject to change/Horario sujeto a cambio

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Del Diácono

La referencia que se tiene de las Sagradas Escrituras es que las montañas siempre están destinadas a transmitir un sentido sagrado. Moisés se encontró con el Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob en el monte Sinai. Elías también se encontró con este mismo Dios en el monte Horeb. Jesús a menudo dejaba sus discípulos e iba a la montaña a orar. Fue allí donde pudo acercarse al Padre.

Abraham sube al monte Moriah en obediencia al mandato de Dios de ofrecer en sacrificio a su hijo Isaac. Podemos imaginar la angustia de Abraham cuando se dispone a cumplir el mandato de Dios. Sin hijos durante tantos años, finalmente tiene un hijo prometido por Dios y ahora debe devolver a su único hijo a Dios en sacrificio. En última instancia, es recompensado por su fe inquebrantable en Dios y se le promete descendientes tan innumerables como las estrellas del cielo y las arenas del mar. Dios cumple esta promesa a Abraham.

Pedro, Santiago y Juan encuentran lo sagrado cuando ascienden al monte Tabor y se convierten en testigo de Jesús en toda su gloria. Con vestidura blanca aparece con dos grandes profetas del Antiguo Testamento: Moisés y Elías. Una vez más, Dios proclama que Jesús es su Hijo amado, tal como lo hizo en el momento del bautismo de Jesús. Dios dice: "Este es mi Hijo amado, escúchenlo". Y este es el mismo hijo que Dios ofrecerá en sacrificio por la expiación de nuestros pecados.

A medida que continuamos durante estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, el viaje puede parecer largo. Pero siguiendo a Jesús, nosotros también podemos encontrar lo sagrado. Como los discípulos, podemos cansarnos de la tarea. Este domingo está destinado a alentarnos con las dos grandes historias de Abraham y la transfiguración de Jesús. Vemos en estas historias la recompensa de la perseverancia en la fe y la necesidad de seguir a Jesús en nuestras vidas. Por su transfiguración, Jesús estaba preparando a los discípulos para un tiempo cuando su fe, como la de Abraham, sería probada. Fueron testigos de una pequeña muestra de cuál sería el resultado final si permanecían firmes en la fe.

Esta es la misma promesa que recibimos en este domingo de transfiguración. Habrá muchos momentos en nuestro camino de fe cuando parezca más fácil rendirse que seguir creyendo. El viaje parecerá demasiado largo o los desafíos en la vida serán demasiado difíciles de soportar. Sin embargo, si continuamos confiando en Dios y en la promesa de vida eterna de Dios, tenemos la seguridad de que finalmente prevaleceremos. Abraham fue recompensado por su fe. Nosotros también recibiremos nuestra recompensa de Dios al poner nuestra confianza en Él.

En Cristo,
Diácono Frank

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 25 de Feb.-2NDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

- 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español-Iglesia
- 2:30 p.m. Bautizos en Español-Iglesia
- 7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 26 de Febrero

- 9:00 a.m. AMSIF-Parish Hall-Varios Salones
- 7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

Martes, 27 de Febrero

- 7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles, 28 de Febrero

- 7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla
- 7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"
- 7:00 p.m. Coro de Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"
- 8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz- Salón Odín y Conferencias

Jueves, 1 de Marzo

- 7:00 p.m. Oración y Vida-Meeting Room
- 7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

Viernes, 2 de Marzo

- 6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes-Salón "E"
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B,C,E y G
- 7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-"Salones "D" y "F"
- 7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"
- 7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias
- 9:00 p.m. Vigilia-Grupo ELI-Capilla

Sábado, 3 de Marzo

- 9:00 a.m. Hijos e Hijas de María-Salón Aleluya
- 4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia
- 7:00 p.m. ELI-Salón "C"
- 7:00 p.m. Junta Mensual Comunidad Hispana-Salón Aleluya
- 7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Meeting Room

Domingo, 4 de Marzo-

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

- 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español-Iglesia
- 6:30 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

El Grupo Jesús de Nazaret les invita:

a la Hora Santa
el Sábado, 3 de Marzo
7pm a la 12 medianoche
en el Centro Welsch

Habrá alabanza, predicación y Hora Santa
Celebrado por el Padre Jorge Ríos

Notre Dame se prepara para su
50 Aniversario:

¡Necesitamos de su ayuda!

Tome muchas fotos de sus reuniones grupales,
actividades, celebraciones, etc. para la edición especial
del directorio ilustrado de la parroquia.

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accounting@ndgh.org o tráigalo a la oficina de la
parroquia.