



February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 12:30am

Classes 11:15am

Monday-Wednesday 12:00pm

First Communions

May 6, 2018

Confirmations

May 27, 2018

Confessions

Sundays 8:45-9:45 AM
Mon-Wed. by appointment

Adoration

March 3, 2018 from 5pm
to midnight.

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

Knight of Columbus

Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Next: March 13, 2018

TESTING TESTING TESTING

Often it can seem as if our faith is being tested. We can be asked, like Abraham, how much we are willing to sacrifice in obedience to God's call. Abraham appeared willing to sacrifice his most precious gift, his son, Isaac. Abraham went so far as to take the knife with which he



could have ended his son's life. But God did not ask that of him. God asked only that he be willing and that he continue to listen. In Mark, it is the disciples who are tested to understand the vision that they are given of Jesus, visibly transformed from an ordinary man like themselves to beloved Son of God. Peter, impulsive

Peter, speaks and plans an action. He is rebuked and told to listen. The test is not about action. The test is to listen.

LISTEN

Both Abraham and the disciples are called to listen. Abraham's action is stopped by a message from God. Isaac is spared because Abraham listened for the ongoing word of God in the midst of the most awful moment of his life. Peter's action is halted by the voice of God telling him to listen. The disciples listen but do not understand what Jesus tells them about his resurrection. But they do listen. How difficult is it for us to listen for the word of God amid the noise of daily life, the necessary and unnecessary chatter of work and home and all the places in between. How can we hear the word of God within the cacophony of our lives? We must listen. We listen by our intentional effort to create a place of peace and quiet within our lives that we maintain despite the noise that surrounds us. We build an ark to ride out the flood. We maintain a spring to survive in the desert. We hold dear our most sacred possession, the self that Jesus died to save, while still being willing to sacrifice it for God's call.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924. The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down. -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Stations of The Cross
Every Friday at 7:00 PM Bilingual.



“Holy Week”

March 7 at 6:00 PM we will be having supper followed by a presentation *All About Holy Week* directed by Deacon Ray Brown.



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden
Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



Teenagers Gathering

We will be hosting a teenagers gathering to speak openly about drugs and sex, which as we know is everywhere around our loved ones. It will be Saturday March 24 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Your \$10 donations will cover all day events.



Adult Faith Formation Classes

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at: **229-794-9140**.



February 20, 2018

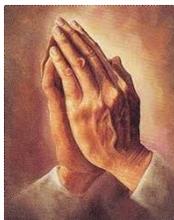
Blessed

Collections

Regular Collection	\$1421.00
Building Fund	\$2546.00
Food Sale	\$1400.00

Let us pray for the health of:

Abbigail Christiano, Tripp Lasseter,
Fr. Marvin LeFrois & Nathan,
Mary Southerland, Reyna Soto



For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls