

# Dear Padre,

**Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?**

**A** set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.



Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

## Calendar

<b>Monday</b> MARCH 1 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b> MARCH 2 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b> MARCH 3 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b> MARCH 4 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b> MARCH 5 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b> MARCH 6 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday</b> MARCH 7 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



## 2nd Sunday Of Lent

February 28 2021



*Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission*

*Reverend Peter Kmiecik, Pastor*

*Deacon John E. Jennings † Deacon Norbert Lloyd, Jr.*

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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

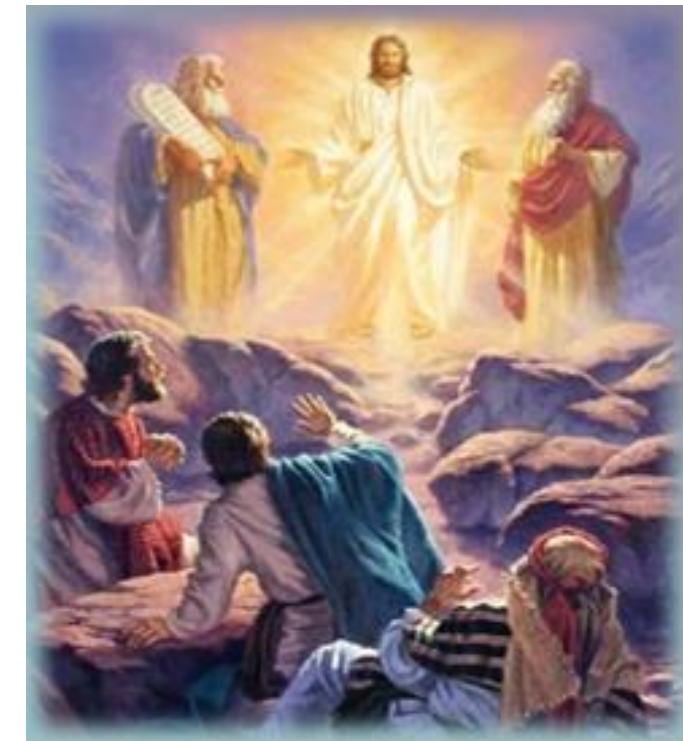
*Week of February 27 – March 5*

Sat	6:00 pm	Daniel Keck, II
Sun	11:00 am	†Grover Johnson
Sun	6:00 pm	Augustine Arcadia (Birthday)
Mon	8:00 am	NO MASS
Tue	8:00 am	†Catherine Hutterer
Wed	8:00 am	Sa'Maiya Buxton & Family
Thr	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	8:00 am	Special Intention

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of February 27 – March 5*

Sat	4:00 pm	†Ann Newman
Sun	9:15 am	Parishioners Living & Deceased
Tue	6:00 pm	†All Souls in Purgatory



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm**

**at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel**

**Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm**