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Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?— *Psalms 27:1*

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, “Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things” (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (3:20). He will “change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body” (3:21). Note that he says “body” rather than “bodies.” He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1).

IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Father Anthony is having classes
“Marriage and Life after Death” every
Wednesday at 4.00 pm

The Lenten Rice Bowls are on the table at the front of the church . Everyone is encouraged to take one .

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal .St. Regina is \$3260.00 which is 72.44 % towards our goal of \$4500.00 with 35.55 participation of 45 families.If you have not yet made a gift or pledge ,please fill out a commitment card located in the front .

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick’s Day

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tuesday: St. Joseph

Wednesday: Spring begins;
Purim (Jewish observance)
begins at sundown

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

PRE students will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 22nd.

The Stations are every Friday during Lent at 4:00pm

March 24th

LECTOR Jeff

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER

Ann/Florencia

USHERS Diane/Peach

SERVER Ty

March 31st the second collection will be for
Catholic Relief Services

OFFERTORY

3/10/2019

BUDGET \$1249.00

ACTUAL \$1350.00

+\$101.00

B&M

\$855.00

Ash Wednesday

\$134.00

