

LENT 2026

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

- Begin your weekly meeting in prayer.

Lord, help us to renew our baptismal vows with you so that we may come to better know and understand your endless love for us. Help guide us during this time of Lent so that we may remain in union with your will. Instill in us the importance of our identities as your beloved sons and daughters. We ask this through your guidance. Amen.

- Watch the video, **pausing at the five-minute mark** to discuss the following questions:
 - Think of the three elements of Christ's identity that the Father declares to each of us. He declares that you belong to him as his son or daughter; that you are beloved; and that he takes pleasure in you. Which of these truths do you most have trouble accepting? What wounds does that speak to that still need healing in you?
 - What has your experience been with prayer? Do you find yourself drawn to God's glory? Have you ever felt like you're "shining" with God's grace?
- After discussing these questions thoroughly, encourage participants to close their eyes as they resume the video. Once the video has finished, discuss the following questions as a group:
 - When picturing the scene, what did you notice? What were you drawn to?
 - When we hear the words, "You are my beloved," how does that feel? Do you find yourself struggling to believe those words?
 - How can we strive better to accept God's words?
- As we go into next week, let's allow ourselves to listen to Jesus and hear the Father's words: **"You are my beloved"** (see Matthew 17:5). Consider ways that you can have a fruitful prayer life during this season of Lent.

READINGS

- Genesis 12: 1-4a
- 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10
- Matthew 17: 1-9

OPTIONS TO VIEW FR. COLUMBA'S VIDEO



- Scan the above QR code to watch on a mobile device
- Use the TV in your small group room to watch the video on the Ascension APP
- Have your small group leader read the Day 12 reflection from their *Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations* book aloud



Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

In Lent, bring the family
Fridays from 5 – 7 PM
in the School Cafeteria

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent
in the Chapel
6:30 PM (English)
7:15 PM (Spanish)

LONG SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE FOR FARMWORKERS

March 7-8, 2026

Please bring your clean new/used long- or short-sleeved cotton shirts to Mass for the Farmworker Relief Drive. These shirts are needed by the workers who harvest the food we eat.

Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 9th
7 pm in the Church

Mercy Morning - March 21st

Join us for a community outreach event with our valued partners! Families of all ages can take part in hands-on service projects while learning how our partners make a difference.

Sign up at

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MercyMorning26# to reserve a spot for your family!

LITANY OF TRUST

WRITTEN BY THE SISTERS OF LIFE

From the belief that I have to earn Your love
From the fear that I am unlovable
From the false security that I have what it takes
From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute
From all suspicion of Your words and promises
From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You
From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will
From anxiety about the future
From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past
From restless self-seeking in the present moment
From disbelief in Your love and presence
From the fear of being asked to give more than I have
From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth
From the fear of what love demands
From discouragement

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That You are continually holding me sustaining me, loving me
That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me
That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You
That you are with me in my suffering
That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next
That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church
That Your plan is better than anything else
That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me
That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others
That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked
That my life is a gift
That You will teach me to trust You
That You are my Lord and my God
That I am Your beloved one

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