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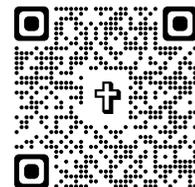
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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a | 2 Tim 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

Grow:

What struck me when I first read this passage from the Book of Genesis, in which the Lord speaks to Abraham, is God’s proclamation that it is through *his will* and *his work* that the blessings and goodness of Abraham’s future will come about. It is not a vague statement, in which the subject is omitted. God clearly says, “I will make your name great.” Abraham was a faithful servant of God and sought to obey God’s will, but that is not what made his name memorable. It is due to God’s will and generosity that Abraham’s blessings came about. I sometimes struggle with giving up credit for the good things in my life. I want to believe that *my work*, *my talents*, and *my dedication* have brought about these good things. But the reality is that all of who I am and the skills that I have is a gift. I was created by God and formed by others to hone certain dispositions and talents that have led to my accomplishments. When we come to realize that all we have is a gift, we are able to offer our lives back to be transfigured and glorified by God, who creates and gives all things.

Go:

Many scholars identify this moment of the Transfiguration as the climax of the narrative arc of the Gospels, after which Christ’s actions lead to his suffering and death. In his passion, Christ demonstrates the ultimate submission to the will of God, taking on the weight of human sin in order to redeem us. In this moment of Transfiguration on the mountain, we glimpse the beauty of the glorification that will result from this perfect obedience to God’s will. We, too, are called to surrender ourselves fully to God. Following Jesus’ model of humble submission to the Father’s will does not involve false humility, in which we are self-deprecating or overly critical of ourselves. Instead, we are called to acknowledge and celebrate our gifts and accomplishments, while also recognizing that who we are and the gifts that we have come from our generous and loving God.

Prayer List ♦ Lista de Oración

- ♦ Don Albertson
- ♦ Dorado Family
- ♦ Emilio Skrzypek
- ♦ Gloria Wilcox
- ♦ Isabel Skrzypek
- ♦ Iredell Family
- ♦ Jack Obrian
- ♦ Juan Partido
- ♦ Lisa Ramirez



- ♦ María del Rosario Espinoza
- ♦ Marlene Alderete
- ♦ Martin Medina
- ♦ Mateo Sánchez
- ♦ Muñoz Campos Family
- ♦ Raúl Orozco
- ♦ Robert Castillo
- ♦ Tom Wight

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa
SATURDAY/SÁBADO ♦ February 28 de Febrero, 2026
5PM: Brisy Dorado (†)

7PM: Griselda Lopez (C), Josué Salvador (IE), Juan Edgar Salvador (IE), Maria Cano (IE), Martin Placencia Jr. (IE), Ditzzy Saavedra Moreno (†), Jose Cruz (†), Jose Duran (†), Maria Aceves (†), Maria De Jesus Ruiz (†), Martin Placencia (†), Petra Armado Ortega (†), Santiago Moreno Ortiz (†), Saul Lomeli (†), David y Simón Alfaro (†)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO ♦ March 1 de Marzo, 2026
8AM: Manuel Osorio (B), Julio Tabighe (A†)

10AM: Filiberto Velazquez Aviña (†), Carmen y Joaquin Veloz (†)

12PM: Alfredo Gil Villegas (IE), Angela Villegas (IE), Eduardo Ortega Avila(IE), Florentino Basurto Cruz (IE), Serafina Ramirez Salvador (IE), Fam. Villegas Gil (IE), Ivan y Julian (IE), Catalina y Maria Natalia Silva Lopez (IE), Jose Cruz (†), Juan Raul Luis Jimenez (†), Maria Aceves (†), Saul Lomeli (†)

7PM: Angel Lezama Juarez (IE)

TUESDAY/MARTES ♦ March 3 de Marzo, 2026
8AM:
8:30 AM: - Stations of the Cross -

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES ♦ March 4 de Marzo , 2026
8AM:

THURSDAY/JUEVES ♦ March 5 de Marzo, 2026
5:30PM:

FRIDAY/VIERNES ♦ March 6 de Marzo, 2026
5:30PM: Tomasa Gracida Rubio (IE)

6PM: - Via Crusis -

A: Aniversario/Anniversary
B: Birthday
C: Cumpleaños
M: Matrimonio/Matrimony

IE: Intención Especial
SI: Special Intention
†: Difunto/Deceased

AMA 2026

Dear Parish Family,

Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the Liturgical Year, offering us an opportunity to reflect on our shared humanity as disciples of Christ & individuals of faith. An essential element of our collective experience is helping others through acts of charity (seasonally known as almsgiving)—not only financial contributions but also through demonstrating kindness in our daily interactions.

Almsgiving, alongside prayer and fasting, remains a central spiritual discipline during Lent. It encourages us to engage in sacrificial and voluntary acts of charity, supporting not only those in need but also the broader community, including our parish and diocese. It is with this spirit that we launch our Annual Ministries Appeal 2026.

Our parish has continuously shown generosity toward this campaign, and you may have already received a letter from the diocese inviting your participation. If you have responded to the Bishop’s request, please accept my sincere gratitude. For those who have not yet contributed, I invite you to consider donating and joining this diocesan & parish effort. The theme for this year’s AMA campaign is “Walking in His Light as Messengers of Hope”.

In 2025, thanks to your support, we achieved both our parish and diocesan goals, raising \$1.2 million as a Diocese. This year, our parish goal remains unchanged at \$17,100.00. Any funds raised beyond this goal will directly benefit our parish.

Throughout the year, we have diligently worked to improve our parish facilities. Recently, we addressed emergency repairs at Richard Hall, which incurred considerable expenses. Additionally, we plan to install a new lighting system at the main altar of our church, and your participation in the AMA campaign will be vital in covering these associated costs.

I am truly grateful for your active participation in our parish. Your presence means so much to me, & I am deeply honored to walk this journey of faith alongside you.

Wishing you all a fruitful Lent!

Fr. Rodrigo

Querida Familia Parroquial,

La Cuaresma es uno de mis tiempos favoritos del Año Litúrgico, ya que nos brinda la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre nuestra humanidad compartida como discípulos de Cristo y personas de fe. Un elemento esencial de nuestra experiencia colectiva es ayudar a los demás mediante actos de caridad (conocidos en este tiempo como limosna), no solo con contribuciones económicas, sino también demostrando bondad en nuestras interacciones diarias.

La limosna, junto con la oración y el ayuno, sigue siendo una disciplina espiritual fundamental durante la Cuaresma. Nos anima a participar en actos de caridad voluntarios y sacrificados, apoyando no solo a los necesitados, sino también a la comunidad en general, incluyendo nuestra parroquia y diócesis. Con este espíritu, lanzamos nuestra Campaña Anual de Ministerios 2026.

Nuestra parroquia ha mostrado una generosidad continua hacia esta campaña, y es posible que ya hayan recibido una carta de la diócesis invitándolos a participar. Si han respondido a la solicitud del obispo, les agradezco sinceramente. Si aún no han contribuido, los invito a considerar donar y unirse a esta iniciativa diocesana y parroquial. El tema de la campaña AMA de este año es “Caminando en Su Luz como Mensajeros de Esperanza”. En 2025, gracias a su apoyo, logramos nuestras metas parroquiales y diocesanas, recaudando \$1.2 millones como Diócesis. Este año, nuestra meta parroquial se mantiene sin cambios en \$17,100.00. Cualquier fondo recaudado que supere esta meta beneficiará directamente a nuestra parroquia.

A lo largo del año, hemos trabajado diligentemente para mejorar nuestras instalaciones parroquiales.

Recientemente, realizamos reparaciones de emergencia en el salón parroquial Richard, lo que generó gastos considerables. Además, planeamos instalar un nuevo sistema de iluminación en el altar mayor de nuestra iglesia, y su participación en la campaña AMA será vital para cubrir estos costos.

Les agradezco profundamente su participación en nuestra parroquia. Su presencia significa mucho para mí y me siento profundamente honrado de acompañarlos en este camino de fe.

Les deseo una Cuaresma fructífera.

Fr. Rodrigo

Weekly collection



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