

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS	MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI	PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>Saturday February 27 Mass 5:00 pm Int. Rose Ferris on her Birthday</p> <p>Sunday February 28 Mass 8:30 am Int. + Denny Hennessy & Mary Thurber</p> <p>Mass 10:30 am Int. Healing for Kurt Sours</p> <p>Monday March 1 Mass 9:30 am Int. Krystina DiFrancisco on her Birthday</p> <p>Tuesday March 2 No public Mass and Office is Closed</p> <p>Wednesday March 3 Mass 11:00 am Int. Healing for Karen Sousa</p> <p>Thursday March 4 Mass 9:30 am Int. Paul Erlebach on his Birthday</p> <p>Circle of Caring 10:30 am RCIA Class 6:00 pm</p> <p>Friday March 5 Mass 9:30 am Int. Healing for Doris Matthews</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm Confession following</p>	<p align="center">TRANSFIGURATION AND TRANSFORMATION</p> <p>Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed: For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of Heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.</p> <p>We need “mountain-top experiences” in our lives: We share the “mountain-top experience” of Peter, James and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Meanwhile, Fasting will help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with God and makes us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.</p> <p>We need transformation in our Christian lives so that we may seek reconciliation (instead of revenge), love our enemies, pray for those who hate us, give to the needy (without expecting a reward), refuse to judge others and make friends with those we don’t naturally like. This transformation will also enable us to hold back on harsh words and let love rule - so that we may seek reconciliation rather than revenge, pray for those who give us a hard time, avoid gossiping and bad-mouthing those we don’t agree with, forgive those who hurt us, and love those who hate us.</p> <p>May the Lord continue to transform, guide and help us: May He empower us all to walk faithfully in His presence always. May all of us have a blessed and most fruitful time and season of Lent - that we may draw ever closer to God and find the path to His salvation and be worthy of Him.</p>	<p>RCIA: The Rite of Scrutiny. The first Scrutiny will be next weekend at the Vigil Mass. The “Scrutinizes” are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. These Rites are intended to purify the elect, removing the “barriers” of sin and evil that could prevent the elect from experiencing the fulness of God’s transforming love.</p> <p>Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation: Every Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by the opportunity to go to confession.</p> <p>Pat Croman-Scott has a very special birthday coming up! On March 17th, Pat will be celebrating her 100th Birthday! Since we can’t celebrate with her in person, we invite all those who know her to send a Birthday Card or letter. You can send it to PO Box 570, Rockaway Beach OR 97136 or drop it off in the office and we will make sure she gets it.</p>	
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS			
<p>A Time for Healing and Sorrow: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for the repose of the souls of Denny Hennessy, Mary Thurber and Doreen Weber and all those who have died recently, and pray for those who have asked for our prayers.</p> <p>A Time for Joy and Celebration: We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to JoAnn Baker, Paul Erlebach, and Phyllis Scott.</p>			
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