

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

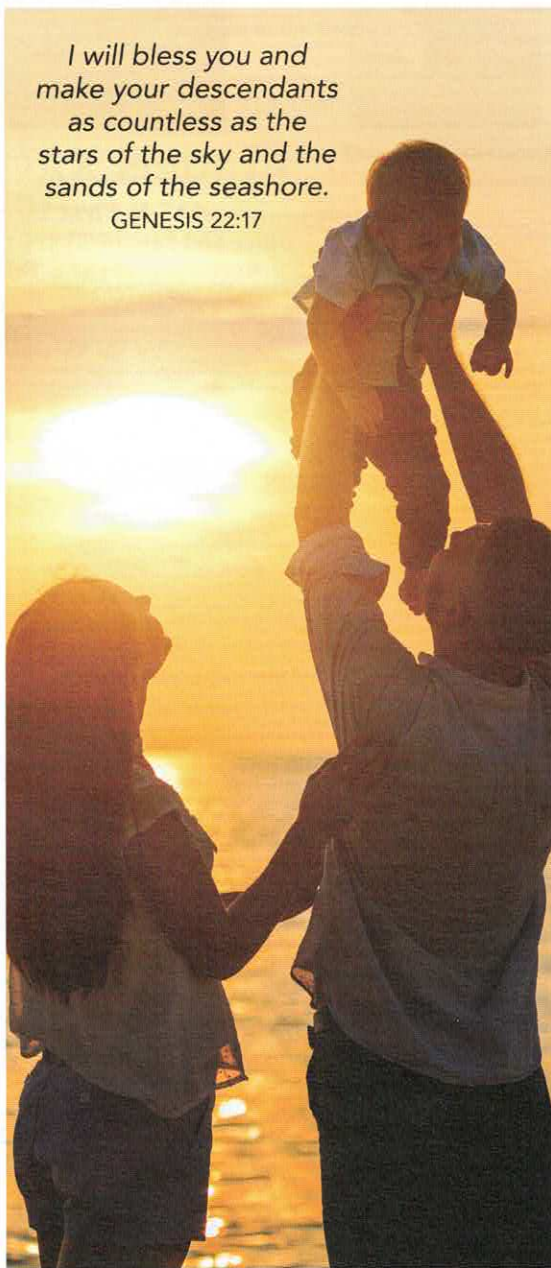
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FOR *Reflection*

- * *Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?*
- * *True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.*

*I will bless you and
make your descendants
as countless as the
stars of the sky and the
sands of the seashore.*

GENESIS 22:17



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(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

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(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

FEBRUARY 28TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Confession: Friday 4:45pm-5:45pm Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered February 2021  
 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| at, Feb. 27 | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+ Joan Lee<br>+Sam Britt                                                                            | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Margret Heringa                                                                         |
| un, Feb. 28 | SI Jordan Bateson<br><br>+Inez Romero<br>+Gladys Jesko<br>+Sam Britt<br>(OLOG) +Phyllis Loncar<br>(OLOG) +Frank Commiato Jr. | by Brian & Andrea<br>Lansford<br>by Dolores Montoya<br>by Donna Kimble<br>by RosaLee Britt<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| ri, Mar. 5  | SI Intentions of the Parishioners<br>And Missions of SFX<br>+Carolina Gonzales                                               | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                                                           |
| at, Mar. 6  | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+Joan Lee<br>+Sam Britt<br>+Joseph Trujillo                                                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Margret Heringa<br>by Cindy Trujillo                                                    |
| un, Mar. 7  | +Inez Romero<br>+Gladys Jesko<br>+Sam Britt<br>(OLOG) +Ellen Theresa Long<br>(OLOG) +Roselie Commiato Kelsey                 | by Dolores Montoya<br>by Donna Kimble<br>by RosaLee Britt<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                                  |

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|----------------|------------|-------------|
| February 20-21 | \$2,964.00 | \$ 295.00   |
| February 6-7   | \$2,646.00 | \$ 531.00   |
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| January 23-24  | \$2,582.00 | \$ 325.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

**Announcement**

Daily Mass Thursday at 5:30 & Adoration 6-7pm  
 Friday Daily Mass at 12:10pm  
 During Lent Friday Confession 4:45-5:45pm  
 During Lent Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 6pm  
 Confession is Saturdays at 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

**Announcements**

All Parishioners are encouraged to form prayer groups or Bible studies on their own, and welcome to use the church or CCD Building for such activities.

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Saturday, Mar 6- Sammie Wood
- Sunday, Mar 7- Andrea Naranjo
- Saturday, Mar 13- Pat Crisp
- Sunday, Mar 14- Craig Reeves

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# 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

### Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

### Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,  
17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

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