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Second Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Dr. William Stidger once told of a lovely little 90-year-old lady named Mrs. Sampson. Mrs. Sampson was frail, feeble, even sickly. But Dr. Stidger said that when he was discouraged, he always went to visit Mrs. Sampson. She had a radiant spirit that was contagious. One day he asked this 90-year-old woman, “*What is the secret of your power? What keeps you happy, contented and cheerful through your sickness?*” She answered with a line from a poem, “*I had an hour of Glory on a windswept hill.*” Bill Stidger said, recounting this experience, “*I knew she had been in touch with God and that was the whole reason for her cheerfulness.*” -- Listen again to her words: “an hour of Glory on a windswept hill.” It sounds very much like the experience Peter, James and John had on the Mount of Transfiguration.

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God’s command, and **he does so**. The second reading, taken from St. Paul’s second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing, and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain, and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel. In the Transfiguration story in today’s Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus’ Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son’s suffering, death, and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus’ Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and their dreams of him as a conquering political Messiah, and that they might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified out of the Cloud by the Heavenly Voice (God the Father), as “*My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased!*” On Jesus, the Holy Spirit would also descend as a dove, confirming for John (Jesus’ Precursor and Baptizer), the identity of his cousin Jesus of Nazareth, as the Promised Messiah, as John publicly proclaimed. Thus, the Transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus’ Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God’s will by putting their trusting Faith in Him, as the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33), for today, encourages us to do.

Life messages: (1) Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting evil when the evil one incites us to disobey the will of God and to choose to serve ourselves as gods turning our backs on God, rejecting His Love, Grace and salvation -- and then yielding ourselves more completely to the evil one’s ways and lies. The Holy Mass, then is the best defense against the barrages of temptations for it provides us with an inexhaustible source a source of grace for renewing our lives during Lent and of strengthened protection against temptations at repeated attacks of the evil one. In addition, it should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. (2) Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings the sinner back to the path of holiness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, received in Faith, gains for the recipient complete spiritual healing, forgiveness for all our sins, and whatever kind of Physical healing God knows will be best for us at that time. (3) A message of hope and encouragement: In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: “*This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.*” Our Lenten penance will lead us to Easter joy.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Children's Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Feb 28	5:00 p.m.	Chase Barnes+
Sun	Mar 01	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Mar 01	12:30 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Tue	Mar 03	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Thu	Mar 05	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Fri	Mar 06	12:30 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Sat	Mar 07	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+

Parish Giving

February 22, 2026

1st Collection	\$ 2,753.00
2nd Collection	\$ 361.00
Children's Collection	\$ 89.28

2nd Collection	Mar 01	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Mar 08	Scholarship Fund
3rd Collection	Mar 08	Lawn Care/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 70
10:00 a.m. 138 and 12:30 p.m. 109

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Let us think only of spending the present day well. Then when tomorrow shall have come, it will be called today, and then we will think about it.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

March 6 - First Friday Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 6, is First Friday. Holy Hour will follow the 12:30 p.m. Mass from 1-2 p.m. Stations of the Cross will immediately follow adoration at 2 p.m. Evening Holy Hour is from 6 - 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish will follow at 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Crawfish Etouffee Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for Crawfish Etouffee dinners after each Mass during the next (2) weekends. The Crawfish Etouffee dinners will be served on Friday, March 13th from 5-7 pm in the Parish Hall. Adult dinner tickets will be \$10 and child (12 and under) tickets will be \$5. Each meal includes crawfish etouffee over rice, side dish of corn, drink and dessert. All proceeds will be used for supporting events and activities at Prince of Peace and other charitable causes.

Prince of Peace Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4

In about 5 weeks, our parish will have its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Now is the time to bring bags of Easter candy and plastic eggs for stuffing, preferably the large eggs. Candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit inside the eggs. Please, do not bring hard candies, as they present a choking hazard to small children. Drop them off at the church, in the helper's food basket, or at the church office. Thank you.

2026 Bishop's Appeal for Ministries

If you have not yet turned in your pledge in support of the 2026 Bishop's Appeal for Ministries, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution. Appeal envelopes are in the pews. You may place your pledge envelope in the basket in the church, mail it directly to the diocese, or complete your pledge online at the Diocese of Tyler's website. Our parish goals are 100% participation and \$42,000. Thank you.

Diocese of Tyler Catechist Lenten Retreat

There will be a catechist Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chancery's St. Paul's Meeting Room, 1015 E. Southeast Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75701. The cost is \$25.00 which covers breakfast and lunch. Register online at the Diocese of Tyler's website. If you have any questions regarding this retreat, please contact the Faith Formation office at 903-534-1077 ext. 158 or email Rita Martinez at rmartinez@dioceseoftyler.org.

Building extension input

Thanks to all those who participated in the parish building extension input and expressing their sincere suggestions. Based on the input and considering the needs of the parish, we will work toward what is best for the smooth functioning of our church community.



Catholic Family Adventure Club will host the 3rd Annual Young Entrepreneur Fair on March 7, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, at the Cathedral Center. Come support Catholic homeschool students as they showcase and sell their goods. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner Answers of February 15

Kids: a. North side
b. An unblemished ram from the flock

Answered by David Gutierrez, Vicky Gutierrez, Elijah Rivera, Ismael, Emily and Isabella Briones, Zaya Monnen, Alonso and Matias Gutierrez.

Adults: a. Sin offering
b. For private person's sins

Answered by Andrea Gustafson, Linda Rossler, Mimi Plumb, Leo Rossler, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Nazaria Coralde, Bacilia Velazquez, Steven Rocha, Eriselda and Alonso Gutierrez.

Congratulations to Neri Gutierrez and Mimi Plumb for answering the 5 consecutive weeks!!!

Questions for March 1, 2026 (Leviticus 10-15)

Kids: a. Fill in the blank: A poor leper was allowed to take a _____ for a guilt offering (a cow, male lamb, she-goat, pig).
b. Answer yes or no: Among the creatures that swarm on the ground, a mouse is considered unclean.

Adults: a. On which day after the birth of a boy shall he be circumcised?
b. When a person was suspected of leprosy, how many days one was asked to quarantine at a time?

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