



THIS WEEKEND

Saturday February 24th
4 pm ** Irene Karek

Sunday February 25th
9 am + Mary Lamanna
11 am ** Thanksgiving



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13,
 15-18

Psalms 116: I will walk before the Lord,
 in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31b-35, 37
 Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10



God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love ~ Isaac ~ and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham, and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good.

Lenten challenge: This week, ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command.

**ARCHDIOCESE
 TIPS FOR LENT**

Every year Catholics try to answer the age old question: What should I do for Lent? Well, who better to pick for as your Lenten spiritual director than our Holy Father Pope Francis? He has some wonderful ideas for us! Here are a few of his best tips:

- 1. Pray: Make our hearts like yours!**
 "During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Make our hearts like yours' (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization if indifference". – Lenten Message, 2015
- 2. Take part in the sacraments**
 "Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: The Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015
- 3. Prayer**
 Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the

brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." ~ Homily, March 5, 2014

**PARISH COMMUNITY
 SACRAMENTS**

First Holy Communion: The first class will be this morning after Mass. Please meet downstairs in the hall.

Confirmation: The next class will be Wednesday March 6th @ 4:30 pm in the hall.

Please keep all our Candidates, Families and the Preparation Teams in our prayers as they are preparing to receive the Sacraments.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

When: Friday March 1st, 2024

Where: Beacan Presbyterian Church
 Beaverton @ **11 am** ~ lunch to follow.

ALSO Knox Presbyterian Church
 Gamebridge @ **7:30 pm** ~ light Refreshments provided.

Please see poster on bulletin board.



LENTEN CALENDAR

Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings after the 6:00 pm Mass.

Note: Friday morning Mass is suspended during Lent ~ Mass is in the evening at 6:00 pm.

ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT COURSE

The fourth class will be on **Thursday February 29th @ 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

Feb. ~ March	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 27 th	6:00 pm	** Good health of Natty
Wed. 28 th	6:00 pm	** Special Intention of Holy Family Catholic School
Thurs. 29 th	9:15 am	+ Family of VanVliet
Friday 1 st	6:00 pm	** Good health of Maier Family
Saturday 2 nd	4:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 3 rd	9:00 am	+ Teresa Piotrowski & + Dorota Ogonowska
	11:00 am	+ Noelia Braga

**PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THOSE
 IN NEED OF HEALING**

Jean Adams, Colleen Andrews, Irene Cantwell, Colette Bryson, Barry Giblin, Donna Giblin, Sandra Hopkins, Irene Karek, John Kearsley, Richard Kloepfer, Brock MacDonald, Ralph Slaney, Rosemary Thompros, Kathryn Werden, Marie Vandenberg & all the sick of the parish.

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Food Bank \$ 100.00
 Sunday Envelopes 1,182.40
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