FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.



St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 1

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Rose Bonasheski †

Tuesday, March 2

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Helen Albanese † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Elizabeth Carroll †

Thursday, March 4 No Mass

Friday, March 5

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Margaret Doodeman † 9:00 a.m. - Livestream - Holy Hour/Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, March 6 4:00 p.m. - Mass 5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube Jack Barkwill † | Marion Farrell †

Sunday, March 7

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 10:00 a.m. - Mass 11:00 a.m. - Aristide Tacinelli † Walter Bonasheski †

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"If God is with us, who can be against us?"

Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

Interested in joining our RCIA session at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 2, 2021 for "Mary & The Rosary"?

Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

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