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**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 (Eng)**

5:00pm HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN  
NATALIE FUREY-SCHILLARI.  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR CHRISTIAN  
CUERVO.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024 (Eng)**

8:00am VERONICA ERICKSON.  
11:00am CLEMENCIA BARTOLOME.  
12:30pm MARIA ROSA PEPIN Y MIGUEL  
GENARO PEPIN.  
ALBERTO ESTEVEZ.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2024 (Eng)**

12:00pm SUSAN REILLY.

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2024 (Eng)**

12:00pm SAMUEL CERVANTES.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2024 (Eng)**

12:00pm ELIZABETH ANN CAPORELLIE.  
EDWIN ORTIZ.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2024 (Eng)**

12:00pm VERONICA UY FOR SUCCESSFUL  
SURGERY.

7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_ (Spa)

**FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2024 (Eng)**

12:00pm SOL ELEPANO.  
SHAFIK BOUTROS.  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE PRAYER  
GROUP MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS  
IN MARCH.

**SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 (Eng)**

5:00pm PAULINO AND TRINIDAD BINIAGA.

**SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024 (Eng)**

8:00am CATHERINE AND ALOYSIUS TATTAM.  
11:00am WALLYS ALICEA TORRES  
PAULA RODRIGUEZ.  
12:30pm RAFAEL MELENDEZ.  
JULIO DE LA CRUZ NUNEZ. (Spa)

Readings for the Week – February 25, 2024

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Lecturas de la Semana – 25 Febrero, 2024

**Lunes** Dn 9:4b-10 Sal 78, 8.9. 11 y 13 Lc 6:36-38

**Martes** Is 1:10, 16-20 Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Miércoles** Jer 18:18-20 Sal 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

**Jueves** Jer 17:5-10 Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 Lc 16:19-31

**Viernes** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sábado** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12 Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

**Domingo** Ex 20:1-17 o Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9. 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

**THE ALTAR CANDLES  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024 ARE  
DONATED IN MEMORY  
OF:**

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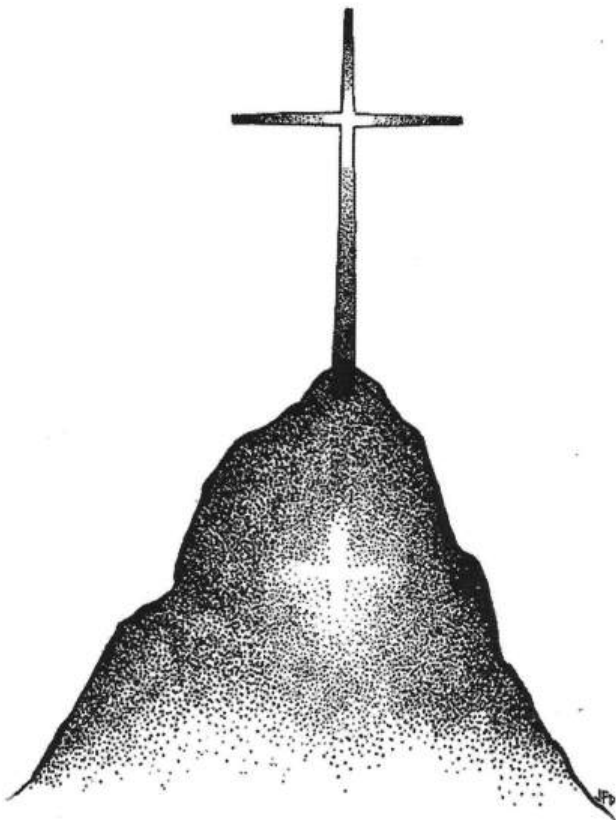
## Who Exactly Is He?

### *This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 - The testing of Abraham
- ▶ Romans 8:31b-34 - God's love for humanity
- ▶ Mark 9:2-10 - Jesus transfigured

It's difficult to imagine this gospel scene when Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain and was transfigured in front of them. There's nothing in our experience of seeing someone glow in dazzling white clothes brighter than any white we can imagine. Nor have we had visions of two people who lived long ago appearing in front of us like Moses and Elijah did with Jesus. Probably we would be terrified as the three apostles were—and maybe even wonder if we were losing our minds.

It gets even stranger when the three apostles hear a voice from a cloud telling them to listen to “my beloved Son.” At that point, they find themselves left alone with the same Jesus they have always known.



Obviously, the experience is something the apostles couldn't have understood with their minds, at least not before his resurrection from the dead. Before this scene, the apostles—as well as pretty much everyone else Jesus was meeting—were trying to figure out just who he was. He appeared human to them in every other way except for the incredible miracles he was performing. How could a human do those things? The Transfiguration probably left the impression that although Jesus was more than just an incredible human being, the apostles still didn't fully understand who he was.

## Questions of the Week

When you think of Jesus, do you think of him more as a human or as divine? How so?

If you were one of the apostles at the Transfiguration, what do you think you would have been thinking or feeling? How would it change how you thought of Jesus?

## February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Fathers and Sons. A unique dynamic. Psychologists have a field day explaining it. But even we non psychologists know that it is in contrast with the bond between fathers and daughters. It seems to me to be a straight bold line, as opposed to one softened with curls for the girls. At any rate, we somehow know this without ever being taught. We see it played out in the lives of our so-called “nuclear” or immediate families. It is in play in today’s Scripture Readings for the Mass of the Second Sunday in Lent.

Today the Church presents us with one of the most endearing stories of the Old Testament, manifesting the love between father and son, Abraham, and Isaac. Oh, how Abraham the father must have been conflicted at first, but he knew that what God asked of him must be done. Obedience in the raw. But that very obedience so pleased God that a higher form of Divine Father and son took over. Abraham’s reward would be numerous generations of sons and daughters in a chosen nation.

Fast forward through the ensuing centuries and we are allowed to share through Mark’s writing under the Holy Spirit’s guidance the spectacular transfiguration of Jesus of Nazareth to Son of the Most High, as the Archangel had described Him to His Mother Mary some thirty years prior.

Like Abraham on his mountain top, so Jesus on His, love between Father and Son is apparent. But this time there are five witnesses to it. Moses and Elijah, representing respectively the Old Testament Law and Prophecy now bear witness to someone who fulfills both. Peter, James and John, that favored trio of Jesus, look on baffled to see their Master in a new light, literally and figuratively. It will be in the category of something yet to come, also brought about by an incomparable obedience. The nails will be pounded in; the sword will pierce through, and no angel will stop the soldiers of Rome.

All of this puts our obligatory obedience to God in perspective. It provides not only motivation before it but a wonderful reward after it. This is why we choose our Lenten penances: we have not always obeyed God or done so grudgingly. Time for our conversion, don’t you think?

One day a little boy was riding his tricycle around the block, over and over again. Finally, a policeman stopped and asked him why he was going around and around. The boy answered that he was running away from home. Then the policeman asked why he kept going around the block. Then the boy responded, “Because my dad said that I’m not allowed to cross the street.” The point, I trust, is clear obedience will keep you close to those you love.

God love you and have a good Lent.

### **Reading I: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

Abraham passes God’s test of him, and we witness a powerful sign of the obedience we should give God. Reading to kill Isaac as ordered, his obedience is rewarded; the sword withdrawn, and a glorious reward is promised.

### **Reading II: Romans 8: 31b-34**

This section is a hymn to the love of God for us is made plain to see in the Father’s willingness to hand over His Son to death for our redemption, now that same Son intercedes for us with the Father.

### **The Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10**

In the first part of this story Jesus is established as the beloved Son for all the world to know. In the second part, Jesus’ obedient sonship is placed in the context of Jewish hopes about the kingdom and resurrection.

## COLLECTION

FOR FEBRUARY 17-18, 2024

Regular Collection: **\$2,367.00**

### 2nd Collection

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Debt Reduction           | \$5.00  |
| Maintenance and Repairs: | \$35.00 |
| Fuel and Electricity     | \$55.00 |
| Snow Removal             | \$6.00  |

### Special Collection:

Candles: \$323.00

We have set **\$6,000.00** as the goal for us in the regular collection to reach each week, excluding a 2nd collection and special collections.

## MASS BOOK 2024 IS OPEN FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

The Sunday Mass Intention is \$20. The donation for weekday Masses stays at \$10.00 per Mass. In general, we are going to accept three Intentions for each Mass because the pandemic is still around.



### EUCCHARIST :

SAT 5:00 PM Sunday Anticipated

SUN 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
12:30 PM SPANISH

MON/TUES/WED/THU/FRIDAY  
12:00 NOON

### MISA:

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TODOS LOS DOMINGOS 2:30 PM

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7:30 PM CADA JUEVES

COMMON BAPTISM IN ENGLISH  
2:00 PM 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

PRIVATE BAPTISM—ANY DAY

### CONFESSION

THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN/ADULTS  
9:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY

### MARRIAGE

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BAUTISMO COMUN EN ESPAÑOL  
2:00 PM 2DO DOMINGO DEL MES.

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### RECONCILIACION

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