



Sacred Heart Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent – 25th February 2024

Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

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Fr John Pham

Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday

9.00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

Accountant:

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

Weekday Mass Times:

English:

7.00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

6.30pm Wed

9.00am Sat

Vietnamese:

6.30pm Tues & Thurs

7.00am Wed

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am;

10.00am; 6.00pm

Polish: Sun 11.30am

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

7.30pm: (Chaplain)

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30 pm

4.00pm (Chaplain)

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

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Primary School

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Baptism/Wedding

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“Go Up the Mountain”

In the course of life, there are moments that we wish to last forever, but they come and go like a breeze. Those moments can be of joy, happiness, and consolation. The gospel this week illuminates the experiences of Peter, James, and John, who were deeply engaged in these happy and consoled moments when they witnessed Jesus' transfiguration. Upon witnessing this amazing event, Peter said *“it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents...”* (Mk 9, 5). As the scripture stated, he said that because “he did not know what to say”. But perhaps, he suggested this option because he wanted to stay in that happy moment for a little bit longer.

Similar to Peter, we also experience numerous moments of happiness and joy that we do not want to let go. However, we cannot keep wandering or pondering on those moments forever. We need to move on because we also have our own life to live, our own works to do, and our own family to look after. Peter and other disciples went up the mountain, which required a lot of effort, without knowing what would happen. The Transfiguration happened unexpectedly (only for the disciples) just as a bonus for their effort. They then had to accept the fact that they could not remain there forever but had to go down the mountain.

Just as the disciples had to go through different stages: *going up the mountain, experiencing the Transfiguration, going down the mountain*, we also need to go through the same process in our life. Only through failures and difficulties, we can appreciate happy moments when they come to us; and only through failures and difficulties, we can learn more about ourselves and be strengthened after every time we failed.

In this second week of Lent, let us therefore ask God to strengthen our faith and trust so that we can have enough faith and courage to *“go up the mountain”* through prayer, reflection and attending Mass. We also ask God to help us to learn to move on. We need to learn to use our sweet and happy memories, especially good times with God wisely, so they can become our source of encouragement and support in life.

Fr John Pham

Pope Francis Intention for February

For the terminally ill



We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2024

Please keep our children, their parents & catechists in your prayers for this weekend and the weeks ahead. Our children are undertaking the 4 week lessons in preparation for their Celebration of First **Reconciliation Monday 18th March 2024**.

Lenten Observances

Conversion in relation to God-Prayer

Conversion in relation to oneself-Fasting

Conversion in relation to others-

Almsgiving

Lent & RCIA Journey

The Rite of Election taking place at St Mary's Cathedral last week marked the beginning of the period of purification and enlightenment for all catechumens and candidates of the Easter sacraments (18 of them from our Sacred Heart Parish).

This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. The celebration of certain rites, particularly the scrutinies (on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of Lent) and the presentations (of the Creed and Lord's Prayer), brings about this process of purification and enlightenment and extends it over the course of the entire Lenten season. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, nos 125-126)

Lenten Prayer Group (MacKillop Room)

Please join the Lenten Prayer Group:

After 6.30 pm Mass on Wednesday with Fr John
On Thursday at 10.00am with Mary Puskas
There are also two similar groups held in Vietnamese on Tuesdays after 6.30pm Mass and Wednesday after 7.00am Mass.

Station of the Cross during Lent

Please join us every Friday evening from 6.30pm (except 1st Friday of each month). Likewise, the session in Vietnamese will follow from 7.30pm.

Mary Pankiw- Sabbatical Leave (March-April)

We wish you have a wonderful leave with your loved ones. While Mary is away John Cordin will look after the parish account. If you have any query please contact the office for assistance.

Bring home children bulletin

There are two versions of children bulletin: one for 5-7 years old & 7-10 years old at the church doors. Please help your children learn and understand the Gospel of each week and your faith in God.

Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February



Please donate to Project Compassion.. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting

caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Church Pews Restoration Project

More than half of newly restored pews have been returned to the church—Please help each other especially our young ones to take a very good care of these pews, avoiding all scratches and damage to them.

Through your generosity we have raised

\$54,201.20 towards the total cost of over \$150,000. The Appeal is still going for those who are able to help. Contact the Parish Office for on-line transactions or a tax deduction. Thank you & God bless.

Make a Difference in your Community - Seeking Vinnies Members!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for people in this Parish and local community who are interested in joining the Society as Conference Members. Vinnies has opportunities for young and mature people (over 16 years) to get involved in providing a hand up to those in need, and opportunities for adults who want to become a member.

All around the State, Members of the Society are responding to the needs of their local communities in groups known as 'Conferences'. Conferences grow organically from within our communities, from parishes, schools, universities and workplaces. As a member, you have the opportunity to make a difference by providing a hand up to people in need, identifying longer-term needs in the community and raising our voices for social justice. To find out more about becoming a Member of the Society, please call Peter Brown on 0412 131 355, or email peter.brown@vinnies.org.au



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Anna, Francis Nguyen Van Thong, Maria Nguyen Thi Minh, Giuse,

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick MacAuliffe, Ronald Robison, Ivan Puskas, Maria (10), Joseph (6), Paul, Peter (5), Teresa (1), Anna (2), Francis, Dominic (1), Vincent (2), Lucia, Anthony, Jerome, Peter Paul Nguyen Minh Tuan, Maria Nguyen Thi Hue (2), Simon Tran Thanh Son, Vicent Duong Van Nhue, Le Thi Chi, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (6), for all souls (8), Phaolo, Phanxico-Xavie Ho Hue, Giuse, Maria Madalena, Phanxico Borgia, Cecilia, Gioan Baotixita Bui Van An, Simon Huynh Ngoc Cam, Augustino, Gioan Baotixita, Phaolo Cao Van Tri, Maria Le Thi Oai, Lucia Cao Thi Anh Tuyet, Phero Peter Ta Ngoc Tien

Other Intentions: For the sick (2), for the conversion of hearts, thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (7), peace and wellbeing for family (5), for good and peaceful new year, for stable works (4), personal intention,

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

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

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Chúa Nhật Tuần II Mùa Chay Năm B

Bài đọc 1: St 22, 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18

Trích sách Sáng Thế.

Trong những ngày ấy, Chúa thử Abraham và nói với ông rằng: "Abraham, Abraham!" Ông đáp lại: "Dạ, con đây". Chúa nói: "Ngươi hãy đem Isaac, đứa con một yêu dấu của ngươi, và đi đến đất Moria, ở đó ngươi sẽ dâng nó làm của lễ toàn thiêu trên núi Ta sẽ chỉ cho ngươi".

Khi hai người đến nơi Chúa đã chỉ, Abraham làm một bàn thờ và chất củi lên, rồi trời Isaac lại, đặt lên bàn thờ trên đồng củi. Abraham gơ tay lấy dao để sát tế con mình. Bấy giờ thiên thần Chúa từ trời gọi ông rằng: "Abraham, Abraham!" Ông thưa lại: "Dạ, con đây". Người nói: "Đừng giết con trẻ và đừng động đến nó, vì giờ đây ta biết ngươi kính sợ Chúa, đến nỗi không từ chối dâng đứa con duy nhất cho Ta".

Abraham ngược mắt lên, thấy sau lưng mình có con cừu đực đang mắc sừng trong bụi cây, Abraham liền bắt nó và tế lễ thay cho con mình. Thiên thần Chúa gọi Abraham lần thứ hai và nói rằng: "Chúa phán: Ta thề rằng: vì ngươi đã làm điều đó, ngươi không từ chối dâng đứa con duy nhất của ngươi cho Ta, nên Ta chúc phúc cho ngươi, Ta cho ngươi sinh sản con cái đông đúc như sao trên trời, như cát bãi biển; miêu duệ ngươi sẽ chiếm cửa thành của quân địch, và mọi dân tộc trên mặt đất sẽ được chúc phúc nơi miêu duệ ngươi, vì ngươi đã vâng lời Ta".

Đáp ca: Tv 115, 10 và 15. 16-17. 18-19

Đáp: Tôi sẽ tiến đi trước thiên nhan Chúa trong miền đất của nhân sinh (Tv 114, 9)

Bài đọc 2: Rm 8, 31b-34

Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phêrô Tông đồ.

Anh em thân mến, nếu Thiên Chúa ủng hộ chúng ta, thì ai có thể chống lại chúng ta? Người không dung tha chính Con mình, nhưng lại phó thác Con vì tất cả chúng ta, há Người lại chẳng ban cho chúng ta mọi sự cùng với Con của Người sao? Ai sẽ tố cáo những kẻ Chúa chọn? (Chẳng lẽ là) chính Chúa, Đấng làm cho nên công chính? Ai sẽ kết án? (Chẳng lẽ là) Đức Giêsu Kitô, Đấng đã chết và hơn nữa đã sống lại, đang ngự bên hữu Thiên Chúa, cũng đang biện hộ cho chúng ta.

ALLELUIA: Mt 17, 5

Từ trong đám mây sáng chói, có tiếng Chúa Cha phán rằng: "Đây là Con Ta yêu dấu, các ngươi hãy nghe lời Người".

BÀI PHÚC ÂM: Mc 9, 1-9

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Marcô.

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu đưa Phêrô, Giacôbê, và Gioan đi riêng với Người lên núi cao, và Người biến hình trước mặt các ông, và áo Người trở nên chói lọi, trắng tinh như tuyết, không thợ giặt nào trên trần gian có thể giặt trắng đến thế. Rồi Êlia và Môsê hiện ra và đàm đạo với Chúa Giêsu. Bấy giờ Phêrô lên tiếng thưa Chúa Giêsu rằng: "Lạy Thầy, chúng con được ở đây thì tốt lắm. Chúng con xin làm ba lều, một cho Thầy, một cho Môsê, và một cho Êlia". Phêrô không rõ mình nói gì, vì các ông đều hoảng sợ. Lúc đó có một đám mây bao phủ các Ngài, và từ đám mây có tiếng phán rằng: "Đây là Con Ta rất yêu dấu, các ngươi hãy nghe lời Người". Bỗng nhìn chung quanh, các ông không còn thấy ai khác, chỉ còn một mình Chúa Giêsu với các ông. Và trong lúc từ trên núi đi xuống, Chúa Giêsu ra lệnh cho các ông đừng thuật lại cho ai những điều vừa xem thấy, trước khi Con Người từ cõi chết sống lại. Các ông tuân lời căn dặn đó, nhưng vẫn tự hỏi nhau: "Từ trong cõi chết sống lại nghĩa là gì?"