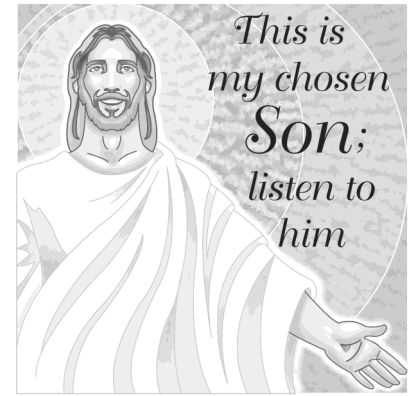


# Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear."*

— Psalm 27:1



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## DIOCESAN RITE OF ELECTION THIS SUNDAY

We welcome Catechumens from throughout the Diocese of Biloxi to the Cathedral this weekend. They are here for the Diocesan Rite of Election at a special 2:00 p.m. paraliturgical service. Please pray for these Catechumens as they begin the final steps in their R.C.I.A. process toward initiation and full-communication at the Easter Vigil Services in their home parishes. **WELCOME.**



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## ALL ABOUT CHANGE

On this Second Sunday of Lent the scriptures remind us that when we have an encounter with our God, things are bound to change. In the first reading God tells Abram to raise his eyes to the sky, promising descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram's act of faith in the Lord is sealed in covenant, forever changing the course of salvation history. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, always proclaimed on this Lenten Sunday, the Lord Jesus changes in appearance before the eyes of the apostles who, like Abram, raise their eyes to the spectacle in the sky. It is Saint Paul who brings it all together for us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). Lent is all about change, all about conversion. Let us cast our own eyes to heaven, awaiting that day when we will be changed—when we will share in Christ's glory.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Make a special effort to attend Mass.** Take an active part in the Mass. Celebrate and sing, even if you think you can't—use your voice in praise of the Lord. Monday-Friday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12-Noon during the Lenten Season.

**Morning Prayer of the Church** is recited Monday-Friday, at 7:45 a.m., in the Marian Chapel. Please come and pray this beautiful prayer-form as a faith community.

**Stations of the Cross** are held each Friday evening of the Lenten Season at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral. Why not bring the entire family? Confessions will be heard during the Stations. A Communion Service will be held following the Stations each Friday.

**Abstinence:** Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.

**Fasting:** Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast—that is eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## YOUR INVITATION TO GROW IN CHRIST

During Lent Nativity parish will once again offer the opportunity to grow in daily spirituality through the "**To Live in Christ**" Spiritual formation program.

Small groups will follow the Paulist Press materials with the theme of "**Discipleship**" . . . embracing the Gospel message of love and being a disciple of the word.

Facilitators for the groups which met during Lent 2009 will continue this season. We hope additional groups will be formed and facilitators will volunteer. Groups will meet at the times most convenient for them in their homes or in the Sacred Heart Center.

It's not too late. Call the parish office and we will have someone contact you to get you involved in a group.



# Scheduled Mass Intentions this Week

		<u>6:30 a.m.</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>12-Noon</u>
Mon	Mar 1	Special Intention	Hypolite Fountain Family	Miriam Spragio
Tue	Mar 2	Kenneth Dellenger	Paul I. Newman	Special Intention
Wed	Mar 3	Special Intention	Jack Pisarich	Dec'd -DeRoever Family
Thu	Mar 4	Ruth Barratini	Donald J. Godlewski	Special Intention
Fri	Mar 5	Glenn & Joyce Pisarich	Bobbye Holland	Special Intention
Sat	Mar 6	<u>5:00 p.m.</u> Rose Gillich		
Sun	Mar 7	<u>7:00 a.m.</u> Nativity's Parishioners		<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Maria Sablich
		<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Willie Lee Stivers		<u>5:30 p.m.</u> Special Intention

## HISPANIC MASS BEGINS

Fr. Bernie Papania will celebrate Sunday Mass in Spanish, in the Marian Chapel, beginning on Sunday, March 7th, at 10:00 a.m. Help us spread the word to the Spanish-speaking people in the area of this new Mass each Sunday. Thanks.

## FROM NATIVITY SCHOOL

- The second meeting to design the new preschool / kindergarten playground will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. Funds for this project were received through a grant by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. We welcome any suggestions, ideas and participants.
- We are pleased to announce that our school media specialist, Barbara Ziz, received a grant to attend a national library conference in New York City. We congratulate her and look forward to hearing about all that she will learn.
- Mark your calendars! Next Sunday, March 7th, is the annual Nativity BVM School Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Demonstrations, tours of the school and performances by the children will be part of the day as well as the annual Book Fair. Former students, current students and potential students and their families as well as members of the parish are encouraged to attend and see what Nativity BVM School has to offer!
- Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will begin on March 9th. For more information, please call the school office at 432-2269 or visit the school's website at [www.nativitybvm.org](http://www.nativitybvm.org)

## MEN'S ARISE

The next Men's Arise to be held at Dedeaux will be March 19-21. For information or to register please contact Scott Hawkins 228-238-2918 or John Rickman 228-383-4765.

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## New Parishioner(s) or Changes

New Parishioner(s) (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address has changed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone has changed \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interested in \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Activities.  
 Moving out of parish (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sick at home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visit in Hospital (Name and Hospital info) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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