

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prisider: St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "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?" Therefore, we bring our needs confidently before God.

- ☺ For the Church, that during this season of repentance it may be a sign of humility and faith to people around the world, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ For leaders of every country, that they may serve their people with integrity and justice, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ For those who are persecuted for their faith or their religious heritage, and for those who are excluded or discriminated against because of their faith, that they may have strength and hope, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ For those who would do harm to others or to themselves, that they may realize the grace of God in their lives, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ For each of us as we try to transform our lives, knowing the promise of Christ Jesus, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ That all who are separated from the Church may come to possess the great joy of knowing God's compassionate love and acceptance, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ That those who have died will know the everlasting light and peace of the kingdom of heaven, especially Lucille Knudtson, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**
- ☺ For the intentions of our baskets, the Living & Deceased Members of the Walter Slowinski Family, For Health, Tyler Falkavage, Russell May, Ted Zdrojewski, the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the needs of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;
▶ **Saving God, hear us.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Prisider: Ever generous God, knowing that you were willing to give your only Son for our redemption, we trust in your kindness and mercy toward us. We ask you to hear the prayers that we bring before you today and grant them in the name of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 24-25, 2018

Mass Intentions:

Living & Deceased Members of
the Walter Slowinski Family
In Health, Tyler Falkavage

†Russell May
†Ted Zdrojewski



Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you are God's beloved Son:
Lord have mercy. **.....Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you were transfigured in glory,
revealing the splendor of the life to come:
Christ have mercy. **....Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the way that leads us out of darkness
into God's wonderful light:
Lord have mercy. **.....Lord, have mercy.**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" He replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger, "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the Lord's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#28, Gather - Psalm 42
Song of the Exile

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died - or, rather, was raised - who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.