



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION;
WHOM SHOULD I FEAR?

—PSALM 27:1

FEBRUARY 24, 2013

TRUST	<p>“In God We Trust” marks the currency of our nation. It should mark our lives as well. In fact, however, we hesitate to trust others, including God, absolutely. We prefer to hold our trust in reserve, fearful of being hurt or betrayed. Today’s readings remind us that Lent is a season of trust—a trust that transforms.</p> <p>God makes a remarkable promise to Abraham. To receive this promise, all Abraham need do is trust. Paul tells the Philippians that they too must trust that they are the beneficiaries of God’s bountiful grace; that they are not citizens of any earthly kingdom. But citizens of heaven. These two readings invite us to hear the Gospel account of deep trust—trust that God will fulfill all promises and that Jesus’ passage will lead to transformation and new life.</p>
MARKET BASKET	Market Basket monthly collection of non-perishable food items will take place next weekend, March 2/3 . Catholic Charities is VERY grateful to our parish for the food, monetary and hygiene donations.
LITURGY MINISTERS	Liturgical ministers are reminded to send in their non-availability dates for March, April and May by this Monday, February 25.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	This Monday and every Monday of Lent, we will gather in the church at 6:30 p.m. to pray the Stations of the Cross. Please join us in this beautiful devotion.
RCIA	You are welcome to join our RCIA inquiry group to learn about the journey of Sacraments in our Catholic faith. Please call Sister Sharon Francis, 562.439.0931 x 5 for more information.
YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY — LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS... (PART III)	<p>The Gospels say that Jesus spoke seven times while he hung dying on the cross. Each time he spoke has been called a “word.” During Lent, we will provide a different ‘word’ each week. You will have the opportunity to reflect on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪THE SCRIPTURE WITH THE WORDS OF JESUS. ▪YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO PLACE YOURSELF CLOSE TO JESUS AND TRY TO ENTER HIS EXPERIENCE. ▪A PERSONAL VISUAL INTERPRETATION OF JESUS’ WORDS. <p>Please take time this week to meditate on the ‘word’ of Jesus (below). You are encouraged to compare your personal experiences with those of Jesus and to utilize the questions as a guide to enter his experience.</p> <p>You are invited to share your ideas with other parishioners each Sunday at 10:00a.m. in the rectory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“WOMAN, THIS IS YOUR SON.” ...“THIS IS YOUR MOTHER.” <small>John 19:25-27</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Have I ever been ‘adopted’ by a family or community at a moment of loss? Am I able to do the same?</i></p> <p>How can I create an ever-inclusive extended family who provides real help for those left without support? How am I called to minister to “the least of my brethren?”</p> <p>If you care to enhance your meditations, there is a booklet available (\$15) which includes artwork and suggested music. Please call Sr. Sharon at 562.439.0931 x 5.</p>
PRAY FOR OUR POPE	<p><i>“Let us thank God for the love and witness of Pope Benedict XVI. Let us entrust him to our Blessed Mother Mary and pray that he will continue to have joy and peace and many more years for prayer and reflection.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">— Archbishop Jose H. Gomez</p>