

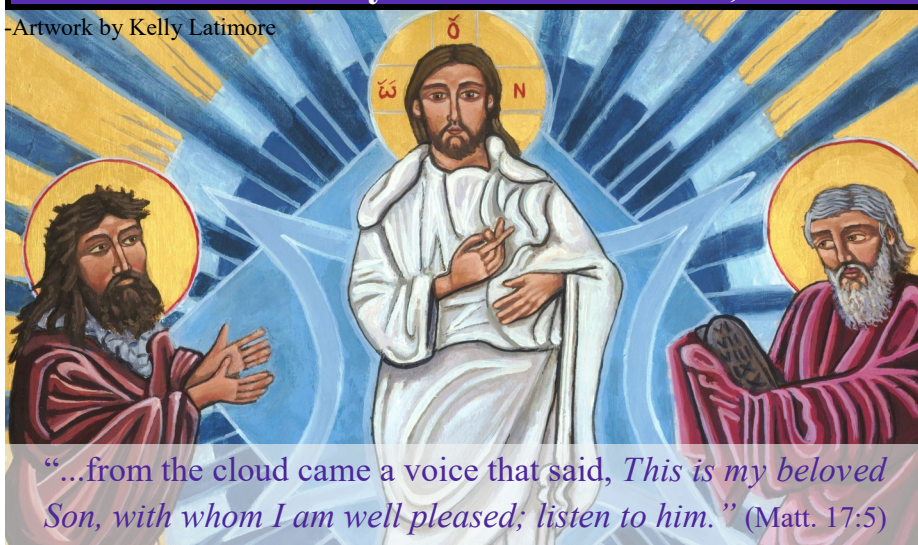


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## Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2026

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“...from the cloud came a voice that said, *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*” (Matt. 17:5)

**Parish Gift Shop hours:** After Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet :** The chaplet is prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass every day.

**Daily Rosary:** 7:15 a.m. lead by the members of the Altar & Rosary Society.

**St. Anthony Devotion:** Every Tuesday after Mass.

**Mother of Perpetual Help Group:** Meets every first Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. in the Church with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Devotion:** Every Wednesday after Mass.

**St. Paul’s Bible Study:** Every Thursday after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Library.

**1st Fridays & Saturdays** of every month we have Adoration, prayer and Benediction after morning Mass. (w/ **Anointing every 1st Saturday**)

**2nd Friday—Divine Mercy Mass:** Every Second Friday we have a Divine Mercy Mass at 8:00 am, followed with Adoration, prayer and Benediction.

**St. Paul’s MI Mary’s Village:** 2nd Saturday of the Month from 9-10am in the Pezo Library in Mathias Hall.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tm 1:8-10/  
Mt 17:1-9  
Monday: Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9,11,13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6,14-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28/Ps 105:16-21/  
Mt 21:33-43,45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Lk 15:1-3,11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19-26,39-42



Mr. Bob Perrault, on behalf of the **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all of you who have either purchased or reserved tickets for the Crab Feed. We have reached our maximum. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please call Bob Perrault at 805-668-7131.

### Holy Mass:

Mon.—Sat. 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday Vigil:

5:30 p.m.  
(Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

### Reconciliation:

Mon.-Sat. 7:15 a.m.-7:55 a.m. Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30 am **Baptism Prep.:** By appointment

**Funerals:** Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

**Marriages:** 6 months in advance

**Communion for the Sick:** Please call the office.

**Adoration:** Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.— 6:45 p.m.

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Peace and all God's blessings.

The second reading today from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy is a great (and brief) summary of what is contained more graphically in today's Gospel. Paul exhorts his readers: to bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News – not under our own steam but relying on the power of God.

Paul says that this saving action of God does not depend on us or on our worthiness, but simply on God's sheer benevolence and delight in us: not because of anything we ourselves have done, but for his own purpose and by his own grace. It was God's idea ... and it is pure gift. This has always been God's intention in creating and sustaining the world: This grace has already been granted to us before the beginning of time. Jesus' role was to make that intention of God's clear to reveal it to us, precisely because we so easily miss the point.

Somehow, we get the messed-up idea that salvation is a factor, primarily, of how we behave... and that God is only on about reward or punishment: God is a judge. But Paul is saying: No! God is above all a lover! and we are the ones that God loves! That's the Good News. If we see reward or punishment as Good News, our hearts have become pretty cramped!

Today's Gospel passage situates us in the days immediately preceding Jesus' public life. He had just experienced that mysterious moment down by the Jordan river where John the Baptist had been at work. As if in answer to the plea made centuries beforehand by Isaiah: "*Oh that you would split open the heavens and come down*", as Jesus had come up out of the water, *the "heavens suddenly opened"* and Jesus saw "*the Spirit of God descending ... and coming down on him*". More than that, through the opened heavens a voice declared: "*This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him*".

Jesus, however, had other priorities. His focus was God, expressed particularly in respect and care for others. He was especially sensitive to people pushed to the margins, excluded from the world's fruitfulness and productivity. Within days, Jesus would be proclaiming to all who would listen: "The reign of God is close at hand." God invites us to deepen our relationship with him in praying, repenting, fasting and almsgiving during Lent so that our hearts may turn away from sins and selfishness, fostering a renewal that enable us to spread God's love to others. Trust the Good News!

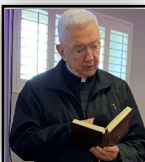
Trust God! Take time to get to know God personally! Reverse your values! Trust God and God's ways! Get to know God's ways! *Let go of control!* The good news of the Gospel is that, just as God loved his Son, the Beloved, the same God loves you with that same infinite love; and the

God who loves you loves everyone else in the same way. In our case, God's love inevitably takes the necessary shape also of unconditional forgiveness, but we shall confess our sins to God into the Light, allowing for cleansing, healing and restored relationship.

May the Spirit of Lent lead us to the core of Divine Holiness: that we might shift out focus from material distractions to spiritual growth, allowing us to encounter Christ in the poor and our daily lives.

Pax et Bonum.

Fr. James Phan, OFM Conv.



### *A Day With Father Alphonse!*

*The Knights of Columbus are organizing a special Day with Father Alphonse!*

Tentative Date: **March 21, 2026.**

\* We are looking for 40 more participants to fill a 54-passenger bus for a memorable visit with Father Alphonse in Los Angeles.

\* \$80.00 per person (Lunch not included.)

\* Please RSVP by: **March 14th**

Questions? Or, to **RSVP**, please **call** (805) 448-8537 OR **email:** andysilvia@gmail.com.

#### **Lenten Mission Opportunity**



From February 18 to March 29, participants are invited to engage in a peaceful prayer vigil for one hour per week during Lent. The vigil will take place on the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 743 Pismo Street SLO. This initiative offers an opportunity for you to reflect and pray for the well-being of unborn children and their parents.

Research supports the positive impact of prayer and maintaining a prayerful, peaceful presence. For more information please contact Kirt or Katie Collins at 805-801-5680 to reserve your hour. **40daysforlife.com**

#### **FEBRUARY 2026: PLATE COLLECTIONS**

**SUNDAY:** \$ 26,725.37

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** \$ 535.00

**GENERAL DONATIONS:** \$ 499.75

*THANK YOU!!!*



## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, February 28th

**8:00 am** David Lee Hanf - Birthday blessings (Phil & Jennifer Hanf)

**5:30 pm** †William Boerger—the peaceful repose of his soul (Anna Boerger)

### Sunday, March 1st

**8:00 am** †Mabel Avila (Dorothy Avila)

**10:30 am** †Pauline Azaret (Tom & Susan Davies)

**5:30 pm** Living & deceased members of St. Paul's

### Monday, March 2nd

**8:00 am** †William Boerger on his Birthday, for the peaceful repose of his soul (Anna Boerger)

### Tuesday, March 3rd

**8:00 am** Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary for Bob & Ann Badasci (Arlene & Val)

### Wednesday, March 4th

**8:00 am** Birthday blessings for Jennifer Hanf (Phil Hanf)

### Thursday, March 5th

**8:00 am** Birthday blessings for Larry Gee (Arlene Gee)

### Friday, March 6th

**8:00 am** Special Int. of Lauren McEwen, a novice at Corpus Christi Monastery, Menlo Park (Alaina & Mel Stahlman)

### Saturday, March 7th

**8:00 am** Special Int of Militia Immaculata (M.I.)

**5:30 pm** Living & deceased members of St. Paul's

### Sunday, March 8th

**8:00 am** ††††Gregorio, Maria, Juana, and Rolando Zambo (Mila & Family)

**10:30 am** For the living members of the Altar & Rosary Society (A&RS)

**5:30 pm** †David Hanf (Phil & Jennifer Hanf)

## Prayer List (continued)

**SICK / RECOVERY:** , Vincent Deparini & Family, Leo




Shiffar, Nona Henn, Harold Crawford, Marie Ellen Ragusa, Joshua Vincent Ray, Olivia Catherine Ray, Kevin Wayne Outram, Sue Regusci, Eileen Wagner, Luis Ramirez, Joseph Henschel, Alexia Sandoval & Family, Manuel Garza, Emma Glifonea, Joseph

Arranaga, Betty Burgin, Angel Columbus, Rafael Garza, Susie Madonna, Jim Snead, Leticia Ramirez, Paula Sarkar, Yvonne Rouleau , David Williams and Family, Greg Cordova, Patrick Lind, Dennis Arranaga, Deidra Hughes, Joseph Boerger, Regina Narvaez, Dolores Ortiz Anderson, JoAnn Farmer, Johnny Peña, Angelica Chavez, Dolores Benson, Rosie Nunes

**+RECENTLY DEC:** +Linda Carroll, +Bert Heredia, +Rosemary Olmedo, +Dr. Joseph Castro, +Magdalena Corona, +Beverly Lloyd, +Beverly Lloyd, +Patricia C. Stearns, +Joseph Reeves, +Marie C. Dias, +Margaret Young, +Frank Perez

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

\*Meets the **3rd Tuesday** of every month. Our *next meeting* is on **Tuesday, March 17-** Rosary 10:30 am, Mass 11:00am, Meeting after Mass in the  *St. Paul's Altar & Rosary Society* Hall. *New members welcome!*

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Palm Sunday Bake & Catholic Book Sale, Saturday, March 28** after the 5:30 Mass and Sunday, **March 29** after 8:00 & 10:30 Masses. \*\*\*Baked Goods and Catholic Book Donations great fully accepted.

## Prayer List

**MILITARY:** Lieutenant Colonel Chris Valine USAF, Lieutenant Ashley Valine, USCG, MSgt. Robert James Gassman, II 101st US Army, Capt. Chris Mount USMC, Maj. Grace Anderson USAF, CPO Nicholas M. Cabansag USN, LT. Jason Walsh USN, AA. (SN) Nicholas Garza, USN



**SICK / RECOVERY:** Annie Delgado, Frank Spane, Pauline Leon Moreno, Cynthia Toscas, Dorothy Avila, Richard Como, Judy Hughes, Paul Mahlmann & Family,

### MILITIA IMMACULATA:

St. Paul the Apostle Church: "Mary's Village"

\*Meetings are the **2nd Saturday** of every Month at **9:00 am** in the **Hall Library**

Monthly intention for March: *O Immaculata, please intercede...* That we may become able to discern and bring to maturation the "seeds of the Word" present in our culture.



**St. Maximilian Kolbe Quote:** "It is worth desiring solely the will of God, even if He wants our name to be hoisted on a pole and brought to all the cities and streets of the earth. In fact, the will of God is really the essence of holiness, love, divinization." (KW 569)



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