



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Feb 24th- Feb 25th

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Mk:9:7

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call in his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well – an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12) as he is (1 John 3:2). Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (see Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8). While this transpired Peter, James, and John were asleep! Upon awakening they discovered the transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses and Elijah.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" the life of ease, Prejudice can keep our minds asleep. Are you spiritually awake? The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence? "Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory."

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" Fulton Sheen

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, February 18-- 8.30 a.m.- For our Christian Mothers

Monday, February 19--7:30 a.m. Earl Britten by Willie Mae Barnett

Wednesday, Feb 21--6:00pm---**Stations of the Cross by our children**

Thursday, February 22--7:30 a.m. Earl Britten by Willie Mae Barnett

Friday, February 23--7:30a.m. Earl Britten by Willie Mae Barnett

Saturday, February 24--5:30p.m. Earl Britten by Willie Mae Barnett

Church Cleaning for January

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica

Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan

Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler,

Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen

Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and

Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, , Willie Mae Barnett, Dylan Stafford, James Weinheimer, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, David Swieres, Sherry Koetting, Georgann Hinson and Dale Brooks

Family Chalice Program

February 24/25 Pam and Cassie Ashford

March 3/4 Keith, Kathleen, and Halle Barkley

March 17/18 Mike and Marla Britten

March 24/25 Jerry, Melanie, and Trent Britten

March 31/ April 1 Cobb and Kay Britten

Birthdays

Feb 25th Vanessa Eugea and Trevor Friemel

Feb 26th Michele Bohr and Katy Britten

Feb 27th Howard G. Britten

Mar 1st Sharri Britten

Anniversaries

Feb 28th Brett and Brittney Britten

Stewardship Reports

02-18-18

Individual \$1,590.00

Loose \$ 343.00

Children \$ 10.00

Total \$1,943.00

Building Fund 2-14-18 & 2-18-18

Total \$74,768.24

2-14-18 Church in Eastern Europe

Individual \$ 360.00

Loose \$ 221.00

Total \$ 581.00

2-14-18 & 2-18-18 Campus Ministries

Individual \$ 535.00

Loose \$ 184.00

Total \$ 719.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Feb 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Zady and Ali

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Melanie K Britten, Joannie Kling

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Hope and Lauren

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, March 4th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Halle and Carrigan

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Cari Weinheimer, Barbara Homer, and Marla Britten

Saturday, March 10th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, March 11th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zady

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Sharon Britten and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, March 17th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, March 18th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Kate

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, and Susan Britten

Announcements:

February 25th – Second Collection for Local Charities

March 2nd 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall in Clarendon is having a Fish Fry! All you can eat fish, French fries, hushpuppies, cole slaw, beans, dessert, & drink for Adults \$12, Kids (5-12) \$5 and Kids (0-4) free!

All: Heaters in the Hall

Thermostats are set at 60 degrees. If more heat is needed they may be increased to achieve comfort level. Settings DO NOT automatically re-set to 60 degrees. If you change the setting you MUST manually re-set so that the heat is not wasted.

Christian Mothers:

September dues of \$15 are needed. We use these dues for the supplies in the kitchen for funeral dinners and misc. Items and needs of our parish and children. Please become an active member of our Organization.

Monday March 5th, 2018 will be our Christian Mothers meeting. **THIS IS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.** We are having our meeting early because of spring break. It will be in the home of Melanie Britten, hostesses are Sandie Hickey and Cara Ashford. Planning of the East deanery meeting will be on the agenda.

April 21st is the East Deanery Spring meeting at our Place!! Please mark this on your calendars and set up your babysitter now. The fee is \$30 which includes lunch and great speakers are being lined up. We received superior ratings on our hosting the Fall Diocesan Convention. Please come and enjoy this Saturday with ladies of our deanery. I will be updating the information on the speakers and items we will be collecting for the Catholic charities.

This year we will be electing new officers. We still need a vice-president (a great office to get your feet wet and learn how things work), reporter, prayer leader, and someone to send out cards during illnesses or family loss. Please pray that God will send you the courage to take on a leadership role in this very important organization of our parish. Our women of this church are awesome; we just need some new blood to help us out.

Announcements:

- *During Lent the Station of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 6:30pm.
- * March 7, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7p.m. until 10p.m.
- *March 29, Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30pm
- *March 30, Good Friday, the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm
- *March 31, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:15pm
- *April 01, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30am.

***UCA 2017-18 Report**

Quota -----	\$14,797.00
Pledged -----	\$15,615.00
Paid-----	\$13,685.00
Due-----	\$1,112.00

***UCA 2018-19**

Every year the Diocese of Amarillo conducts its annual United Catholic Appeal after Easter. The appeal funds approximately 33% of the operational costs of the various ministries and programs the diocese offers to all of our parishes. This is a vital and very important appeal for the ongoing financial stability of our diocese. This year the united catholic appeal commitment Weekend is on April 21 and 22. This will give you two weekends after Easter to talk about and promote the UCA.

***Don't confess other's faults, own up to sins, pope says.** Fear and the shame of admitting one's own sins leads to pointing fingers and accusing others rather than recognizing one's own faults, Pope Francis said. "It's difficult to admit being guilty, but it does so much good to confess with sincerity. But you must confess your own sins," the pope said Jan. 3 at his first general audience of the new year. "I remember a story an old missionary would tell about a woman who went to confession and she began by telling her husband's faults, then went on to her mother-in-law's faults and then the sins of her neighbors. At a certain point, the confessor told her, 'But ma'am, tell me, are you done?' 'No... Yes.' 'Great, you have finished with other people's sins, now start to tell me yours,'" he said. The pope was continuing his series of audience talks on the Mass, reflecting on the penitential rite. Recognizing one's own sins prepares a person to make room in his or her heart for Christ, the pope said. But a person who has a heart "full of himself, of his own success" receives nothing because he is already satiated by his "presumed justice." "Listening to the voice of conscience in silence allows us to realize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided by choices that are contrary to the Gospel," the pope said. Confessing one's sins to God and the church helps people understand that sin not only "separates us from God but also from our brothers and sisters," he added. "Sin cuts, it cuts our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters, in our family, in society, in the community," the pope said. "Sin always cuts, separates, divides." The penitential rite at Mass also includes asking the intercession of Mary and all the angels and saints, which, he said, is an acknowledgement that Christians seek help from "friends and models of life" who will support them on their journey toward full communion with God. Christians also can find the courage to "take off their masks" and seek pardon for their sins by following the example of biblical figures such as King David, Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman and St. Peter. "To take measure of the fragility of the clay with which we have been formed is an experience that strengthens us," Pope Francis said. "While making us realize our weakness, it opens our heart to call upon the divine mercy that transforms and converts. And this is what we do in the penitential act at the beginning of Mass."