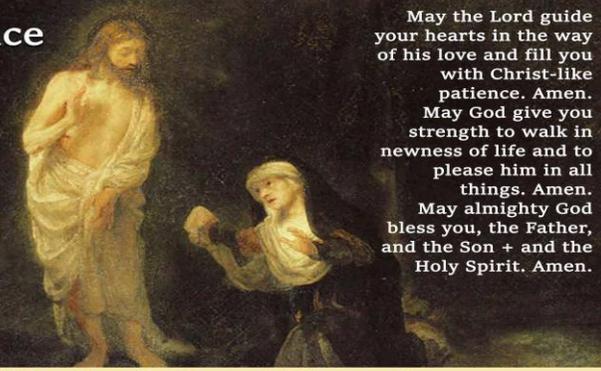


DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Psalter week II	Dan 9: 4-10; Lk 6: 36-38.	7:00 AM
Tues 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Psalter week II	Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12.	7:00 AM
Wed 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Psalter week II St Casimir	Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28.	7:00 AM
Thu 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Psalter week II	Jer 17: 5- 10; Lk 16: 19-31.	5:30 PM
Fri 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Psalter week II	Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17- 28; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46.	12:15 PM
Sat 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Psalter week II SS. Perpetua & Felicity	Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32.	5:30 PM
Sun 8	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Ex 17: 3-7; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42 (or 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

## Lenten Penance Service 2026

COOL: 2nd March  
SJC: 3rd March  
COLA: 4th March

4:00 - 6:00pm  
7:00 - 9:00pm



May the Lord guide  
your hearts in the way  
of his love and fill you  
with Christ-like  
patience. Amen.  
May God give you  
strength to walk in  
newness of life and to  
please him in all  
things. Amen.  
May almighty God  
bless you, the Father,  
and the Son + and the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT A

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4;  
Responsorial Psalm: 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Reading II: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10;  
Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9.



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### REFLECTION: Facing the unknown future with trust in God

In the first reading from the book of Genesis, God calls Abraham to leave everything familiar behind for an unknown place. *“Leave your country, your family, and your father’s house, for the land I will show you... So Abram went as the Lord commanded him.”* Abraham illustrates the essence of faith. It is not merely about stating it in words; it is about placing our trust in God and demonstrating that faith through our actions, even when the future seems uncertain. Sometimes, God calls us to take steps that are not easy, for example, letting go of old habits that prevents us from living a life of love or taking steps to foster peace in our families, or being more involved in a faith community. We may not always see where God is leading us, but we are called to trust in Him to take that journey alongside us.

In today’s gospel, God speaks from a cloud, saying, *“This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour. Listen to him”*. As we enter into the second week of Lent, let us turn our hearts toward Jesus and place our trust in Him. Though the road ahead may be challenging, we can take comfort that He is with us. Jesus is our unwavering hope who will never let us down.

### Reflective question:

Am I willing to take a step into the unknown future with God?

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## **Second Collection**

The Second Collection today will be for the Emergency Relief Fund.

## **Stations of the Cross & Friday Mass during Lent**

Stations of the Cross begins every Friday at 12:15 PM. Mass will follow immediately after the Stations of the Cross. Please note that there will be no Holy Hour during Lent. There will be soup fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass.

## **Lenten Penance Service & Mass Time Changes**

The Lenten Penance Service at COOL will be held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar, from 4:00–6:00 PM and again from 7:00–9:00 PM. The Lenten Penance Service at SJC will take place on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Kindly take note that the daily Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mar will be moved to 7:00 AM.

## **COOL 70th Anniversary Souvenirs & Magazine**

Souvenir packs and commemorative magazine for our COOL 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be available for purchase starting today. Souvenir Pack: \$5.00 per set; Magazine: \$10.00 per copy. Do get a set as a meaningful remembrance of this special milestone.

## **Pilgrimage to Vietnam (6<sup>th</sup> March)**

All pilgrims are invited to attend a gathering on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Mar at 6:30 PM in Fr. McClorey's Room. This meeting is for everyone who will be participating in the pilgrimage to Vietnam in April.

## **PPC Meeting (11<sup>th</sup> March)**

All PPC committee members are reminded of the PPC Meeting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar at 7:30 PM in Fr McClorey's room.

## **30-Hour Famine (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March)**

This year, COOL will be hosting the 30-Hour Famine Youth Event from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. This is a stay-in program open to youths aged 12 years and above. The registration fee is \$20 per participant. All youths are requested to attend the Lenten Penance Service (Confession) prior to participating in the event.

## **Gotong Royong (15<sup>th</sup> March)**

The Parish Gotong Royong will take place on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Mar from 10:30 AM onwards. Lunch will be provided. If you have not participated before, we invite you to join this parish activity during this Lenten season.

# *Jesus Shows His Glory*



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of that moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.

