

# Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Church

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Second Sunday of Lent ☩ February 28th

## Mass Schedule

**Weekdays:** Monday through Friday—8:30 AM

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM Vigil, 7:00 PM (Spanish Mass)

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Italian Mass), 12:00 Noon

## Rectory Office Hours

**Monday—Friday:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Sunday and Holidays:** Emergency calls only.

## Devotions

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration daily in the St. Francis Chapel until 3:30 PM. No Benediction.

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8:30 AM Mass

Novena booklets and Miraculous Medals are available in the sacristy. Please see Sr. Ann Martin.

### Marian Hour

Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, every Friday 2:00 PM in the Chapel.

### Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday at 3:00 PM in the Chapel

### Parish Registration

All parishioners should register at the rectory. If you are not registered, we cannot issue letters of testimony or sponsorship for a sacrament. Please notify us of change of address, even within

## Sacraments

### Baptisms

English - Second Sunday of month at 1:15 PM.

Spanish - Every Third Saturday at 1:00 PM.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM

Anytime during Rectory Office Hours.

### Marriages

All couples must make arrangements at the Rectory at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date. Couples must attend in-home pre-cana. Please call the rectory to meet with a priest.

### Sick and Shut-In

The priests and extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist are available to bring the Sacraments to those unable to come to Mass. Please contact Rectory.

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, February 28st

8:00am People of the Parish

9:00am Gabriele DiCarbo

12:00pm Sister Jean Albert Fry, Ann Romano, Gaetano Cali, Antonio & Maria Carnevale, Cecillia M Manfredonio, Irene Robins, Judith Porco, Vincent Gigante, Deborah (Debbie) Murphy, Matteo Deliso & Cathy Deserio, Jacob Santo, and Angelo & Angela Chiarelli

## Monday, March 1st

8:30am Purgatorial Society

## Tuesday, March 2nd

8:30am For All Souls in Purgatory

## Wednesday, March 3rd

8:30am For All Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, March 4th

8:30am Nicholas and Carmella Miritello

## Friday, March 5th

8:30am Purgatorial Society

## Saturday, March 6th

8:30am Rosa Giuseppe Giovanni Rotonai

5:30pm Josephine & Vito LaBarbera

7:00pm Emiddio Pelosi (Happy Birthday)

## Sunday, March 7th

8:00am People of the Parish

9:00am Antonio Russo

12:00pm Rosalie & Anthony Volpe, Antonio & Paulina Palazzolo, Carole Bjornholm, Clara Espinosa, Giovanna Rizzi, Matteo Deliso & Cathy Deserio, Ronny & Joanne Greco, Tina Giardina, Dana Jean Ruiz O'Hara, and Angelo & Angela Chiarelli.

## Second Sunday of Lent—February 28th, 2021

*"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."*

Isaiah 46:4

## Today's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

**Psalms:** Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:31B-34

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

## Saints And Special Observances

Pope St. Hilary ..... February 28

St. Francis of Assisi ..... March 4

St. Thomas Aquinas ..... March 7

## Memorials for the Week

### Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers are available for donation! Visit the Rectory Office or find Easter Flower Envelopes in the rear of the church to make a donation to beautify our Altar this Easter Season.

## Sick List

*Please pray for the sick of our parish:*

JoMarie Uriarte

Mateo Carozza

Regine Gambale

Anna Stuto

Josephine Coracci

MaryAnn Gambale

Claudio Picca

Dolores Sciulla

Lucy Sottile

Charles Bennett

Christopher Gambale

James Leung

Heidi Krukis

Mary Angilletta

## From Fr. Anthony Raso

Last weekend, the First Reading was, like this week's First Reading, taken from the Book of Genesis. The story of Noah is early in that first book of the Bible and is therefore part of the section that is presented in parable, like the parables of Jesus in the Gospels. It is a fascinating story and tells an important lesson. Today's passage also offers a fascinating lesson, but this time it is taken from the latter part of Genesis and is not a parable at all. The story of Abraham and Isaac is every bit as amazing as the story of Noah and the Ark but it is presented as history: Abraham was a real person and Isaac was a real boy - Abraham's only son, conceived in the old age of Abraham and Sarah his wife and consequently most unlikely indeed to be "replaced" by a little brother (or sister). God asks Abraham to offer him as a sacrifice anyway and Abraham, surely to his heartbreak and utter dismay, is ready to do it because it is God's will and Abraham, the Bible's great symbol of faith and trust in God, is ready to follow God's will no matter how incredible it may seem. In fact, as we read, it is only at the last possible moment that God sends His angel to tell him that God was only testing his faith and that Abraham had passed the test with flying colors. Then, to his great relief (and one must assume, to the even greater relief of Isaac!), Abraham finds a ram and offers it in place of his son. The angel then tells Abraham that God will reward him greatly for his outstanding act of faith.

Nice story, and a famous one, with a very happy ending (except for the ram). However, let's face it; Even though, unlike the story of Noah, it is an historical tale, it is also a pretty odd one. Let's put it in modern terms. A husband and wife have had a difficult and long-term struggle in becoming pregnant. They have prayed for years that God would give them a child and they're not getting any younger. Finally, thanks be to God, they have their baby. It's a boy and a healthy, strong boy at that. They are overjoyed and eternally grateful to God for answering their prayers at long last. Then, the husband hears a voice from Heaven Who tells him to kill the child and just have faith that "God will provide" as the saying goes. In the case of Abraham, long ago, he was all set to do it. How about this guy, in 2021, living on 15th Avenue at the corner of 72nd Street. Would *he* do it? And if he announced he would go through with it, how would that announcement go over with the friends and family, not to mention his wife? Would that be taken as a sign of his great faith in God or would someone be calling Bellevue Hospital? Nevertheless in the case of Abraham, reluctant as he no doubt was about all of this, he is ready to do it and it shows that he is a hero of Faith. It really is no sin to think that this is a very odd story - very holy, very inspiring, but still, shall we say, decidedly "unusual". God asked him to do this?! And Abraham said "yes" ?!

Well, for starters, God is not going to ask that guy from 15th and 72nd to do that now. On the other hand, one of the truths of Lent that we are being asked to consider now, as sincerely as possible, is that this world of ours needs "heroes of Faith" now more than ever and, if God is not asking us to do what He was, albeit momentarily, asking Abraham to do, He is nevertheless speaking to us anyway. He still needs Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles and that means he needs *us* to give the world around us an example of Faith that will astound it and, in the most sacred of ways, haunt it. This sinful world seems to think that Faith is out of style and putting oneself in the spotlight of Faith is the act of fools. After all, scoffs the world, who is still naive enough to believe that there is such a being as "God" and that He is speaking to us?

Guess again, world: There certainly *is* a God and He certainly *is* speaking to us, especially during Lent. Lent is that holy time when we are not only called, like Saint Paul, to turn away from sin but also to turn, like Abraham, to faith in God and put our trust in him in such a way that everyone will notice the change in us to such an extent that they will end up astounded and haunted. The situation will not be such that they call Bellevue to come and pick us up but are so astounded and haunted that they decide to call upon God to come and pick them up, heart, soul, mind and strength.

That is what is happening to Peter, James and John in today's Gospel when they are so amazed at the Transfiguration and at hearing the Voice of God speaking to them that they move closer than ever before to becoming the Apostles that the Father needs them to be at that time. At *this* time, the Father is calling out to us just as surely as He called to Abraham and Peter, James and John in ancient times because He needs us to believe in Him now - and to show it - as much as He ever did then. We will not be called to sacrifice our children but to astound and haunt them so completely that they join us on the way to Heaven - them and our families, friends, neighbors and anyone else we can inspire by being so strong a sign of Faith. It was the turn then of the great heroes of faith and they came through for God wonderfully, Now, wonderful works still need to be done and it is now *our* turn to do them.

## \*Announcement\*

# Fátima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain

(Portugal, Spain and France)

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Fátima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain - (Portugal, Spain and France) on this 12 day experience.

**July 22nd, 2021 - August 3rd, 2021**

Your included destinations while on this Journey:

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Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1709 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$500 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED.

For further info or to register, contact Luke or Eileen at 860-399-1785/  
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## Collections:

02/14/21—\$2,368

Quarterly Deficit Fund—\$558

02/21/21— \$2,604

Religious Education Fund— \$341

## Annual Catholic Appeal

**Goal:** \$43,963

**Pledged:** \$50,193

**Paid off:** \$49,635

*Thank you for your continued support towards the Annual Appeal! Please remember that every dollar over our goal comes back to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.*

## Adopt A Religious Education Student

If you would like to help a child make their dream come true of learning about their Catholic Faith and the love Jesus has for them.

If you would like to donate toward their education, here is a list of what **YOUR** donation would supply...

- ◇ Textbooks
- ◇ Notebooks
- ◇ Bibles
- ◇ Rosaries
- ◇ Arts & Craft Materials
- ◇ Pens, Pencils & Crayons

For further information, please call The Faith Formation Office at **(718) 331-4003.**

The money that is donated from our weekly collections is the only source of income to support our parish.

Our weekly expenses reflect the minimum needed for all the church's utilities, insurance fees, salaries, ongoing maintenance, repairs, and numerous other bills for operating expenses...as well as the increasing costs for the many, many parish programs, ministries and services we offer here at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**If possible, if each of our parishioners could just increase your weekly contribution, BY ONE OR TWO DOLLARS it would greatly help offset the increasing costs faced by our church.**

We genuinely understand that these are difficult economic times and it's not easy for any family to sacrifice even more right now.

We want to assure you that every single penny donated goes right back into our church, the operations of our church and our parish programs.

Once again, thank you for your continuing generosity.

## A Message From

### Father Dominick Dellaporte

As we begin a Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, we will begin a journey to the cross and Resurrection every Tuesday in Lent, after the 8:30 Mass, there will be a holy hour with prayers and meditation to Christ crucified and the sorrowful mother. Come let us console and make reparation.



Every Friday after the 8:30 Mass, we will pray the Stations of the Cross.

## Weekly Trivia

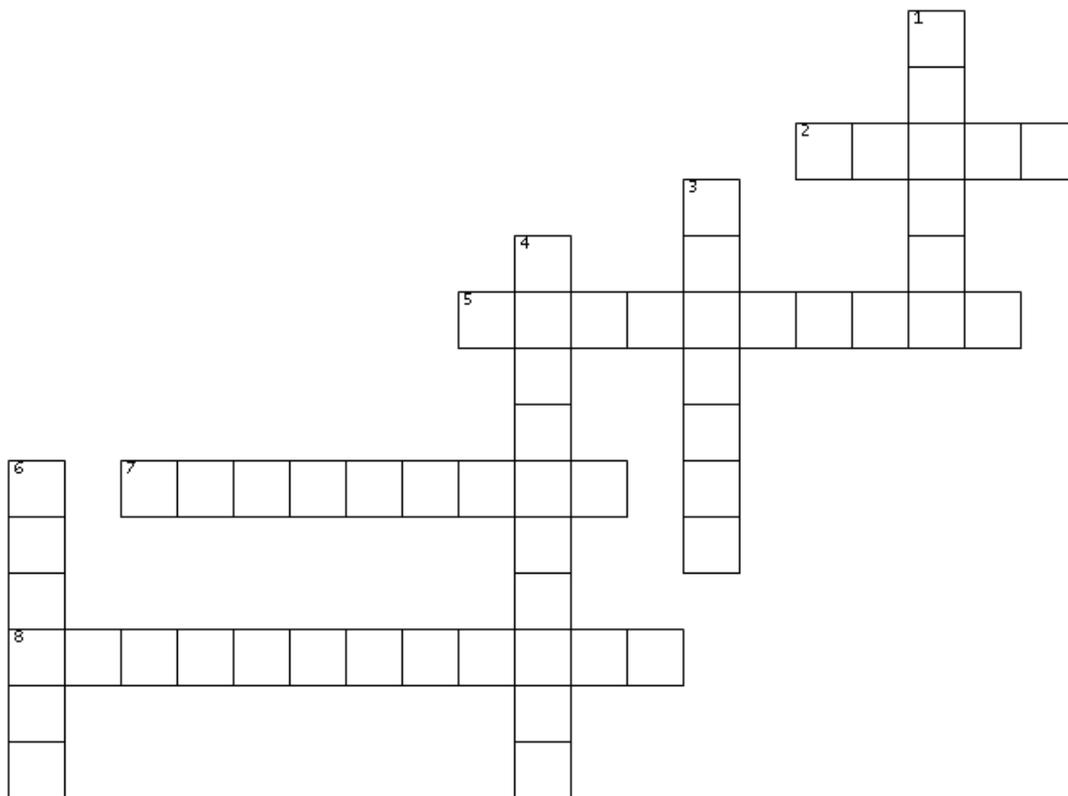
This week's Question:

What purpose did the current Candle Room serve before our church's second fire in 1973?

Last week's Answer:

**True!** The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is the most visited Catholic Shrine in the World.

## *OLG Lent Crossword*



### ACROSS

2. How many days does Lent last?
5. The last meal Jesus ate with his disciples on the night before he died.
7. The celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.
8. Is celebrated on the first day of Lent.

### DOWN

1. The Royal color we use throughout Lent
3. The act of limiting the amount we eat for a period of time to do penance
4. Holy week begins with our celebration of this
6. Our Pastor's last name

## Parish Registration

### *Why You Need To Register*

To all of our parishioners who are still not registered, we respectfully ask that you take just a minute to use the form on our website and register now. To those parishioners who, for whatever reason, cannot attend mass with us every week, we also ask that you please register with us. You are still part of our parish family and we welcome you.

In order to fully participate in our parish, to always be informed about our parish and all of our many services and programs we provide, of all the support services available, of all of the events planned--you need to be registered. If you are not registered and you are not using your weekly envelopes, we cannot issue any letters in connection with sponsorship for the Sacraments and we cannot give recommendations for positions, schools, etc. We also cannot provide letters or documentation confirming your charitable weekly donations in the prior tax years. It is extremely important that you register with our church. It is as simple as filling out one of the WELCOME ENVELOPES in the back of the church, dropping in a collection basket or by stopping in the rectory office at your earliest convenience.

***You can now also register on our parish website.***

#### **Become a Registered Parishioner**

*If you would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and return it to our church offices or place in one of the collection baskets or boxes. Please print clearly.*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):** (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (work) \_\_\_\_\_

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