



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
of the  
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**MASSES:**  
 Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 A.M.  
 Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.  
 Sunday: 8:00 A.M.  
 10:30 A.M.  
 12:10 P.M.  
 Weekday: 12:10 P.M.  
 Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.  
 Feast: 12:10 P.M.

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Daily: Ten minutes before Mass.  
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15  
 Anytime on request.  
 Cathedral Office Hours:  
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
 Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

## Second Sunday of Lent - March 20, 2011

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death  
and brought life and immortality  
to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

### **SCRIPTURE THEME:** **CHANGE**

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.



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### **LENTEN REMINDERS:**

**A**bstinence: All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, unless a very serious reason excuses us on a particular Friday (excepting Good Friday, which must be observed always.)

**Lenten Devotions:** During Lent why not attend Mass every day. This could be the beginning of a very good habit. Daily Mass here at the Cathedral is at 12:10 P.M. Also, as is customary, the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday afternoon at 5:15 P.M. Please make a special effort to attend.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalms** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

### **Mass Intentions** **Week Beginning Sunday, March 20, 2011**

Sunday March 20	10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Monday March 21	12:10 P.M.	Mrs. Teresa Donaghey
Tuesday March 22	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday March 23	12:10 P.M.	Mr. J.D. Bemis
Thursday March 24	12:10 P.M.	Mary Elizabeth Conwell
Friday March 25	12:10 P.M.	Christine O'Donnell
Saturday March 26	8:00 A.M.	Mrs. Yvonne S. Gray

### **TITHES AND DONATIONS:**

**W**e are grateful for your tithes and donations last weekend in the amount of \$3,779.55. Thank you.



### **CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK:**

**I**f you have a special intention please call the Prayer Request Line at the Cathedral Rectory at 434-8291 and leave the name of the persons you wish to have prayed for and the reason. Your request will be relayed to the members of the network. Your request will remain confidential.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

**H**aving an emergency? Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we may be able to help you. Call (251) 442-1122 and leave a message. **Please help us help other.** Contributions may be left in the Poor Box at the rear of the church or you can mail a check to The Cathedral Downtown Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 161, Mobile, AL 36601. **Join us!** Come to our meetings to learn more about the charitable works of this organization. Meetings are on the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

### **DEVELOPMENT FUND:**

**T**here will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the Cathedral Development Fund.

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