



# The FELICIANA CATHOLIC



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**WEEKEND LITURGIES:**

**Reconciliation:**

Please call the office

**Saturday Vigil:**

4:30 PM - Mount Carmel

**Sunday Masses:**

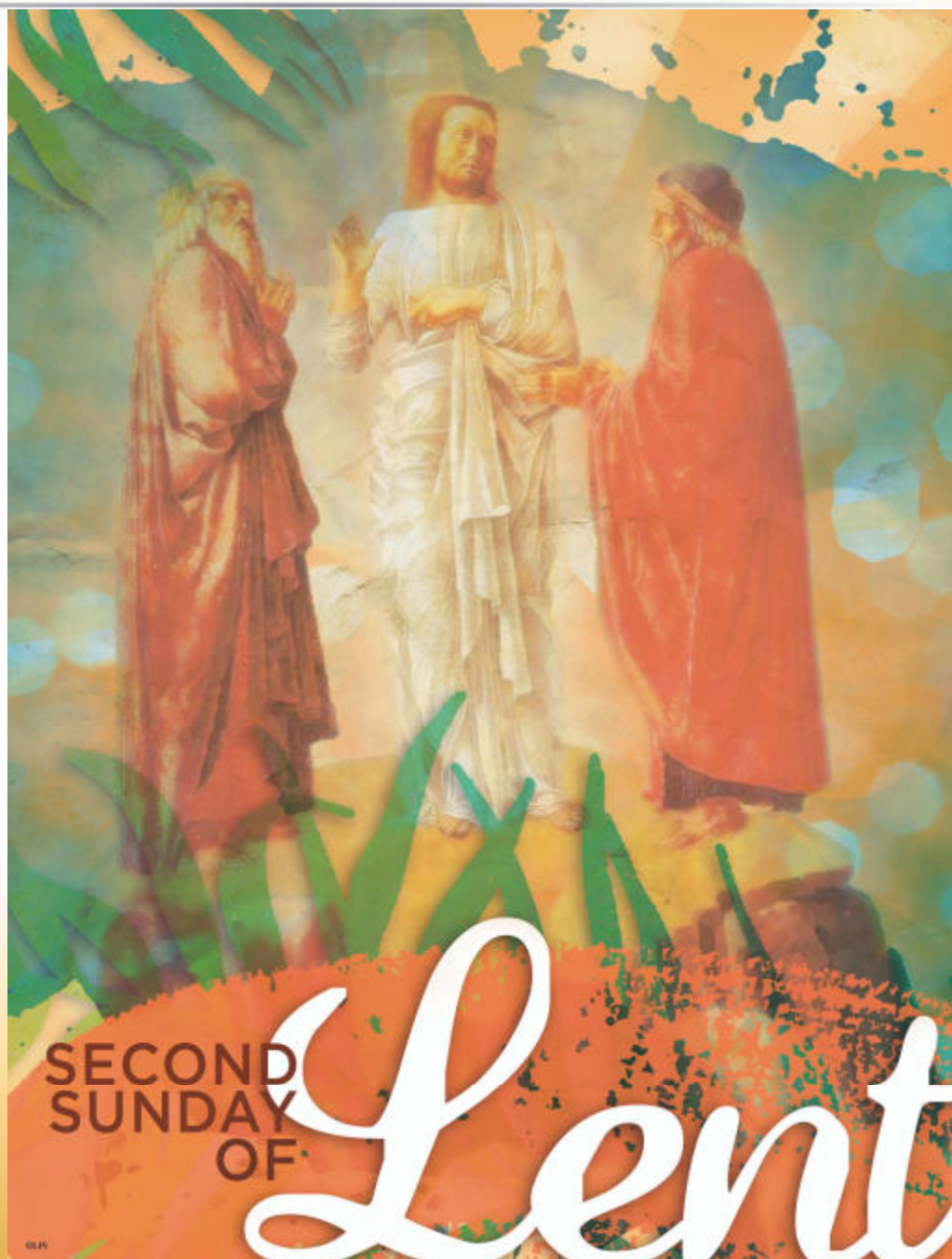
8:30 AM - OLMC

10:30 AM - OLMC

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES:**

**Tues & Thurs:** 5:30 PM - OLMC

**Wed & Fri:** 7:30 AM - OLMC



## February 28 Second Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



**In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?**

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically.

Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired.

Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For confidential information about our local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples (**March 5-7, 2021**), contact: Bill and Missie @ 985-232-5963 or visit our website:

**HelpOurMarriage.org**



**Way of the Cross at  
OLMC  
5:30 p.m.  
Fridays of Lent**

**Please take & keep booklets for future use.**



*Please join us in extending sincere condolences to Ellie Mandeville on the death of LeRoy Mandeville on February 13th. A*

*graveside service was held February 17th. We remember Roy in a special way because he worked for our parish as a faithful "maintenance man".*

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace!*



## Stewardship Offerings January 24

### *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Identified (43).....	\$5,670.31
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### *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

Identified (5).....	\$483.00
Building Fund .....	\$70.00
Loose Cash .....	\$95.00

## Readings for the week of February 28

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Fill-A-Pill for Lent

The Fill-A-Pill canister will be in the vestibule for weekend Masses throughout Lent. Just fill the pill bottle and drop it in the canister. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy servicing the Baton Rouge area.



**PLEASE MAKE ANY CHECKS TO  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In lieu of the Lenten Fish Fries, the KCs will be collecting **non-perishable food items** during Lent which will be donated to our local food banks. Please place your donations in the collection basket in the back of church or hand them to one of the Knights of Columbus manning the exits. As always, we appreciate your generosity.



## A Vocation View

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or, contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## Safe Haven Sunday, February 28 Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The most powerful tool we have when it comes to teaching our children about the beauty of their sexuality in the digital age is conversation, real, honest, look-them-in-the-eyes conversations about their deep questions. In the digital age, passive parenting is not an option—the internet never rests. The Diocese of Baton Rouge is setting aside this weekend, February 27 & 28, to celebrate our second annual Safe Haven Sunday in order to provide free resources to assist you with confidently talking to your children about internet dangers, as well as their online and offline choices. Safe Haven Sunday is celebrated through prayer and reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' most recent book, *Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure*. This book includes a free seven-day, text-to-opt-in program that provides practical tips for caring adults to create safer digital environments for themselves and young people. Simply text SECURE to 66866 to begin receiving guidance today! Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please visit <https://diobr.org/safe-haven-sunday>

## The Light is ON for You!

*Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Thursday, March 4 — Our Lady Mount Carmel  
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

***Please take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled to God this Lent!***

If you cannot make it, churches throughout the Diocese are participating in the Light is ON for You at other times.

***Be reconciled to  
God who is rich in  
mercy...  
Eph. 2:4***



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