

KNIGHTS CORNER

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Hopefully you are all having a blessed lent so far. Today's readings and Gospel strike me as examples of awesome gratitude (assuming you stick with the 1st reading to the end of course). In the first reading God is proud of Abraham's obedience and blesses him as the first of his chosen people. In the second reading we hear how we have no greater advocate, no one pulling for us more than God. And in the Gospel we see both how the apostles Jesus was most proud of and closest to got a glimpse of his glory, and just how great a gift God gave us in himself and his son.

Through participating in the more traditional aspects of lent (repenting, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, etc). I know I tend to have my faith and the parish top of mind a bit more than I might any other week and I'm guessing the same is true for many of you. I've also been having more conversations with individuals both in and outside our parish community about what things are like and I've been able to share that I've been incredibly grateful, proud, and optimistic about a few trends.

From my humble opinion and vantage point as a member of the congregation, we seem to be blessed with more families either starting to attend or returning to Mass (It's wonderful to see you!). Fresh faces are getting involved in our ministries. Fellowship is a little more common, and people are chatting after Mass and at events. I know we still need way more on all these fronts, but as we reflect on the areas we can improve and turn more towards God as individuals we can also take a quick moment to be proud of the things we're doing right. Maybe those are some good areas to put the time and effort we were spending on some of those things we aren't so proud of this lenten season.

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