Holy Infant Catholic Church

Feb 28 & Mar1

MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday—10:00 am – Most Holy Days: 10:00am

1st Thursday of each month after Mass—Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of Every Month following Mass

Saturday: **Feb 28th – Lector: M. Houliston**
4:15pm—4:45pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30pm—Praying of the Rosary
5:00pm— 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday: **Mar 1st - Lector: S. Lam**
11:00am – 2nd Sunday of Lent
Hospitality in the Parish Hall following Mass

Readings: **1st – Gn 12: 1-4a -- 2nd – Tim 1: 8-20, 22 -– Gospel -Mt 4: 1-11**

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Up Coming Events and Announcements 2026

Feb 27 – 5pm Stations of the Cross

Feb 28 & Mar 1– The 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mar 1 – Hospitality in the Parish Hall following Mass

Mar 3 –10am Mass

Mar 4 - 6pm to 6:45pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Mar 5 - 10am Mass

Mar 6 – 6pm Stations of the Cross

Mar 7 & Mar 8 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mar 8 – 5pm Community Lenten Dinner, 20593 Blue & Gold Road, Elkton VA

Mar 10 – 10am Mass

Mar 11 – 6pm to 6:45pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Mar 12 – 10am Mass

Mar 13 – 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Mar 14 & Mar 15 – 4th Sunday of Lent – Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services

Parishioners Corner:

- We are in need of volunteers to assist on Friday, March 27th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm for our Meatless Lenten Dinner held in the Parish Hall. We will begin the day with Lenten Reconciliation from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, followed by Soup, Sandwiches, Cookies and Iced Tea and Water. At 6:00pm we will have Stations of the Cross. Please contact Ellie Cox at 540-746-0081 or email her at imgodsbrat@aol.com if you plan on attending or if you can help with the food and clean up.
- On Sunday, March 8th at 5:00pm join us at the Elkton Community Center located at 20593 Blue and Gold Drive in Elkton, VA as we join with the St. Paul United Methodist Church in a Community Lenten Dinner. See last page for full Lenten season schedule.
- The Valley Cursillo invites you to visit their website at www.valleycursillo.com for important information on upcoming events.

"2026 Lenten Series Schedule"

Church & Location	Date	Time
Bethel United Church of Christ, 2451 Bethel Church Road, Elkton	03/01/2026	5:00PM
St Paul United Methodist Church &Holy Infant Catholic Church Elkton Community Center, 20593 Blue & Gold Dr. Elkton VA	03/08/2026	5:00PM
Beldor Mennonite Church, 2512 Beldor Road , Elkton, VA	03/15/2026	5:00PM
Mt. Paran Baptist, 1229 Mt. Paran Church Road, Elkton, VA	03/22/2026	5:00PM
Mt. Siani Baptist, 5129 Bryant Hollow Road, Elkton, VA	03/29/2026	5:00PM

WEEKLY THOUGHTS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1st, 2026.

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the Second Sunday of Lent and first Sunday in the month of March 2026. Let us be thankful to God for all the blessings received over the past month of February. In the first Reading of last Sunday; Gn 2: 7-9, 3:1-7 we heard of the fall of the test God had put before Adam and Eve our great grandparents. They chose to listen to the serpent rather than God, disobeying God. They failed the test.

The Readings of this Sunday appeal to us to listen to God and do his will. In Genesis 12:1- 4 God put Abraham to the test and Abraham obeyed and passed the test. "*Go forth from the land of your kinfolk and from your father's house*." Faith and obedience to God earned Abraham to be the Icon of faith and Father of all believers in God. Because of his faith and obedience, God promised him to be the Father of a great nation.

The Gospel of Matthew 17: 1-9 narrates to us the event of the Transfiguration of Jesus witnessed by Peter, James and John at the mountain top of prayer. "His face shone like the sun." Jesus appeared talking to Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the Law or ten commandments received by Moses from God at Horeb mountain. Elijah represents the last prophet announcing the messianic age or time. This Elijah who preceded the coming of the Messiah is indeed John the Baptist. He also preceded Jesus in birth and death. Hence, Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah with a mission of saving mankind from sin through suffering, death and eventually his glorious resurrection.

At the transfiguration event, a voice from the cloud was heard; "*This is my beloved Son, listen to him*." A similar message was heard at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan waters by John the Baptist; "*This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him*." (Mt 3:18) Then Jesus told his tormented apostles; "*Rise and do not be afraid. Share this vision after my resurrection- share this event predicting my suffering and death after my glorious resurrection*."

The apostles expected a political messiah. They did not expect the Messiah to suffer and die on the cross. This still poses a dilemma for us to understand the glory of God through the suffering and death of Jesus. Continued on next Page.....

WEEKLY THOUGHTS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1st, 2026..Continued

Let us pray at this time of Lent to listen to God's invitation to embrace the cross that may feature in our lives in different forms.

May the Spirit of Jesus help us to make the right decisions to transform our lives to Christ-like and holiness as we endeavor to be at the mountain of prayer and reflection.

Let us pray for our 14 Catechumens preparing to embrace the Catholic faith as today will be officially enrolled in the Rite of Election at Our Lady of Nazareth Church in Roanoke, VA today Sunday March 1st at 3.00 pm.

Have a blessed week and month of March.

Parish Directory

Pastor:	Rev. Fr. Michael Mugomba	540-298-1341
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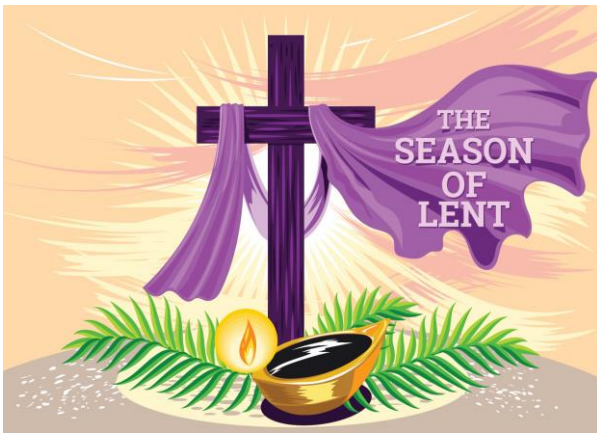
Weekly Contributions for Feb 21 to Feb 27

	Targeted	Actual	Difference
This Week:	$ 2,362.33	$ 1,431.00	$ - 931.33
Jul 1 to Date:	$80,319.22	$76,676.64	$ -3,642.58

Weekly Ministry Collections

Parish Imp. $0	Justice & Peace $0
Poor Box $1	Votive $6
Rosary $	Post Card $4
Ash Wednesday $372	

Special Collections:



Please Pray for... All God's children who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers. Pray for our brothers and sisters, James West, Grace Condolff, Wanda Lohman, Patty Day.