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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

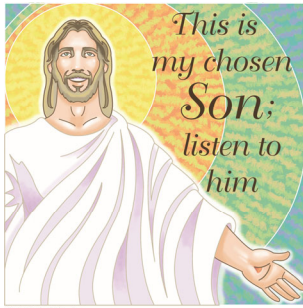
MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

Once they were settled on the mountaintop, Jesus began to pray in earnest and, as usual, his wingmen fell asleep. The disciples did not yet have the strength or insights of the Master. Peter, James, and John did not yet have the stamina or the depth to be able to focus during long periods of silent, contemplative prayer, especially after their long hike. One might see visions simply due to exhaustion! As Jesus was transfigured before them, Peter might have bumbled around it in typical Peter fashion, but he realized the significance of what they saw, and he wanted somehow to capture the sacred, to capture the moment, so he asked to build some tents. If we imagined this today, we'd all be there with our phones and selfie sticks trying to get an amazing picture of it, to capture the moment, and to share with everyone on social media. But all the disciples could do was remember it, capture it in their hearts—and tell no one at the time. They were silenced by the sacred. We too must let our busy worlds and minds and hearts enter into the silence. Start out with a few minutes daily and continue to add a minute or two more each day. Listen for the sacred in the silence, and let the voice of God fill your heart.

THE RECAP

When you watch a TV series, they will often provide a quick synopsis of key events from the last couple of shows to set the stage for the current episode. If we do a quick review of the Gospel of Luke, earlier in chapter nine Jesus was sending the disciples out in ministry for the first time, and we had the feeding of the five thousand. Peter realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus gives us the first hint of his own death and tells the disciples to take up their cross and follow him. After all that physical, spiritual, and emotional stress Jesus goes out to pray on the mountain, taking Peter, John, and James with him.

Have Faith

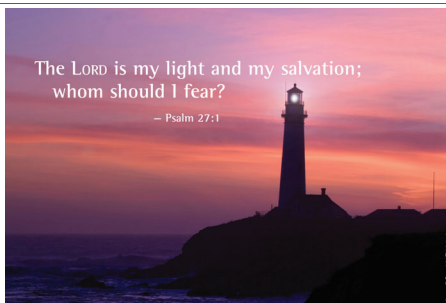
The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone. Maybe Luke knew that Jesus had asked them to keep quiet, but wanted to show that the disciples were not about to tell what they had seen and heard. Why not?

One reason may be that the experience was so personal and overwhelming that they didn't have the words to express it fully. All three Gospels mention white clothing and Matthew says that Jesus' face shone like the sun (17:2). Perhaps they could not look at Jesus directly without hurting their eyes. It brings to mind the Old Testament idea that if you looked at the face of God, you would die. So the disciples may not have wanted to talk about what they could not understand.

The other reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in Luke 9:22. It was bad enough that Jesus was telling them this. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. Our fears are often worse than the reality. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So have faith!

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FEBRUARY 27, 2022	
Tithing:	\$5,987.58
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
MARCH 14, 2022	
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
MARCH 14, 2022	
Monday 8:30am	Por las almas del purgatorio que nadie le reza
12:00pm Tuesday 8:30am	Felix Anotonio Hernandez & Maria Olinda Ramirez (D); Felix A Tejada (D); Cristino Nuñez Rosario & Maria Rosario Nuñez; Luis Roberto Santos Virella (D)
12:00pm Wednesday 8:30am	Maria Ninh (D); Julia Guasp (D)
12:00pm Thursday 8:30am	Elisa Reyes Mejia (D)
12:00pm Friday 8:30am	
12:00pm	Gladys Vargas Ramos & Juan Otilio Milan Vargas (D)
Saturday 7:45am	Maria My (D)
7:00pm	Maria Bravo (D); Wally Dominguez (D); Digna Escobosa (D); Estilf Miguel Santos (D); Alfredo Serrano & Luis Serrano (D)
Sunday 8:00am	People of SNT
9:30am	Maria Sanchez (D); Petra, Jaime, & Newton Martinez (D); Jose Flores, Odulia Muñoz (D)
11:30am	Gioan Chat (D)
1:30pm	Maria Lai Huong (D)

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.
We pray for the sick:
We pray for the dead:



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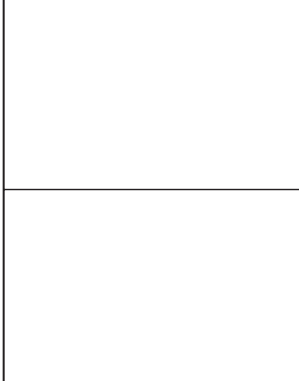
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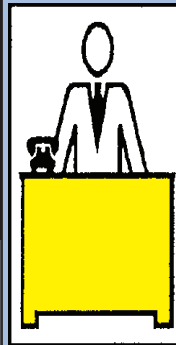
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