

March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Matthew 17: 1-9

“A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”

In the new film A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, Tom Hanks portrays Fred Rogers, creator and host of the iconic PBS children’s series Mister Rogers Neighborhood.

But Fred Rogers is not the main character in the film.

The film centers on Lloyd Vogel, a hard-charging investigative reporter for Esquire Magazine. To cool him down, his editor assigns him to do a “puff piece” profile of Fred Rogers. Mister Rogers’ producers urge him not to talk to Vogel — they know Lloyd’s tough reputation and warn him to stay clear of Vogel. But Rogers agrees to the interview and welcomes the reporter to his studio and home in Pittsburgh.

Vogel begrudgingly takes on the assignment, hoping to write the “truth” about the venerable minister-turned-TV host – but the interview does not go as planned. Lloyd’s cynicism is no match for Mister Roger’s kindness and compassion. Rogers gets Vogel to talk about himself, his new life as a dad and his strained relationship with his own father. Lloyd has shut down many feelings and emotions in the wake of his anger at his father’s walking out on his dying mother and family years before. Beneath his hard, skeptical exterior, Lloyd is terrified that he can’t be the involved dad and attentive husband and forgiving son he should and wants to be. But Fred Rogers — being “Mister Rogers” — patiently and slowly helps Lloyd find within himself the ability not only to move on from his hurt but to forgive his father and restart his loving relationship with his wife and son.

At one point in the movie, the reporter can barely mask his resentment at being forced by his editor to do this piece on Fred Rogers. He’s deeply suspicious that another human being — let alone a famous one — can possess such genuine empathy and decency. Fred Rogers responds to Lloyd’s cynical questioning: “Look at us — I’ve just met you, but I’m investing in who you are and who you will be, and I can’t help it.”

And Lloyd begins to get it, “You love broken people like me.”

Lloyd Vogel’s meeting Mister Rogers turned out to be an experience of “transfiguration.” Fred Rogers brings out of the cynical magazine writer the love and good will that are buried deep within him. We all experience such moments of “transfiguration” in our lives: when the love of God that exists within each one of us transforms our lives and the lives of those we love. It’s exactly that love — that “divinity” — that Peter, James and John see in Jesus on the mount of the transfiguration. The power of that sacred presence shines through us, as well, even when we don’t notice it or are unaware of it. Fred Rogers reflects that “transfiguring” love of Christ for Lloyd Vogel (as well as the millions of children who have watched his show over the years); God now calls us to “transfigure” our Lenten world into the “neighborhood” of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Daily mass is also cancelled any day there is a funeral in our parish.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

March 1, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1896.80
Building Fund	135.00
Word Among Us	5.00
Bingo Proceeds	693.10
Mass Stipends	30.00
In Memorium (Late Mary Park)	25.00
Catholic Missions	690.35

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Deceased Members of the Brake Family
Wed, 10 am	Late William N. Wells
Thur, 7 pm	Late Mary Russell
Fri, 10 am	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Elsie & Jerome Beales
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 14	
John Carroll Victoria Murphy	Donna Mitchell (Host Only)
March 15	
Calvin Gillis Mike Leonard	Elizabeth Carew (Host Only)
Communion of the Sick	
Joan Penney	

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: will be March 15th. Adoration begins at 2 pm and concludes with Benediction at 3 pm. Please come join us in pray.

CORONA VIRUS-Letter from Bishop Bart

(excerpt): To the faithful of the Dioceses of Corner Brook and Labrador.

Due to the concern of surrounding the latest Conona Virus outbreak, I would like to offer the following precautionary step until such time as the outbreak is over.

Communion from the Cup: Though drinking from a common cup normally has a low likelihood of spreading a virus (handling the cup is often a greater problem), it is advised that the distribution of the Blood of Christ from a common cup be discontinued until such time as the present outbreak is over.

Sign of Peace: Permission should be given to those who feel unsure in shaking their neighbours hand to express the sign of peace in some other way. (i.e. a slight bow or nod, a smile, a fist bump, a whisper (“peace”)).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are invited to join us at Sacred Heart Church in celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on the Fridays of Lent. A different version of the Stations will be used each week.

BINGO - Thank You: Bingo donations were gratefully received from the following people; Isabel Gillis, Tom George, Helen Jones, Barbara Neville, Barbara O’Blenis, Valerie O’Brien, Brian Park, Jim Park, Patricia Payne, Jack Pennell, Margie Pennell, Mary Jo Perrett, Kim Preston, Agatha Poole, Gen Quigley, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Karen Roche, Annette Rowsell, Mona Specker, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young, Tom Quigley and Valerie O’Connor. Anyone who forgot to bring in their donation can do so any time before our next game on April 5. Thanks everyone.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: We Pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation services have been set for our parishes. Confirmation Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea will take place on Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm. Sacred Heart Parish Confirmation Service will be Wednesday, May 13th also at 7pm. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.

NET MINISTRIES: Sacred Heart and Holy Redeemer parishes are co-sponsoring events with NET Ministries for the weekend of March 20th – 21st. This is a great event for all youth in grade seven and higher. More specific details to follow. Confirmation candidates are expected to take part in these NET Ministries activities.

PARISH MISSION- ADVANCE NOTICE: Our parish will be taking part in a special mission during Lent. Retired Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be with us on the weekend of March 28th, 29th and will lead us in a mission from March 29th to 31st. This will be a tremendous time to celebrate our faith with an Archbishop who has undergone great spiritual healing and has assisted many others in that same journey.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Poor Box collection last week was as follows: All Hallow's \$128.00; St. Brendan's \$91.50; Sacred Heart \$548.25; Holy Redeemer \$1,079.50 for a total of \$1,847.25. Thank you ever so much for being so generous to the poor and needy. It will be used to alleviate hunger and suffering. God bless you all.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Advance Notice:

There will be a **Novena for Life**, celebrating life from the moment of conception to natural death. The Novena will run from March 7th to the 15th.

BINGO: The Ladies Group will be having the next bingo on April 5, 2020 in the Sacred Heart Elementary at 2 pm. There is a volunteer list on the bulletin board located at the back of the Church. Volunteers in the sections N through Y on this list are asked to donate items. All your donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you want your name added to or removed from this list.



BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly Bible Study is Thursday, at 7:30 pm.

THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS: Our Chrim Mass will be held at Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Wednesday, April 1 beginning at 7 pm. This is a wonderful time to gather as a diocesan family and renew friendships with Priests and Parishioners throughout the dioceses. Everyone is invited.

HUMOUR:

