

MARCH 4 & 5, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, as we continue on the penitential journey, the liturgy invites us, after presenting the Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert last week, to reflect on the extraordinary event of the Transfiguration on the mountain. Considered together, these episodes anticipate the Paschal Mystery: Jesus' struggle with the tempter preludes the great final duel of the Passion, while the light of his transfigured Body anticipates the glory of the Resurrection. On the one hand, we see Jesus, fully man, sharing with us even temptation; on the other, we contemplate him as the Son of God who divinizes our humanity. Thus, we could say that these two Sundays serve as pillars on which to build the entire structure of Lent until Easter, and indeed, the entire structure of Christian life, which consists essentially in paschal dynamism: from death to life.

The mountain - Mount Tabor, like Sinai - is the place of nearness to God. Compared with daily life it is the lofty space in which to breathe the pure air of creation. It is the place of prayer in which to stand in the Lord's presence like Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside the transfigured Jesus and spoke to him of the "exodus" that awaited him in Jerusalem, that is, his Pasch. The Transfiguration is a prayer event: in praying, Jesus is immersed in God, closely united to him, adhering with his own human will to the loving will of the Father, and thus light invades him and appears visibly as the truth of his being: he is God, Light of Light. Even Jesus' raiment becomes dazzling white. This is reminiscent of the white garment worn by neophytes. Those who are reborn in Baptism are clothed in light, anticipating heavenly existence (cf. Rev 7: 9, 13). This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses his glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father's voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims Jesus his beloved Son as he did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: "Listen to him" (Mt 17: 5). To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following him on the way of the Cross, carrying in our heart like him the hope of the Resurrection. "Spe salvi", saved in hope. Today we can say: "Transfigured in hope".

Turning now in prayer to Mary, let us recognize in her the human creature transfigured within by Christ's grace and entrust ourselves to her guidance, to walk joyfully on our path through Lent.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The basis of Abraham's test in the First Reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac's life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me, a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal.

The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the Bishop. The Scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

TURNING POINTS

Our Readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

The Annual Ministry Appeal, *One Family in Mission*, will be conducted next weekend, March 11th & 12th this year. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we are called to remember that we are one with the other parishes in our diocese. The program supported by the Appeal provide services that no one parish could supply on its own. Once a year, we are asked to make a commitment to support the valuable work of these ministries. The effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for our Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our goal for this year is \$13,543.00.



EASTER IS COMING UP AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR DONATIONS OF PLASTIC EGGS AND CANDY FOR OLCG'S YEARLY EASTER EGG HUNT.

YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE PARISH OFFICE.
MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10AM – 2PM.

A Group of Parishioners of OLCG invites you to a Curbside Dinner TACO DAY FUNDRAISER



The meal will include 6 Deep Fried Potato Tacos, Beans, and Mexican Rice. \$25.00 per meal

Money raised will be donated to our Catholic School SJSDR. The event will be on Saturday, March 18th from 12-4 pm at the Parish Hall, 605 Maple Street, Fort Bragg, CA
Please place your orders!
You may contact Maria Hurtado 707-357-6742 or the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 or by email olgcinfb@gmail.com.



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account! If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK THEM UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST OFFICE BOX 1641

BEFORE APRIL 23, 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN: 707-480-4614.

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 4 - 10, 2023

Saturday (04)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Barbara Clark † Kathleen Louise Anderson Dodd † Kamryn Wegner (healing)
	6:30pm	Lupe Becerra † Mauricio Escobedo † Carmen & Tarsicio Garcia † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Pete & Consuelo Sánchez (Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday (05)	8:00am	Beth Ricca (healing)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (06)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (07)	12:05pm	Carole Musso (healing)
Wednesday (08)	12:05pm	Salvador Yáñez †
Thursday (09)	12:05pm	Michael Musso (healing)
Friday (10)	12:05pm	Deacon Charles McCarthy (healing)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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]

WEEKLY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2023...\$2,060.00
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$718.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!



DURING LENT, THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:45PM IN ENGLISH AND 6PM IN SPANISH. (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY).



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.