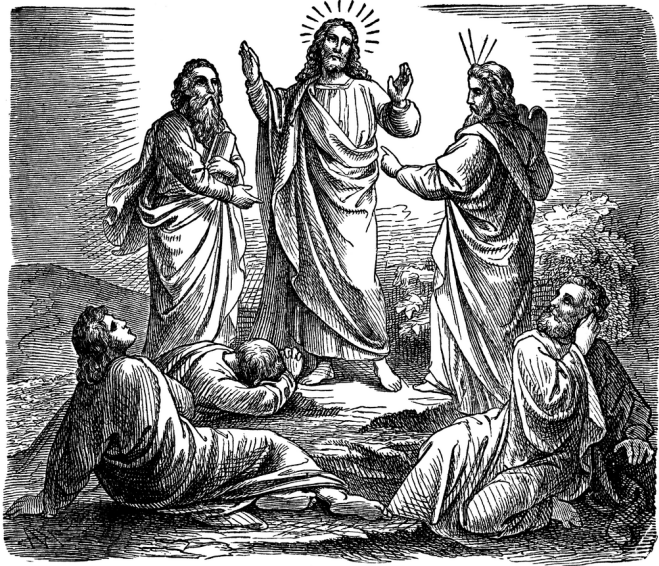


**FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 9:2-10*. This vision of Christ glorified, given to these Apostles on Mount Tabor (the traditional site of Transfiguration) was surely a very special privilege, and it was one they did not forget. "We saw his glory," St. John says in his gospel, written over sixty years later. In his epistles John also refers to this privilege (1 Jn. 1:1-4). St. Peter, writing from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor about thirty years later, mentions this outstanding experience: "For we were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when from out the majestic glory a voice came down to him saying: 'this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Pt. 1:16-18).

Yes, the three Apostles were privileged and we too are sharers in their privilege. The Transfiguration of Christ is but one among many of the incontrovertible proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ which we have in the gospel narratives and in the twenty centuries-long history of the Church which he founded. Were he not divine, that Church would long since have crumbled and fallen under the many vicious assaults from outside which it has undergone, as well as from the many human weaknesses which have beset it from within. But Christ is God and the Church has his divine protection and assistance. Therefore, it will go on to the end of time to continue his work of elevating and redeeming mankind.

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory—a glory in which they would share—was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the terrible test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon. It is for a similar reason that the Church orders this story of the Transfiguration to be read to us during this season of Lent. We are or should be mortifying ourselves during this season. This mortification can earn for us a glorious and unending future life. To encourage us to continue it, we are reminded that the One we are following, the One whose voice we listen to, is none other than the Son of God. There are the voices of many false prophets shouting around us, telling us to enjoy ourselves in this life, to "eat, sleep, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die," but there is the rub—tomorrow we shall die, but where shall we go then?

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Savior is ever beside us to "raise us up and tell us not to fear" if we but rely on him. When we are tempted to give way to our human

weaknesses, or to give way under the weight of the crosses that sometimes are about to crush us, let us think of Mount Tabor, and the glorified Jesus, who a few weeks later faced his own real passion and cross cheerfully for our sakes. This thought will help us to carry our crosses as the thought of the future glory which will be ours should make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*  
**(John 13:34-35).**

Dear parishioners,

Last weekend, we were blessed to host a day of orientation for those interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society here in our parish. I want to express my gratitude to the president of our SVdP Society, Emmet O'Connell, for organizing this event. Several individuals came from the Bay Area to lead the conference, and while I was only able to attend the morning session, I was edified by their words and I am happy to know that we have a few more parishioners willing to join SVdP and to assist in their charitable works. Thank you to all of those who participated.

The founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, describes the virtue of charity in this way: "*Charity is a tender mother who keeps her eyes fixed on the infant she carries at her breast, who no longer thinks of herself, and who forgets her beauty for her love.*" Charity in its purest sense means love and encompasses our love for God and our love for our neighbor, and it calls us to cultivate and deepen a spirit of sacrifice and of generosity. May God bless you all for the sacrifices you make in order to support the Church and Her charitable works. Once we have experienced the infinite and boundless charity and goodness of God, how else can we respond but by striving to reflect His love in our own lives?

In Christ,

Fr. Pacheco



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

AT 12:45PM IN ENGLISH AND 6PM IN SPANISH.



## **ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL 2024**

The Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, will be conducted this weekend, February 24 & 25, 2024. **Our parish target this year is \$10,300.00.** Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year; the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. Please respond generously when we asked to make your pledge. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and restricted funds for the ministries only. For more information, please visit the diocese website: [www.srdioocese.org](http://www.srdioocese.org).



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

#### **CONFIRMATION MASS:**

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 6PM

#### **FIRST COMMUNION MASS:**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 10AM.



### **KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

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

APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. SEND COMPLETED

APPLICATIONS TO THE KNIGHTS' POST OFFICE BOX BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN 707-480-4614.

### **~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS~**

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to [olgcinfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinfb@gmail.com) or call at 707-964-0229 ext. 1.

## **MASS INTENTIONS** **FEBRUARY 24 – MARZO 1, 2024**

Saturday (24)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Claire Tavares † Harold & Pearl Johnson † Pete Maffia †
	6:30pm	Manuel Gaona † Antonia Rentería † Gabriel Yáñez † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Father Alan Acevedo Pete Sánchez (b-day) Ezequiel Sánchez (b-day)
Sunday (25)	8:00am	Antonia Rentería †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (26)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (27)	5:30pm	Private Intention
Wednesday (28)	12:05pm	Private Intention
Thursday (29)	12:05pm	Private Intention
Friday (01)	12:05pm	Marie Fernande †
	6:00pm	Cazares Family

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2024...\$2,280.00  
ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL ....\$1,042.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
REPAIRS OF PARISH HEATING SYSTEM**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

### **LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS 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.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mauricia Campuzano, Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, 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, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

### **TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME**

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL'S MINISTRY**  
**NEEDS YOUR HELP**

THEY WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR DONATIONS OF  
NEW OR USED TENTS, SLEEPING BAGS, BLANKETS  
AND LARGE SIZE MEN SHOES AND BOOTS.  
TAKE THEM TO THE PARISH HALL EVERY  
SUNDAY FROM 11:30AM – 12:30PM.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL  
EMMET O'CONNELL AT 707-367-0690.



**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 ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



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 TR AS A PERMANENT REMINDER  
OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides**  
**“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).

*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account  
online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time  
donation, 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.*



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,**  
**WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF**  
**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,**  
**FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to Our Lady of Good Counsel's Church,  
Welcome! We hope you find a spiritual home here.  
Please formally register in the parish and be a part  
of our family. Come to the Parish Office  
Mon - Fri, 10am – 2pm to register.  
Registration forms are also available  
in the church vestibule.

