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Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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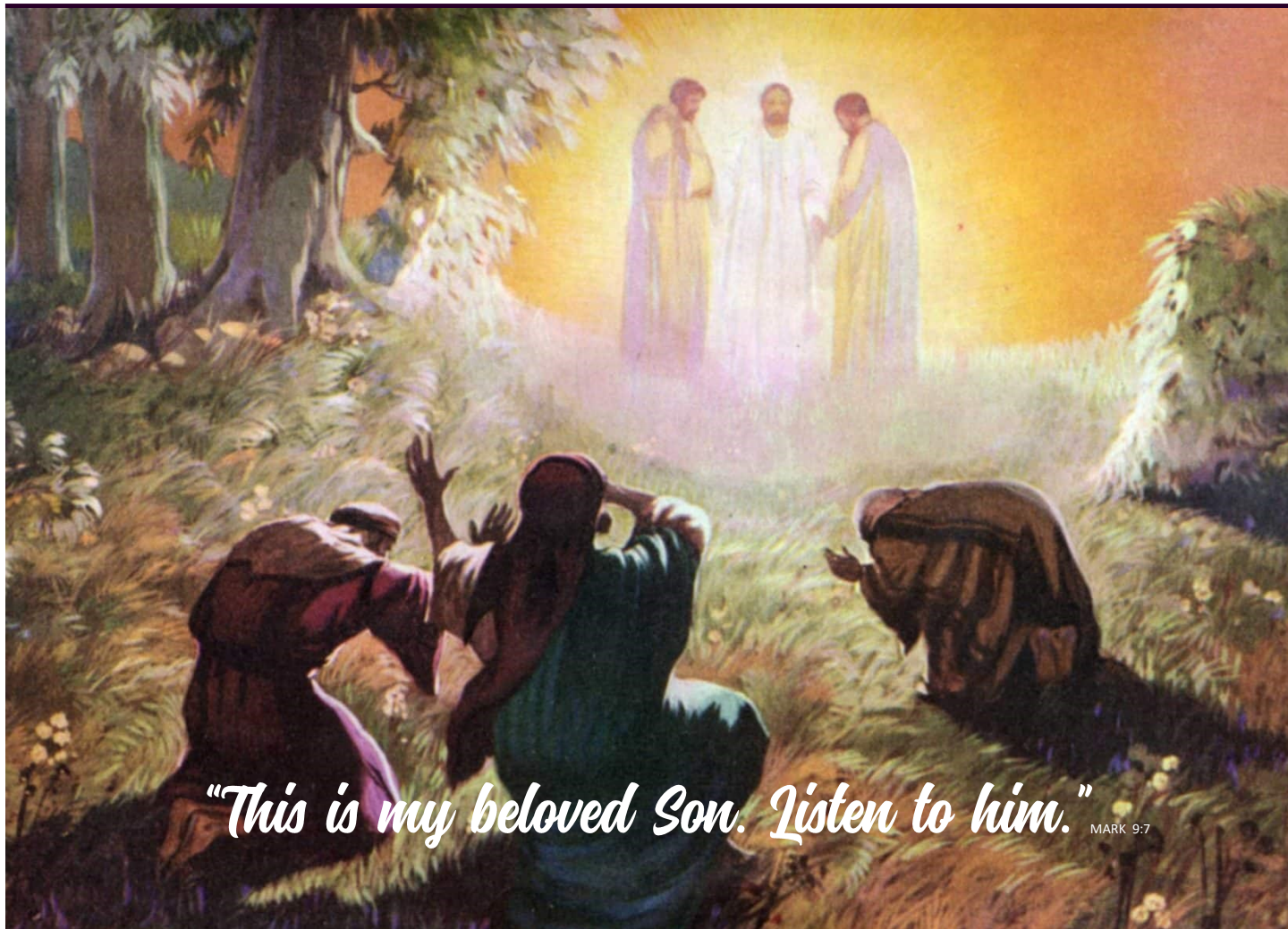
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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent

Are we prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2,3). When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (Exodus 34:29). St. Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles - Peter, James and John.

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his Son because he obeyed. The Lord wants to share his glory with each of us. The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the glory and blessings of my Father's kingdom - your names will be written in heaven (Luke 10:20). Let us pray: Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory.

Readings for Next Sunday,

March 3, 2024

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Saint of the Week... St. Katharine Drexel

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, Katharine Drexel was the daughter of an American financier and philanthropist. Her mother died just five weeks after Katharine was born, and her father remarried in 1860. The family was active in charitable works and distributed food, clothing, and money from their home twice a week.

As a young adult, Katharine was deeply impacted by her stepmother's long battle with terminal cancer and marked that as a pivotal time in her life. In 1884 she traveled with her father and sisters to the western states, where they witnessed the poverty and destitution of Native Americans on reservation lands.

When her father died in 1885, she and her sisters inherited a vast fortune. Believing that all people should have access to education, she continued the work earlier undertaken by the family of founding and endowing schools and churches for African Americans and Native Americans.

In 1889 she became a novice with the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She took her final vows in 1891 and founded the Blessed Sacrament Sisters for Indians and Colored People. Mother Drexel began establishing schools, first with the founding of St. Catherine's Boarding School for Pueblo Indians in New Mexico, followed by a school for African American girls at Rock Castle, Virginia. She opened more schools, and in 1915 founded a school for African Americans that would become Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mother Drexel died in 1955 at age 96. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament had grown to 500 members in 51 convents and had established 49 elementary schools, 12 high schools and Xavier University.

Katharine was canonized in 2000, becoming the second U.S.-born saint (the first was St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, canonized in 1975). St. Katharine is the patron saint of racial justice and of philanthropists.

Source: britannica.com



Feast Day: March 3



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)



During this holy season of Lent, we have many ways to give to others in our community.

Quilt Raffle

Our friends at Our Lady of Grace are raffling a handmade quilt to benefit a young parish family in need who is expecting twins soon. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. See Kelli Wittman at Mass or at the Parish Office to purchase.

Candy Donations for Easter Eggs

Our Youth Group will be sponsoring a community Easter Egg hunt. Donations of candy to fill the eggs are appreciated and can be left in the Vestibule between now and March 10.

Financial Support for Soup Kitchen

Our Grades 7-8 CCD students are hosting a soup kitchen for the needy in our community in March. Monetary donations to help offset the purchase of supplies would be welcome! Those can be given to any class student, Kelley Kuhn, Joe Maybury, the Parish Office, or dropped in the offertory baskets marked for the "Soup Kitchen."

Food for Thought

Food for Thought provides non-perishable food to over 500 Mineral Country children in need to take home each weekend. Donations should be individual-sized items like apple sauce, pudding cups, crackers, cookies and pasta cups, cereal and granola bars, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, and Pop Tarts. These donations can be left in the Vestibule.

Faith in Action Food Pantry

Our local food pantry is always in need of items non-perishable items like pasta, rice, cereal, sauce, soups, canned vegetables and canned fruit. These donations can be left in the Vestibule.

Staggers & Hope Meadows Recovery Houses

These two local recovery houses assist women in recovery from drug or alcohol dependency. Items needed include shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant or other personal hygiene products. Donations can be left in the Vestibule.

Children's Home Society of West Virginia

Become a foster parent to make an impact in a child's life. Fliers with contact information can be found in the Vestibule.

These religious education students helped lead the Stations of the Cross last Friday by carrying the cross and candles. Thank you Remy Kuhn, Liam Dupuis and Lucas Dupuis!



Join us every Friday during Lent for Mass at 6:00 followed by the Stations.

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m.	The Calemine & Wise Families.....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Al Martin	Lynn McQuinn
Sunday, February 25	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Intentions of Marsha Gifford	Margaret McGee
Monday, February 26	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 27	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 28	5:00 p.m.	Souls of James & Inez Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
		Intentions of Fr. Thomas & his family	Sue & Jean Harber
Thursday, February 29	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, March 1	6:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the DeMasi & Turner families	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Jeff Kuhn	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, March 2	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Sauer	Assumption Knights of Columbus
		Intentions of Toni Shillingburg	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, March 3	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Melissa Stanislawczyk	Linda Marsh

Stations of the Cross will be prayed following Mass on Fridays during Lent.



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (February 25) for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to members of the Finance Committee for hosting this month!

Your Faithful Stewardship

February 17-18, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,442
Loose Donations	\$470
Repairs & Maintenance	\$25
Total	\$2,937

Attendance

Saturday, 2/17	80
Sunday, 2/18	135
Total	215

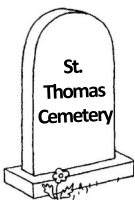
Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A second collection is scheduled for next weekend to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA). This is a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way.

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held February 15, 2024

<u>\$100 Winners</u>	<u>\$50 Winners</u>	<u>\$25 Winners</u>
Les Halapy	Scott Spanburgh	Bill Lupis
Bill Smith	Sharon Poland	Sue Landis
		John Bogdan



Cemetery Flowers

If you have Christmas or winter flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by March 10. Thank you!



MARY KAY Jubilee Fundraiser

Mary Kay Consultant and fellow parishioner Ann Marie DeMasi is hosting another online party in time to help with Easter gifts, spring makeovers or simply some self-care. A portion of all sales will again benefit our jubilee celebration. Everyone is invited to participate, including family and friends both near and far! Please use and share the link or QR code below or contact Ann Marie directly at 304-790-2620 or mk0895annie@gmail.com.

Please note: If you would like to help but already have a consultant, please let me know. Any purchases made through the "Mar 2024 Jubilee Party" will benefit the church's year-long celebration and you will NOT be contacted in the future unless it relates to your purchase.



<https://marykayapp.page.link/NFZD>

Mary Kay Values

God First, Family Second, Career Third, and the Golden Rule of treating others as you want o't be treated.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 2 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
EM: Bob Yowler, Mike Landis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Dave Dunn & Kenny Brant
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, March 3

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher (c), Julie Alt (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, March 9

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Kraus
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, March 10

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Mike Landis, Tina Stephen (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 29 Joanne Stickley
March 7 Cindy Alt

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

*this is my beloved **Son**, listen to him.*

Matthew 17:5