

Second Sunday of Lent

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Love Transfigures Everything

Today's Gospel shows us the goal of our journey of conversion, namely participation in the glory of Christ. The Transfiguration takes place on His way to Jerusalem, where the prophecies of His redemptive sacrifice are to be fulfilled. His disciples do not understand this, so Jesus chooses to give Peter, James and John a foretaste of His glory, which He will have after the Resurrection, in order to confirm their faith and encourage them to follow Him on the way of the cross. Thus, on a high mountain, immersed in prayer, He is transfigured before them. The face and His entire person irradiate a blinding light. The three disciples are frightened, as a cloud envelops them and the Father's voice sounds from above as at Jesus' baptism. "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him" (Luke 9:35). With Peter, James and John, we too climb the mount of the Transfiguration and stop in contemplation of Jesus' face to retrieve the message and translate it into our lives. For we too can be transfigured by love. In reality, love is capable of transfiguring everything.



Pray this week, "Jesus, help me to trust in You and follow You on the way of the cross."

Lenten Regulations—Abstinence

 **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on **all Fridays of Lent**. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasion for Christian penance. The Spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Way Of The Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.



We encourage all parish families to participate in praying these beautiful prayers as we follow Christ's passion, death and resurrection for the salvation of all mankind. We particularly encourage parents to bring their children, so they might come to better appreciate God's great gift to us.

PRAY THE ROSARY!



Offertory Giving

In today's second reading, we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,000.00
Last Sunday Feb. 14	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$6,020.00
Loose	835.01
Total	\$6,855.01
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$231,000.00
Cumulative Income	233,800.48
Ahead	\$2,800.48
Second Collection	
(Building Fund)	\$1,641.00

Fellowship Sunday

The members of the Altar Society will serve coffee and doughnuts after all of the Masses next Sunday, February 28. Please stop by the Parish Hall to enjoy tasty treats and great fellowship!



New Videos Coming To FORMED

Our subscription to the Catholic website **FORMED** continues to be a **FREE** educational service provided by the Church Parish. Go to the website www.formed.org Then enter the Parish Code **RXNBGV** (case sensitive). Click submit, which takes you to a screen to register and create your profile. Once you have registered, you will only need to type in your email address and password to log in. **FORMED** offers the best Catholic content, teachers and presenters, accessible anywhere at anytime on smartphones, tablets, I-pads and computers, which you can now view/hear/read for **free**. Programs, videos, movies, audios and e-books are available.

Monday, February 22*(1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)*

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, February 23*(Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)*

8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members living & deceased

Wednesday, February 24*(Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 25*(Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)*

8:00 a.m. Joyce Dawson

Friday, February 26*(Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)*

8:00 a.m. Wilfred Sanchez

Saturday, February 27*(Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)*

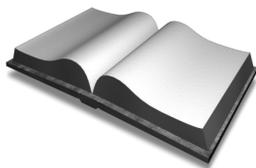
5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Roger Doucette, Harry & Catherine Tracy, Capt. Pete Vogt, Robert Jenevein, Joseph Jenevein, Jerome Roszczynialski, Joseph D'Antoni, Imelda Gares, Atherton Ragusa, Antonians & Benefactors

Sunday, February 28*(Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9)*

7:00 a.m. Jacques and Ollie Fuselier

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Clara Saucier, John Lacourrage Sr., Madel Ketterer, Harold & Ethel Giarrusso, Nellie Roszczynialski, Suzanne Renckly, Bruce Frederick, Ruth Horning, Benjamin Block, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, John & Madelene Schloegel

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

Lord, Teach Me to Pray—This prayer series designed for women will meet on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in St. Anthony Hall.

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Altar Society—Pray the Rosary Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena. Afterwards, members will join in the Parish Hall for their monthly meeting.

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Apologetics—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

St. Joseph's Altar Guild—Baking for the St. Joseph's Altar is held Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in this ministry, call Gene Templet at 863-2545. Donations envelopes are available at church entrances.



Youth Group FREE Spaghetti Dinner—Saturday, February 27 in the Parish Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Information will be presented about the plans for the fund raisers for the March for Life trip to Washington, D.C. in January, 2017.



Women's Spirituality—Sunday, February 28, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Our Transfiguration

This blinding light that we read on the mountain is our teacher transfigured into eternity. We are afraid less of Him than of what we have done, our hearts cracked wide open by the presence of such a One.



Purified by burning white elevated above the earth, we promise to never sleep again in acceptance of our sin.

Rita A. Simmonds

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.”

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Maurice Bersuder, Sr.**, from his wife Lou on their wedding anniversary.

**Pray For The Sick**

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Esther Binder, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew & Catherine Lambert, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Danny Ragusa Sr., Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Mary Seeler, Cathy Smith

Parish Support For Catholic Schools

It is the responsibility of every Catholic to support Catholic education. This is clear from Church teaching and the Code of Canon Law. *The Long Range Plan* mandates that each parish must help support the Catholic parochial elementary schools which are attended by children of the home parish. For parents or legal guardians to qualify for payment of this fee, families must be **REGISTERED, ACTIVE, AND SUPPORTING** members of that parish. Each parish is allowed to define for itself what "registered," "active," and "supporting" mean. In consultation with the Church Finance Committee and the Pastor, the following definitions have been established to qualify for support from our Parish

REGISTERED: Parents or legal guardians who live within or outside parish boundaries and who have a parish census form on file are considered registered in Sts. Peter and Paul.

ACTIVE: Parents or legal guardians are considered active if they **regularly** fulfill their Sunday and Holy day obligations by attending Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. It is expected that they have participated in at least one parish organization, work activity, or liturgical ministry in the previous year. Mass attendance will be verified by the record of their regular use of the parish envelope system.

NOTE WELL: Simply dropping a child off for Mass with a Sunday envelope, or mailing the envelopes to the Parish Office is unacceptable to be considered an active member of this Church Parish.

SUPPORTING: Parents or guardians are considered supporting members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish when they contribute a minimum of \$780.00 annually or \$15 a week, using the envelope system or a recordable method in Offertory Giving. The Parish Finance Committee, in consultation with the pastor, will make the final determination concerning the fulfillment of these requirements by each family. If a family with students in a Catholic parochial elementary school is judged not to qualify, the parents will be responsible for paying the voucher. Those who have fulfilled these criteria during the past year will have their voucher filled for the 2016-2017 school year. Those who have not must begin fulfilling their obligations to the Parish, if they wish the Church Parish to fill their voucher for the 2017-2018 academic year.

It is realized that these criteria may seem stringent to some. We wholeheartedly and gladly support Catholic schools; however, it is simply not fair to those who continuously and sacrificially support the Parish to have to pay for the Catholic schooling of those families who are "Catholic" only as a matter of convenience and who contribute little or nothing to our community of faith.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Service

February 23 is the last day to register to attend the Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 5, 3:00 p.m., St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you. You will then receive a letter of confirmation from the Archdiocese with details about the celebration.



Interested In Exploring Priesthood?



Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend for high school juniors and seniors and college-age men will be held March 18-20 at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington. This is an opportunity for men interested in the priesthood to find out more about seminary life. There is no cost for the weekend, but availability is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for registering is March 11. For information or registration, contact Father Kurt Young at vocations@archdiocese-no.org or 504-861-6298.

Catholic Cruise To Eastern Caribbean

Come sail away on a seven-night Catholic Caribbean Cruise with Father Salvatore Sciorba November 26 to December 3 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Ports of call include Grand Turk Island, Turks and Caicos, San Juan (Puerto Rico), Charlotte Amalie (St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.), Half Moon Cay (Bahamas) (Cruiseline private island). Prices begin at \$1,658 for two passengers, which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass will be offered. A \$350 deposit per person will reserve your cabin. Deadline is November 18. For details, contact Robert or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

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and my Dear Brother

David Nandor Dittler

