

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 8, 2020**

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured. His face shines like the sun, his clothes become white as light. He is joined by his closest friends, as well as Moses and Elijah. They hear God's voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 17:5). In just a few weeks Jesus will be disfigured. He will be struck, scourged and spat upon, and mocked with a crown of thorns. Spikes will pierce his hands and feet as he is nailed to the cross. His friends will have abandoned him. There will be no voice from the cloud; Jesus will believe himself forsaken by his Father. Bystanders will think he is calling Elijah. We are called to accept both visions of his identity: the disfigured Victim, the transfigured Lord. Transfigured today, Jesus becomes disfigured for our sins, to be transfigured in glory in the end.

God's blessings are showered down on us as a reward for anything we have done. Abram had done nothing of significance before the passage we hear today, in which a god promises to bless him in five ways (founder of a great nation, blessed personally, bless his name, bless those who bless him, curse those who curse him). Paul reminds Timothy that God saved us "not according to our works but according to (God's) own design" (2 Timothy 1:9). God's ultimate blessing, of course, is Jesus himself. We did nothing to merit his incarnation, let alone his ultimate sacrifice.

Jesus' final line of today's Gospel reads like a spoiler alert: "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). It is as if Peter, James, and John had seen an advance retailer that could ruin the ending for everyone else. No worries. In the next chapter of Mathew, the disciples argue over who is the greatest. It appears that they have missed the point once again. They are still struggling with God's command: "Listen to him" (17:5).

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**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

**Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Joyce Evans – Tu Tran – George Marcell – Gladean Smith

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

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**8:30a.m.** Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Tu Tran – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux –

**10:30a.m.** Lordeas Glapion Nix – Lamar & Shirley Smith – Melvin Thomas – Tanya Sterling – Melvin Thomas – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Russell Obee –

Intentions of Twyla Torregano – Therol Humphrey  
**12:00p.m.** Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish – In Thanksgiving

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Katharine Bertrand – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Twyla Torregano – June Jones – Gloria Bruno – Evangeline Madison – Beverly Williams

**6:00p.m.** Alton, Derek, and Kevin Madison – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Dewin Torregano

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Melba and John Fletcher – Lois White – Bernard, Clement Torregano – Intentions of Twyla, Joyce Torregano – June, Iris, and Lana Pierre

**6:00p.m.** Joan Mathieu – Joseph Keller

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Albert R. Pierre – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nugyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey and Vernon Martin – Henry Martin

**6:00p.m.** Ruby Jackson – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Maria Cuc Nguyen – Intentions of Ryan Thomas

**6:00p.m.** Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Fr. Buyeera

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran

**6:00p.m.** Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Fr. Buyeera

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Evelyn Knox. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn in memory of Ellsworth McKendall and Edna Belson.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. in the Chapel.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

**Bible Study** this week is based on the readings for the Second Sunday in Lent Year A. The readings challenge us to live what we believe. Faith is a confident attitude toward God, to do His will. It transforms the ordinary to the extra ordinary.. **Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4a; Responsorial Psalm: 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.**

**Continuing faith formation and RCIA sessions will be combined this Wednesday at 7:00p.m. in the center. This week we will continue to discuss: Transformative faith what do we believe – The Creed. Does your faith need a Makeover? During lent we choose to fast from other things and feed on the word of God. We have adopted a general theme and a theme specific for each week during Lent. The **General Theme: Lord increase our faith!** Here we ask God to strengthen and enlighten us. During **Week 2: Faith that transforms - Does Your Faith Need A Makeover? Transformative faith makes us change our habits, accept others, and change our environment.****

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We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

 **Lenten Schedule**

Daily Masses 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m. The Way of the Cross will follow the 8:30a.m. and the Friday 6:00p.m. Mass.

 **Fasting & Abstinence**

**Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholic 14 years or older on All Fridays of Lent.

**The Week Ahead In Our Parish**

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

- 6:00p.m. Zumba Class – Center Area
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rms. 10
- 7:00p.m. St. Maria Assemby 2521 Rms. 3-4

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center Area
- 6:00p.m. Lake Carmel HOA – Rm. 8
- 7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting – CMR

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center Area

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

- 12:00p.m. Fish Fry – Kitchen, Rms. 3-4
- 6:30p.m. AKA Practice – Center

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

- 8:00a.m. LTMTTP Men – Library
- 9:45a.m. LTMTTP Ladies – Rms. 3-4
- 11:00a.m. Just Faith – Library
- 12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership – Library
- 4:00p.m. Anointing of the sick – Church

**Relying On You**

Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise: apply your heart to what I teach, for it is pleasing when you keep in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips. So that your trust may be in the Lord, I teach you today, even you.

PROVERBS 22:17-19