

February 24, 2013: Second Sunday of Lent



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35

George Petera Illustration for The Mass, 2012, 1996, 1978 CCD.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 24 (Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36)

8:00 am- Louis R. Kallus & Carolyn Steffek
10:30 am- For our Parish Family
5:00 pm- Leo Flores (Spanish Mass)

Monday, February 25 (Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38)

7:00 am- Don & Wilma Peterson
10:00 am- Nicholas & Annie Grahmann (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 26 (Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12)

7:00 am- Alton & Bea Heinzl

Wednesday, February 27 (Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28)

7:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Frank & Jo Nell Janecek's 53rd Anniversary
8:05 am- Lois Gerlich Smith
12:05 pm- Frank & Georgie Edar

Thursday, February 28 (Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31)

7:00 am- Leo, Minnie & Nick Hoffer
10:00 am- Bill Biehunko (Stevens)

Friday, March 1 (Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46) Day of Abstinence from Meat

7:00 am- Frank & Peggy Janak
8:05 am- Jim, Willie Mae & Jimmie Kahanek
12:05 pm- Billy Joe Sitka
6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross (after Benediction)

Saturday, March 2 (Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

5:30 pm- David Etzler

Sunday, March 3 (Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9)

8:00 am- Stacey Rabel, Joe & Mary Rabel
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

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Anniversaries:

Frank & Jo Nell Janecek 53 yrs. Feb. 27
Melvin & Mary Ann Jurica 53 yrs. Feb. 28

Attention Catholic Daughters: If you have not yet paid your 2013 dues, please make your \$20 check payable to CDA & mail to Anita Steffek, 549 CR 186, Hallettsville.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center. Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.
-Just5Days Youth Cookie Sale after 10:30 a.m. Mass
-Youth Spectacular, 11:00am, Holy Family Gym, Victoria
-Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Parish Finance Council Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Mary's House
-Parish Advisory Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Mary's House
-Choir Practice, 6:15 p.m., Church.
-Men's ACTS meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph, Moulton

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-KJT #5 Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Chovanetz Insurance Bldg.
-Adult Education Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in Church. Intention for the month: *For the Conclave of Cardinals as they select the new Pope.*
-Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.
-Stations of the Cross after First Friday Benediction.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

-Serra Club Mass, 8:00 a.m., St. Michael's, Weimar.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Donna Coldewey, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Annette Krupala, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Rosalee Gaskamp, Helen Kresta, Clinton Henneke, Earline Chovanetz, Tillie Schott, Lucille (Cudlum) Werner, Bobby Lee Drozd, nursing home residents, & homebound.

On First Thursdays, the Church commemorates Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of His Body and Blood and of the holy Priesthood. Join us on Thursday for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in church at 7:00 pm for the intention of the priests and seminarians of our Diocese.

Rosaries of the Unborn. A limited number of Rosaries are available for \$25 each. Please contact Fr. Tommy.

Women's ACTS Retreat, Mar. 21-24. Registration forms at entrance of church. Mail form to address on application.

Men's ACTS Retreat, Apr. 18-21. Registration forms are at the entrance of church. Mail form to address on application.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

In today's Gospel we hear about the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus' transfiguration on the mountaintop shows us that He is indeed the Messiah, God's beloved Son. This reading also teaches us about discipleship. We feel blessed because what is shown to Jesus' closest friends – Peter, James and John – is also revealed to us. This passage calls us to transfigure our lives this Lent so as to live more fully as disciples of Jesus:

Listen to Jesus. After Jesus is transfigured, a voice is heard from the heavens: "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." As the apostles with Jesus fall silent, we are reminded to make time in our busy lives for silence. What is Jesus saying to us this Lenten season?

Change our hearts. After experiencing the miracle of the Transfiguration, the apostles were forever changed. We, too, are changed by hearing the powerful story of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah appearing together as a sign of God's heavenly kingdom. How has Christ's transfiguration changed me?

Go and serve. While Peter yearns to stay on the mountaintop with the prophets and Jesus, the miraculous vision fades and they must return to daily life. While it is tempting to stay in ecstasy with Jesus, we are called to share our faith in the routine of our daily lives. Who are we called to serve this Lent?

Religious Education (CCD) –

Feb. 27: Penance Service for 3rd-5th Grades.

Mar. 3: 7th Grade Youth Involvement 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacred Heart Catholic School –

Feb. 25: No school – TAPPS District Academic Meet.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is presently in progress for Pre-K (4 yrs. old), Elementary and High School students. Currently enrolled students are to complete the registration forms received in the mail and return them to the school by Wednesday, March 13. Extended care is available until 5:30 p.m. for students in grades Pre-K-5. Registration for new and currently enrolled students (Pre-K-12) may be completed at the school office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm.

Masses sent to Chancery for distribution to area

churches: Marvin Patek-6; Herman Hanslik-8; Lois Smith-6; Frank Rocha-6; David Morisak-21; Paul Najvar-4; Hubert Grahmann-29; Elsie Steffek-20; Brenda Bludau-2; Robert Kloppenberg-26; Agnes Hemmi-2; Bill Biehunko-47; Barbara Frederick-2; Leroy Rybak-8; Annie M. Technik-2; Vickie Klimitchek-41; Edward & Gussie Kurtz-6; Martha Polach-8; Angela Hermes-4; Bill & Helen Mitchon-48; Catholic Financial Life #564-6

*Please pray for the blessing of
beneficial rainfall!*



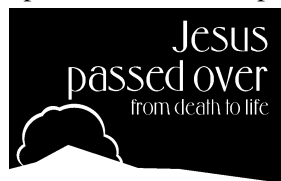
Correction for postcards: Senate – Ted Cruz & John Cornyn. Representative – Blake Farenthold.

Three new books are now available at the Rectory Gift Store just in time for Lent! *The Catechism in Pictures* (\$25) is a beautifully illustrated book translated from a French missionary catechism which used traditional pictures to explain the Catholic faith to non-believers. *The Way of the Cross: A Treasury of Stations* (\$15) is a collection of 13 versions of the Stations of the Cross bound into one volume. This is an excellent way to pray the Stations every day without it becoming stale. *Holy Hour of Reparation* (\$8) is an excellent companion prayer book for all those who make visits to the Blessed Sacrament. It contains traditional prayers consoling the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the sins and outrages that we have committed against Him.

KJT Society #5 will meet on Tuesday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chovanetz Insurance Building. All Society #5 members are encouraged to attend.

2nd Sunday of Lent – Many of us have buried relatives or friends who have had an impact on our lives. Standing there in the funeral home or meditating at their grave, we can recall what they meant to us, how their words or actions touched us in some way, how what they did gave some shape to the person we are today. Often, it is only years later that we recognize in ourselves some of their own character.

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear a version of the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each describe the experience in a rather similar fashion. But Luke adds something that the others leave out. As Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah who have appeared alongside Him on the mountain, Luke says that they "spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is pure Lucan theology. Luke constructs his Gospel in such a way that Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem where He will accomplish the fulfillment of His Father's will through His death and resurrection. In doing so, He ushers in the era of the church on which the Holy Spirit is poured out, as a prelude to the triumph of the kingdom of God. For Luke,



the exodus of Jesus in Jerusalem is His passover from death to life in the glory of the Resurrection. The Transfiguration is a glimpse of that glory.

In a way, at the top of that mountain, Peter, James, and John were already witnessing what could be the impact of this man in their lives. He was going to change everything. As He has done with us! During Lent we take some time to reflect on what the life and teaching of Jesus means to us. We don't stand at His grave, but at an empty tomb, and recall that the One who passed over from death to life holds that promise for us as well.

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