

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The gospel of the Second Sunday of Lent brings us to one of the important events in the life of Jesus. That is, his transfiguration on a mountain during which his face was transfigured and shone like the sun, while his clothes became white as light. Let us try to go over the important moments in this gospel passage.

First, the gospel passage says that Jesus invited three of his friends, Peter, James, and John, to go to a mountain and pray. The season of Lent is a call to prayer. Therefore, if opportunity permits, we should spend time in prayer so that we can enter into the paschal mystery of Jesus. Moreover, this makes our celebration of Easter more meaningful.

Second, Jesus transfigured. The transfiguration previews the glory and splendor of Jesus at Easter and beyond. It is a foretaste of what is to come. On the part of the disciples, the transfiguration gives them a preview of the glorious figure of Jesus.

Third, Peter cries out to Jesus, "*Lord, it is good that we are here.*" This statement of Peter is something upon which we should reflect. Peter speaks of something "good" which may be translated into joy. Each time we celebrate the holy Eucharist, we should also exclaim like Peter, "*Lord, it is good that we are here!*"

Fourth, it is significant that the transfiguration takes place on the road to the crucifixion. The disciples have some sense that Jesus is on the road to suffering and death. However, Peter's proposal to Jesus, "*If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,*" was a way of evading the pains on the cross. The transfiguration gives them strength and confidence that God is at work in the life of Jesus. It also gives them the courage to continue with their work because of the assurance that God is and would be with them. After the transfiguration event, the disciples became committed to face the future struggles.

The Transfiguration is a story of determination and hope. Our tendency is to build comfort zones in our life. Our tendency is to evade the pains and struggles that are there. What God wants is for us to have the capacity to face all these. We need a determination to face life's difficulties and at the same time, cling to the hope and promise of glory.

Let us remember the often used adage, "*No pain, no gain* (Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, March 9 **9:00 a.m.**
St. Frances of Rome

Fortunato Benitez, Jr. req Ruby Benitez
Deceased members of Denis Keane's family
req Denis

Tuesday, March 10 **9:00 a.m.**
Fortunato Benitez, Jr. req Ruby Benitez
Brenda Callen and Family req Denis Keane

Wednesday, March 11 **9:00 am**
Fortunato Benitez, Jr. req Ruby Benitez
Nancy Laing req Dave and Marie
Vesprini

Cynthia de Leon Abuel and deceased members of
the de Leon family req Joe and Naty de Leon

Thursday, March 12 **9:00 a.m.**
Dicecca, Michael req Helen McSorley
Devotion to Mary req Denis Keane

Friday, March 13 **9:00 a.m.**

Jackie and Jonathan Kahana req Yaying

Saturday, March 14 **5:00 p.m.**

Clotilda Mascarenhas
req Jessy and Jonathan de Braganca
In memory of Linus Dominic Ondiano
req Ondiano family

Sunday, March 15 **10:00 a.m.**
St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



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For March 2/3, 2020

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8,
please move clocks forward one hour.
Spring is coming!



COME, LORD JESUS! Bible Study

We are excited to offer our parish an opportunity to form small faith communities for the purpose of deeper reflection of the Sunday readings proclaimed at Mass. If interested, contact Fr. Saju. by [email-soreethap@gmail.com](mailto:soreethap@gmail.com)



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK
FOR SISTER VERA T. ADAMS, O.P.
OFFERED BY
ROY J. ADAMS**

Fast means one full meal and two smaller ones. Abstinence means no meat is to be eaten. The Fasting rule applies to all people between 18 to 60 years of age. The Abstinence rule applies to all those over 14.

EXTENDED ADORATION



You are invited at this Lenten time to spend some time with Lord Jesus in Adoration from to Friday following the 9:00 Mass until 1:00p.m. **Please sign the volunteer book at the back of the church indicating the day and time you came.** We are blessed to have this opportunity for prayer and please make use of this opportunity for your spiritual growth. Please come and encourage others to join you. Prayer requests and thanksgiving can be sent to us through Email: saintcharlesadoration@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK EXPENSES & EASTER FLOWERS

As we prepare to decorate the Church for the Easter Season, we are accepting donations from parishioners. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please put your donation in the envelopes with your name, envelope number. Thank you for your help.



Monday through Friday during Lent:

8:00 a.m. – Adoration

9:00 a.m. – Holy Mass

Extended Hours of adoration

Monday to Friday after 9:00 mass until 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays during Lent: 5:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

Sundays during Lent: 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass

Stations of the Cross: After every Mass during Lent



**Healing Mass and Feast Day of St. Joseph
Patron of Canada and Patron of Families on
Thursday 19th of March**

“Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.” – St. Thomas Aquinas. **We begin the Novena to St. Joseph on the 11th of March** during the Mass time. On his Feast Day, which is 19th of March, we have a **Healing Mass in the evening.**

Thursday, March 19 – Adoration at 6:00 pm

Healing Mass † Anointing with Holy Oil at 7:00 pm

All are welcome. Please invite family and friends.

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the gentle heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly for the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now request. (Mention your request)

O guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen