

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

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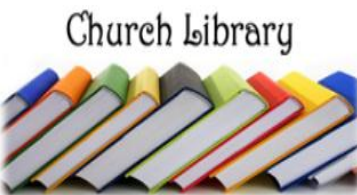


A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025



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We are now collecting money for **Easter Lilies** If you would like to donate \$20.00 for an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact the Office or drop your donation in the collection basket with their name.

St. Patrick's Dinner
Sunday, March 15

Suggested Meal DONATION

\$18.00 Adult
\$9.00 Children (12 & under)
\$9.00 Half Portion
\$40.00 Family (up to 4 people)
11:30am – 1:30pm

Enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage or Ham Dinner
TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

a small tidbit from the HALLOW App 'Lenten Pray 40 Challenge':

Each of us, you and I, each of us is a beloved son or beloved daughter of God Most High walking around shining like the sun in the image of His face. How often do we forget that each person we encounter is not some background character in our lives, but instead a wonder of God's very own creation. (the store clerk, the stranger on the street, the person in line in front of us...)

How can we begin to see the world in this way? How do we train our hearts to recognize the beauty in those around us? Ask the LORD for the grace to see them as they truly are, to see in them the face of Jesus. "LORD, show me your face".

Welcome to Our Parish Community Second Sunday of LENT ~ March 1, 2026



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Hot Springs, SD

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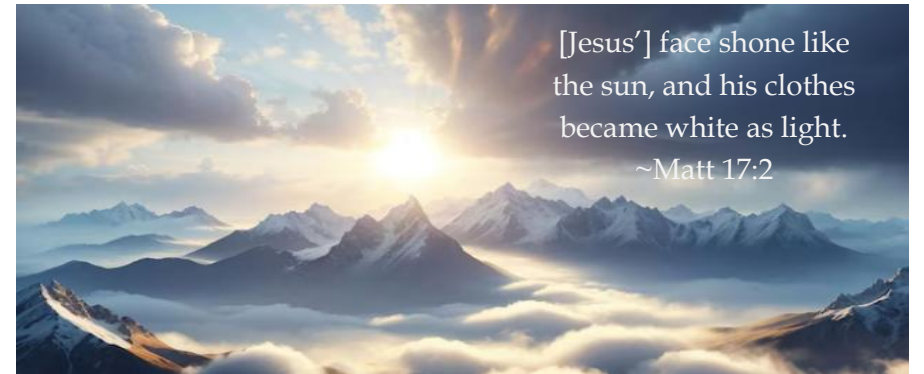
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Weekend Mass Schedules:

Saturday ~ 5:30pm	St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 8:00am	St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 10:30am	St Anthony of Padua Church ~ Hot Springs, SD
Sunday ~ 2:00pm	St James the Apostle Church ~ Edgemont, SD



[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.
~Matt 17:2

Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to "go together"? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains' height pierced the sky. Turns out, it's a bit more complicated. Mountains "create" their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind. It's no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the "heavens"—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it's also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God's voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?



Welcome to our Catholic faith community. If you are a new parishioner interested in becoming part of our parish community, please stop by the Parish Office and register or call for more information.