

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK

We had a great week in our parish last week. It began on Sunday with our Black History Month celebration at 10:30 AM Mass. I was thrilled to see how the children and youth are growing in ministering to us at Mass. The lectors did a great job. They are becoming very comfortable reading before a large congregation. That is a great skill. Our prayer warriors are awesome. Our ushers are doing a great job. I was proud of our Confirmation candidates who served as Eucharistic Ministers. Of course, our altar servers are always so conscientious and reverent. Andrew and Ana Claire Wilson lead us beautifully on the Black History Choral Reading. Some one said to me at the end of Mass, it felt like pre-Covid days! I certainly hope we are returning to those days!

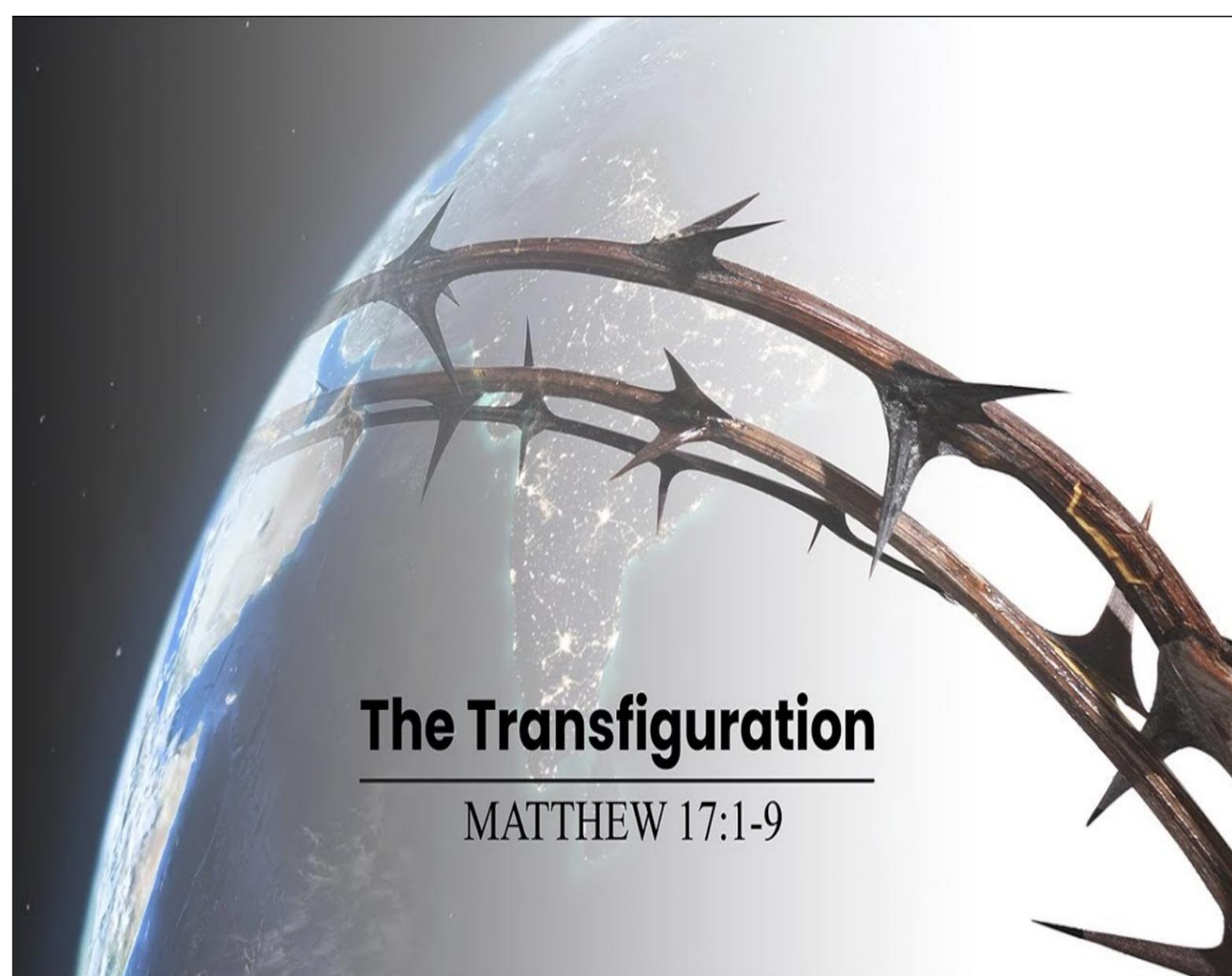
On Tuesday, we hosted a study night at the MLK Catholic Student Center. Gerald Berzat cooked a delicious meal of red beans and rice, Texas toast, deserts and snacks. About 25 students took advantage of the opportunity to prepare for midterms in a relaxed atmosphere. We collaborated with the Tutoring Center which is housed on the fourth floor of the library. They provided tutors to help students. The students are so nice, so polite, so serious about their studies, and so grateful.

On Thursday, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and other volunteers distributed a truck load of food to our neighbors. The food is surplus supermarket food and it is coordinated by Catholic Charities. 66 families received ribs, chicken wings, hamburger and many other items. It was a huge amount of food. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to help our neighbors.

On Thursday afternoon, the Knights and Ladies were at it preparing for the fish dinner sale on Friday. I joked with them that they were doing their Lenten penance by peeling potatoes!

What a great week at Immaculate Conception Church and the MLK Catholic Student Center! Thank God! Thank you!

-Father Thomas Clark SJ



The Transfiguration

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2026

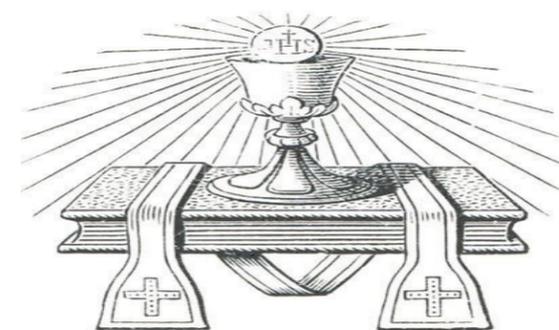
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
12:10 PM
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.



THANK YOU FOR OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Thanks to all who made our Black History Month and Youth Sunday celebration so inspiring and uplifting. Thanks to Gloria DeRouen and Stepanie Yearby for their coordination. Thank you to the PSR teachers for preparing for the youth. Thank you to our youth who stepped up and served in the ministries of the Mass. Thank you to the parents who helped them prepare at home and got them to the church on time! As always, thank you to the Gospel Choir for their music ministry.

CLAVER FAMILY FISH DINNER SALE

The Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling Fish Dinners on the Fridays of Lent. The menu consists of fried catfish strips, potato salad, peas, bread, and a dessert. **The cost is \$15.00.** Dinners are served from 10:00 AM until they run out.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Having begun the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we remind you of the Lenten devotions that are offered:

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday at 12:10 PM at MLK Catholic Student Center

Fridays: Mass at 5:00 PM and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom; Thursdays at 10:30 AM in person in the Parish Activity Center.

Food Pantry Support: Bring nonperishable food or make monetary donations throughout Lent to support our Food Pantry and Saint Vincent de Paul.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays at 3:00-3:30 PM and Thursday, March 26 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 PM



CATHLEEN	DEROGERS	3/1
JESSICA	JONES	3/1
DE EDDRA	PRINCE	3/1
LAURA	SCOTT	3/1
ASHLEY	STATION	3/1
MEGANN	THOMPSON	3/1
LA TRICE	WILTZ	3/1
DARRELL	DUPUY	3/1
SHELTON	DYER, JR.	3/2
KRYSTIE	THOMAS	3/2
LINDA	WALKER	3/2
WALTER	CRAIG III	3/4
KALLI	GREGORY	3/4
ALYSHA	LEWIS	3/4
JARVIS	SANDERS	3/4
NAVIN	DENU	3/6
LLOYD	DOUCETTE, JR.	3/6
GREGORY	DURLEY, JR.	3/6
DARRELL	FRANCIS	3/6
JULIUS	KLEINPETER, JR.	3/6
ASHLEY	BARRON	3/7
JANET	DUPRE	3/7
CALVIN	MCKNIGHT, JR.	3/7
CRYSTAL	MURRAY	3/7
CHERYL	RAMI	3/7
PATRICA	THOMAS	3/7



Tri-Parish Lenten Revival

Our Tri-Parish Lenten Revival will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 2, 3, and 4 at 6:00 PM (Praise and Worship) 6:30 PM Revival Service. Rev. Kareem Smith of the Archdiocese of New York will be our revivalist. Monday's Revival service will be at Saint Paul the Apostle. Tuesday at Saint Francis Xavier, and Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church with a take-out reception to follow.

**Weekly Mass Readings
March 1– March 7**

Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4a
2 Timothy 1: 8b-10
Matthew 17: 1-9

Monday

Daniel 9: 4b-10
Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday

Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20
Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday

Jeremiah 18: 18-20
Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday

Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Luke 16: 19-31

Friday

Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 3-7
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
John 4: 5-42