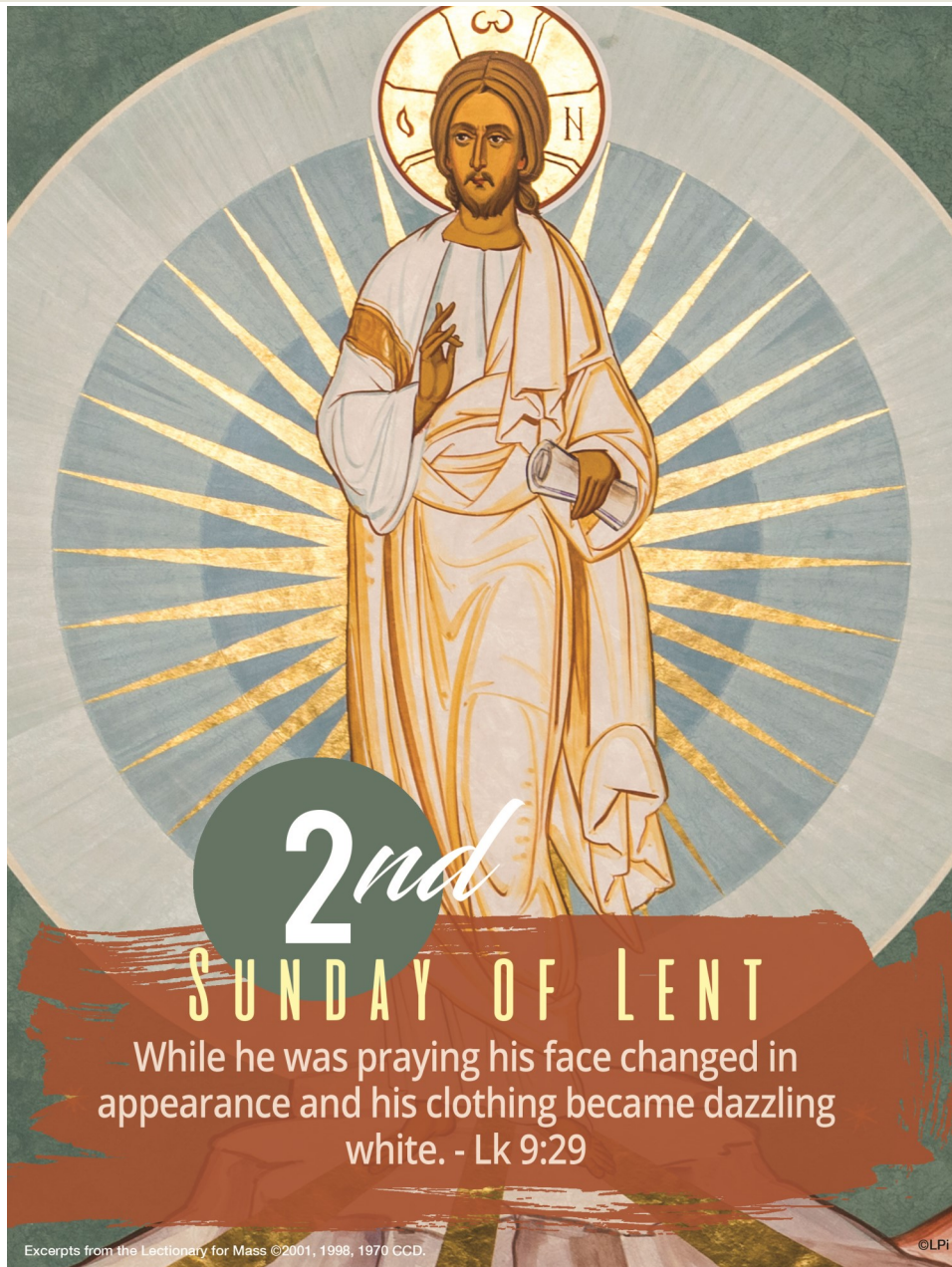




SERVED BY THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CONGREGATION LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN LOVING SERVICE



SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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**Take time to visit the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer.**

**Church Hours:** 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Morning Prayer:** 8:05 a.m.

**Exposition:** 9:00 a.m. to noon with the rosary and divine mercy chaplet.

**Benediction / Angelus:** 11:55 a.m.

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Mass

**Sat:** 4:00 p.m. (Livestream)

**Sun:** 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Vietnamese), 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:30 a.m.

**Daily Mass: Mon-Sat:** 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through the Catholic Ministry Appeal. We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. *Amen.*

The Gospel invites us to listen in a quiet place to the voice from heaven saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration lifted Jesus to glory as the disciples heard God speaking to them. This moment left them with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

Lent invites you to take time for quiet by turning off TVs, radios, internet, movies and use time to listen attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

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DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG  
**CATHOLIC  
MINISTRY**  
*Appeal*

### Catholic Ministry Appeal Numbers

**Appeal \$62,346.00**

**Pledge Amount \$32,683**

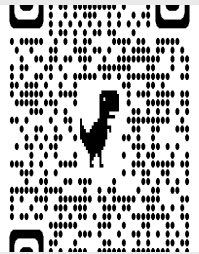
**Paid \$23,405.50**

**By 153 of our 631 Families**

### We're counting on you to pledge.

You will make a difference with your pledge to the Catholic Ministry Appeal. Text "2022appeal" to 727-788-5125 to receive a direct link to our secure online giving page to donate or pledge.

QR Code - You can scan the code and be redirected to our secure online giving page. If you require assistance contact the Campaign Processing Office by phone at 727-341-6841. email at [kck@dosp.org](mailto:kck@dosp.org).



Did you know donating part or all unused retirement assets is one option donors can choose to give to the Catholic Ministry Appeal and their parish? However, many who could benefit from giving this way are not making the choice to do so.

"People may not know or understand how giving from an IRA works," shared Annmarie Nichter, Corpus Christi parishioner. "Many non-profits inform their supporters about giving this way. It's important to let our parishioners know our Church is a qualified non-profit and can benefit from a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) contribution".

This type of giving from an individual retirement account (IRA) is sometimes referred to as an "IRA Charitable Rollover Gift" because a donor is "rolling" a distribution directly to a charity. Distributions made directly from a Traditional IRA to a charity can be used to satisfy all or a portion of the RMD for those 70 ½ or older, (each year). Also, this type of gift can help an individual reduce federal income taxes because it is not added into their annual income, may help to avoid the Medicare high income surcharge, may reduce income tax on social security benefits, and also possibly reduce income taxes.

We encouraged you to share information regularly with parishioners about this type of giving. Thank you.



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FRIDAYS AT 3:00,  
SACRAMENT OF  
PENANCE TO  
FOLLOW.**

**Confession on  
Thurs. 3:00-4:00  
and Mass at 7:00 PM  
-Confession at 7:30.**

### Transfiguration of Jesus

*See yourself with Jesus as he takes three of his disciples up the mountain to pray. Jesus wanted to be alone with his closest friends taking some quiet time away from the crowds. Read the Gospel to see what you might find if we take some quiet time away from the noise of our busy lives in quiet prayer.*

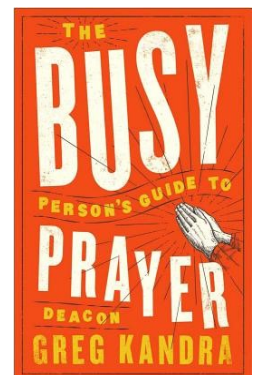
*During this time of prayer, Jesus was transfigured, and Moses and Elijah appeared to him. Peter, James, and John were sleeping while Jesus was praying. God shows them who Jesus really is, and told them to listen to him.*

*During Lent, we slow down and seek out time for quiet prayer. In silence we can be more attentive to Jesus who wants us to follow his word and example. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to listen and follow Jesus more faithfully.*

This LENT we encourage you to focus on your prayer life and praying with others.

There is time to join with a small group to take time out of your busy day to pray. Join one of our Book Study using the Busy Person's Guide to Prayer. Parish groups meet in the Education Bldg. **on Wednesday 10 AM, or 7 PM, on Thursday 2 PM, or Friday 10 AM. All are welcome to join.** Please encourage others to be part of a group.

The material for group sharing is a practical tool to use with advice; consider this, try this, pray this in each *chapter*. Like chapter 5 Prayer of Friendship, *Finding faith in one another*. Chapters are short and can help one another in praying together. Time is used for teaching, sharing and prayer. You have so much to gain in praying with others. Just call and give your name, day, and time to join.





Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for **Dave Platte—Healing**

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 13, 2022</b>
7:30am	Ed Grimes-Birthday (Friends) and Law Enforcement Officers (Ed Grimes)
8:30am	Parish Family & Souls in Purgatory (Virginia Hesterhagen)
10:00am	Lucia Bairos Leandres+ (Aida Cabral)
11:30am	Ernesto Santaniello+ (Lucy, wife & family)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 14, 2022</b>
8:30am	Nevin Mounir Azer+ (Jon & Lorraine Parsons) & Debra Beausolil+ (Pauline Harden)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 15, 2022</b>
8:30am	William J. Gleason Sr.+ (Kathleen & John Solovan) and Carl & Florence Benasutti (Gloria, daughter)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 16, 2022</b>
8:30am	Deceased members of the Jose & Aida Cabral family (Aida & Jose Cabral)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 17, 2022 Feast of St. Patrick</b>
8:30am	Marilyn Jordan+ (Joan Rosamilia) and Paul Golsch+ (Kukla family)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 18, 2022</b>
8:30am	Nathalie Pelczar+ (Mary Jane Zeitler) and Charles Owens+ (Waldhauser family)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 19, 2022 Feast of St. Joseph</b>
8:30 am	Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament & Arline Caplick+ Happy Birthday (Bernardete & Frank Tyszka)
4:00pm	William J. Gleason Sr.+ (Kathleen & John Solovan)

## PARISH GIVING FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sunday Offering \$10,801.00  
Candle Money \$ 275.00  
**Total (Thank You!) \$11,076.00**

### Mass Attendance 792

4:00 p.m. 199 \$1825.00  
7:30 a.m. 100 \$1111.00  
8:30 a.m. 173 \$ 930.00  
10:00 a.m. 188 \$1755.00  
11:30 a.m. 132 \$1205.00  
Mail In \$3705.00  
Misc. \$ 270.00

Visit [www.svdpl.com](http://www.svdpl.com) for online giving.

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

Follow the Mass on Facebook,  
live streaming on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

## Readings for the Week

### Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/ Phil 3:17-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/ Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**April Showers , Bring May Flowers**  
GIFT CARD Order Forms can be found at the entrances of Church. Forms are due in the Office by **April 4, 2022**



PURCHASE GIFTS FOR MARCH WITH ON-SITE GIFT CARDS FROM



PARISH OFFICE OR GIFT SHOP

Visa \$50

Lowe's \$25

Target \$25

Amazon \$25

WAWA \$25

Cracker Barrel \$10

Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

We have all these cards at Gift Shop or Parish Office



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### The Joy of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

***Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Luke 9:33***

Peter was excited. It may be more appropriate to say that he was overwhelmed! Because he had just been given a very small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God! Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. They had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. The mountain is a symbol of our journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it's an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

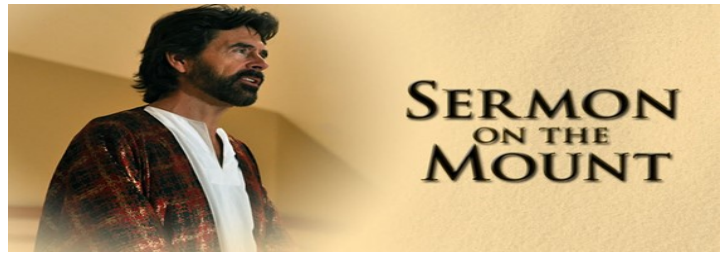
So they were on this difficult climb up the mountain and suddenly they stopped in shock and awe. They saw before their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing being whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and the great Prophet, were there before them conversing with Jesus. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil and His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain.

These three close friends would need that taste of God's glory for the road ahead. They would need to remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. Because on the summit is a glory so great that no hardship they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big.

God wants to give that message to us through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey.

Reflect, today, on the glory of God that makes the crosses we endure all worth it. Take advantage of this experience and try to make their experience your own. Be consoled by God's glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to all who press on.

*My transfigured Lord, may I be consoled by Your glory and splendor. May I believe in this glory and keep it ever in my mind as I press on through the hardships and challenges I face. You travel the road ahead of me and You will lead me on my journey if I only trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You!*



**SAVE THE DATE** Prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Plan to attend an encounter with the Sermon on the Mount. Frank Runyeon will be here on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 1 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Holiday. Bring friends and family to feel the pull between the Media and the Gospel. Hollywood vs. Faith frame 3 other Beatitudes. Using hilarious anecdotes from his years in Hollywood and his own family's life, Frank helps all ages to laugh at the way the media portray the world. Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years... opposite Meg Ryan on *As the World Turns*, on *Santa Barbara*, *Falcon Crest*, *General Hospital*, *LA Law* and *Melrose Place*. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University. *We will be taking free will offerings for this event.*

Come join our Parish Seder on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm in Fr. Farrell Hall. Reservations may be made by calling or stopping by the Parish Office. The cost is \$7.

We're also looking for donations of red wine, grape juice and matzah. Please bring your donations to the Social Hall in back of the church, the rectory office or the Education Bldg. Bins have been provided for your convenience. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Youth Ministry News!

***This Sunday, March 27, 10 at 12:30 to 2:30 calling all our youth 6th grade and up to join in Activities in Fr. Farrell Hall and outdoor. Take time to build friendships and have some fun. We want to hear from you, so bring your ideas, we'll put them together to build a great time as young people ...***

***Pray Together Play Together***

### MASS INTENTION BOOK 2023 IS NOW OPEN

You are now able to request Mass intentions for the 2023 Mass book. We still have openings in the 2022 Mass Intention Book so stop by the Parish Office.



Please join us for the next meeting of Our Lady's Guild on Tuesday, April 12 for our Day of Recollection from 10:00 to 11:30. Ellen Shadle will lead us in reflecting on how Jesus helps in a suffering world. Join us before 10:00 for a light breakfast (finger food) and for lunch after the Day of Recollection has ended. Our Lady's Guild meeting

will follow lunch. All are welcome!

If you missed our No Bake Sale on February 13, you can still contribute by dropping an envelope marked "No Bake Sale" with a check made out to Our Lady's Guild (or cash) in the collection basket, or you may drop off your donation at the Rectory. This donation goes directly to our church to help in any way we can.

Arts and Crafts meet every Monday from 9:30—11:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. They are currently working on spring/Easter crafts for the April 1 and April 2 Spring Arts and Crafts Sale. They are in need of chocolate and wine for raffle baskets. You may drop off your donation on Mondays in the media room from 9:30-11:30 or at Charlene Vassalli's office in the Rectory. Thank you!

Arts and Crafts is looking for new leadership for the group. Marilyn Inkrott and Bernadine Quinton currently lead the group and have done a creative and marvelous job for many years! We have been blessed to have them; however, life circumstances have called them in another direction. If interested, please contact Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730 and she will pass your information on to them.

Rosary Makers meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00—2:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. Their next meeting is April 6. Rosary Making is easy and fun! They will teach you how to make a rosary! They have made well over 7,000 rosaries that are distributed throughout the world to spread the love of Jesus and our Mother Mary.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Come and enjoy our Friday dinners. We are happy to welcome you back and look forward to seeing you. Join us in Fr Farrell Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m. to share time with our parish family. Start your weekend with a delicious meal cooked for you by Chef Mark for \$10.95! You'll have a choice of three entrees, potatoes, salad, choice of deserts, and all you can eat. Bring your neighbors.*



## Finance Corner

### WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your gift helps our parish to pay for Postage \$79.81, Office Supplies \$42.16, General Maintenance \$32.04, Hospitality \$75.28, Faith Formation \$37.40, Candles \$5.35 and Needy \$138.00.

We will be having smaller fundraisers this year and your support of those will greatly help the parish.

Our parish is open seven days a week and serves many people in area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

**When you need some time for yourself, stop into the church and spent time with the Lord. You will enjoy peace in his company.**

**Confession Times are Thurs: 3:00-4:00, and 7:00-7:30 pm.**

**Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00-2:00 p.m. (Call for an appointment at other times.)**

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.**



God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.

*Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.*



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The Transfiguration reveals Jesus as the Son of God—but this isn't for Jesus's sake. He knows his identity. Instead, the Transfiguration is a gift for the Church founded on His apostles. Just before the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, where He will suffer His passion and death, He gives Peter, John, and James a glimpse of His glory and the truth of who He is. It is this experience of His glory and the conviction that He is the Son of God that will sustain these apostles at their darkest hour—in John's case, at the foot of the Cross, and for Peter, in the aftermath of his denial of Christ.

The Transfiguration is a gift for us as well. We're on our own journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem, as we move into the second week of Lent. Jesus reminds of His glory, and His power over death, just as the going can get a little tough for us—when the Lenten practices and penances we committed to so eagerly just over a week ago can begin to feel like burdens. By revealing His power and glory, Jesus shows us that He isn't a prize we'll receive on the other side of Easter, but He's a presence that will be with us throughout the journey—including in our Lenten "darkest hours!"

One practice we're emphasizing as a parish this Lent is almsgiving—especially giving to our diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal. The Transfiguration helps us see that when we pick up our cross through our giving—even and especially when it involves some sacrifice on our part—we're not alone. We're with Jesus, the Lord of Life. Let's meditate upon the Transfiguration and see how we might be moved to give in light of the truth of who Jesus is and His closeness to us.



Lent is a time of penance as we express our sorrow for sin and seek to be reconciled to God and one another. Last week, our faith formation children preparing for their first Holy Communion received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. The children are so blessed to have Jessie Camerieri as their teacher. Charlene Vassalli, our faith formation director, has been overseeing the different grades grow in grace each year. Father Bill and Father Dominic were available to hear confessions, absolving from sin in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We need this Sacramental grace so desperately, it is a gift. Father Bill took the children on a pilgrimage around the church teaching them. He began with the Tabernacle and Sanctuary light, and helping the child to know all the saints who circle us in prayer. We continue to pray for:

Sophia Tran, Bryan Todorov, Giahon Pham, Jordan Pham, Renata Ivanov, and Angelina Mora as they prepare for their first Holy Communion, May 1st, 2022.



## RITE of Christian Initiation of Adult

### *SCHIEN THIEN NGUYEN and TRAN BAO LUC*

Sunday, March 6th our Catechumens were presented to Bishop Parkes during a beautiful Rite of Election Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Jude in St. Petersburg. With 51 parishes represented, Bishop Parkes welcomed those preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. On the Sundays of Lent special prayers of Scrutiny prepare catechumens for reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop thanked everyone involved in their journey - sponsors, family members, catechists and RCIA Directors. It was all very moving - the readings and the music - and enjoyed by all! Blessings, Charlene Vassalli



*"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love."*

*Pope John Paul II*

**God is longing for you to come home!**

**Rediscover the love of God at Mass this weekend.**

**When was the last time you invited someone to join you at Mass?**