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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 5, 2023



### 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.*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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## 2 | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil Sat 4:00 pm.**

**Sun: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30.**

**(Vietnamese), 8:30.**

**Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.**

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

**The church is open 7:30 am to  
9:00 pm to visit the Lord for  
quiet prayer.**

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

**Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the  
rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet.**

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

**Call the parish for any need,  
anointing of the sick or home  
visits for communion. Office  
hours 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this Lent in the communal  
form of the Sacrament at these times....**

**Lady Queen of Peace, Mon. March 20th —4pm**

**St. Vincent de Paul, Thurs. March 23rd, 4pm & 7pm**

**St. Michael Archangel, Mon. March 27rd, 4:00pm.**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Tue. March 28th—4pm.**



### STATIONS of the CROSS

**Come pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 on the  
Fridays of Lent. My Lord, Jesus Christ, You have  
made this journey to die for me with unspeakable  
love. Yet, I have many times ungratefully aban-  
doned You. Now I love You with all my heart. I am  
sincerely sorry for ever having offended You. Have  
mercy me, my God, and permit me to accompany You on this journey.  
You go to die for love of me; I want to follow you, to die to myself for  
love of You. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to You..**

### *Noticing God in Our Everyday Lives.*

*Thank you picking up a book to join us in this adventure  
to simply notice God in new ways that will bring a last-  
ing impact from the book "And That Got Me to Think-  
ing". The book is \$10, written by Ellen Shadle who is excit-  
ed to guide us along the way. There is an envelope for you  
to make the payment to cover the cost of the book. Mark  
the envelope 'BOOK' and drop in the weekly collection  
basket at the altar. We are happy to work with you in our  
parish Lenten practice of noticing God in our daily life.*

### Saturday Night March 11

*Don't forget to....*



*Spring Forward!*

*In a profound moment, Jesus offered a taste of his divinity to Peter, James, and John in the Gospel today. Jesus made known the glory he had with the Father before the world began. These three disciples were privileged to witness the manifestation of the Transfiguration. Enkindled by the transfigured Christ, we may make our parish, his dwelling among us, greater through our Catholic Ministry Appeal.*

**Parish Staff—Pastor, Fr. William Fickel, SSS; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dominic Long, SSS**

**Parish Administrator, Christine DeLieto; Stewardship, Laura Worhacz;**

**Faith Formation Director, Charlene Vassalli; Choir Director, Tierra Carson Booth;**

**Secretary, Anabella Batista; Maintenance, Rocky Hieu Nguyen; Chef/Hall Rental, Mark Brose**



## PARISH GIVING FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Sunday Offering \$ 8,996.00

Candle Money \$ 243.00

**Total (Thank You!) \$9,239.00**

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

### Mass Attendance 779

4:00 p.m. 201 \$1493.00

7:30 a.m. 103 \$1132.00

8:30 a.m. 146 \$ 825.00

10:00 a.m. 194 \$1179.00

11:30 a.m. 135 \$1165.00

Mail In \$ 940.00

Additional \$ 683.00

**Debt Reduction \$1579.00**

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

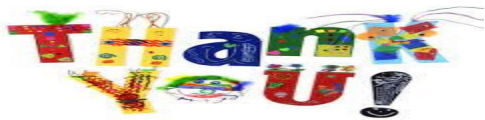
God bless your sacrifices.

The Mass is live streamed on Sat. at 4:00 p.m.

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

**Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week,**

**Jodi Mrugalski & Joseph Mrugalski**

### Sunday

#### March 5

7:30am

Bobby Blondo+ (friend)

8:30AM

Parishioners

10:00am

Richard Ruggieri+ (Judith DelRe)

11:30am

Ernesto Santaniello+ (wife & children)

### Monday

#### March 6

8:30am

Deceased members of Dickson family

(Diann Bimmerle) and

Ava Rose Waldhauser+ (family)

### Tuesday

#### March 7

8:30am

Edwar Jordan+ (Joan Rosamilia) and

Mary Ann & Walter Plagen+ (Cecilia Hojan)

### Wednesday

#### March 8

8:30am

Maurice Batista+ (Gloria Jung) and

Gloria Randall, intentions

(Ray & Margaret Flanders)

### Thursday

#### March 9

8:30am

Luduina Albernaz+ (Mr. & Mrs. Cabral)

### Friday

#### March 10

8:30am

Joanie Lichtsteiner+ (family) and

Victor & Alan Rosamilia+ (Joan Rosamilia)

### Saturday

#### March 11

8:30am

Deceased Family Members of Saez-Salgado

and Norberto Silva+ (Wife Celia)

4:00pm

Sylvia Gigliotti+ (O'Brien family)

## Readings for the Week

### Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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 37:3-28/ /Mt 21:33-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-20/ /Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/ /Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

## Finance Corner

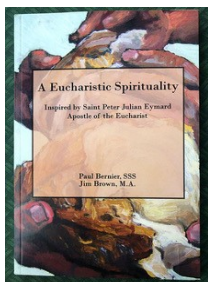
### Where does the money go?

#### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying these bills: Postage and Meter \$75.90, Mission Expenses \$1,444.54 and Needy \$2,200.

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

**We are here to open and share with you during a Year of Eucharistic Revitalization. You will enjoy and are welcome to join our First Friday Book Study, beginning March 3, 2023. Join us in prayer and an option of dinner followed by an hour and half Book Study, held every First Friday.** The First Friday in April is Good Friday. The book title; *A Eucharistic Spirituality*, Inspired by Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist. The Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament, take a walk with Fr. Paul Bernier, S.S.S. and Jim Brown, chapter by chapter to deepen your love for the Eucharist. Read a chapter a month, offered by the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sign Up** on the website or contact Gloria Jung, Margaret Flanders, or Marge Harris, [info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org](mailto:info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org) Website: [www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org](http://www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org) **Evening Prayer 4:40 pm.** ~Benediction ends at 5 pm, **Dinner Option** ~ from 5 pm to 6 pm, **Book Study Time** ~ from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, **SIGN UP NOW**— Limited Books for sale in the parish office or order a book on line.



Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them,  
and from the cloud a voice said,  
"This is my Son, the Beloved;  
with him I am well pleased;  
listen to him!"

Matthew 17:5

2nd Week of Lent

## Gospel Reflection

On mount Tabor with three of his disciples, Jesus, the fully human son of Mary by the Holy Spirit, became permeated with divine splendor. This absolutely overwhelmed the very disciples who had so easily proclaimed that Jesus was the Christ, the anointed son of God. It's one thing to make a great statement about what we believe, it's another thing entirely to begin to perceive even a tiny part of what might be implied in titles like Christ or God.

Obviously, the disciples realized that they had seen more than they could comprehend. Whatever they had thought about Jesus or the glory of God, their moment on the mountain showed them how paltry their imaginations had been. Jesus told them not to talk about it because any words they might try to use would be so inadequate as to be almost sacrilegious.

The experience on the mountain must have been the high point of discipleship for the ones who accompanied Jesus that day. Because of that, it was something they could never adequately describe.

The same is true for us. There are moments in our deepest relationships when we really know love and intimacy, when we glimpse the depth of another in ways that cannot be put into words. In those times, we realize that the truth of love is timeless, deeper and broader than can ever be described.

Being caught up in such experiences is transformative. Not only do we see and fall in love again, but we ourselves become transformed in the process.

The mystery of the Transfiguration, Jesus' self-revelation as God's beloved, offers us more than just a glimpse of his divine vocation. Jesus' appearance as God's beloved, his revelation of divinity in humanity, gives us a preview of our own destiny. It reminds us of the truth of Genesis' teaching that human beings are oriented to become ever greater images of God.

St Paul quotes a hymn that sings about how God saves us, not because of what we do but through what happens to and among us when we love. Today's liturgy tells us that transfiguration is the destiny we all share with Christ, if only we will allow ourselves to be loved like him. That's the road to a life well lived. To know the love of God for you beyond all "understanding."



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**Gospel reading Matthew 17:1-9** After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

We know we can make a difference by working together. One gift, when added to thousands in solidarity, can serve and support thousands.



You can make a secure on-line gift today through one of these three options:

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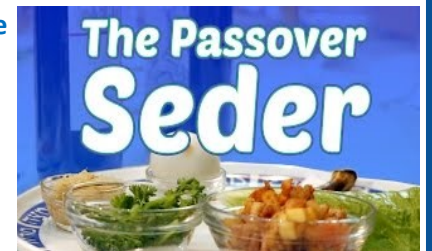
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### Lenten Retreat at the House of Prayer

The Marian Servants of Divine Providence are hosting a weekend retreat, 711 S. Bayview Ave., Clearwater 33759, March 31, 2023 thru April 2, 2023. The theme of the retreat is: "And I will give you new hearts" and it will be presented by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV. The invitation of this Lenten retreat is to discover how our hearts have been broken, and how they can be healed & transformed by the power of His merciful gaze and live a more abundant life. For more information and to register for the retreat please visit: [divineprovidence.org/events](http://divineprovidence.org/events); email: [info@divineprovidence.org](mailto:info@divineprovidence.org) or ph. 727-797-7412. Flyer available at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/48nd64sx>.

**Reserve a place at the St. Vincent de Paul family Seder Meal. Saturday, March 25th at 5 PM. We seek to honor the tradition of the Seder Meal in keeping with the Jewish Passover. Please call the office for your tickets, \$8.00 adults, \$20.00 families.**



The Seder Meal is a tradition celebrated by people of the Jewish faith during Passover. The meal consists of rituals, prayer and food meant to represent parts of the Exodus story where the people of Israel were led from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

Jewish communities celebrate Seder among their families, or people of the Jewish faith. Guests are often invited to join them. "The first thing recited in a Seder Meal says that anyone who doesn't have a meal should come join." "The ability to invite others to table is a sign of freedom." Passover in general is a family holiday to celebrate our freedoms. This is a good time to invite friends and neighbors to share a meal with you at our parish. Please do delay in getting this on your calendar and making your reservation. We hope to have a great many families sharing in the Passover meal.

**Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization.**

**Indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.**





In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

**Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.**

**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.***



**Thank you for your contribution to the St. Vincent de Paul Church Spring Rummage Sale, the hours of volunteers service in setting up, selling, and clearing out.**

**Thank you to everyone who came out to drop off and found a treasure to take home. Your assistance makes these events both possible and successful.**

**CITY NIGHTS**—are group gatherings where college students and young adults can gather from all over Tampa for a memorable evening of genuine community, biblical teaching, and worship. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Davis Islands Campus (97 Biscayne Ave.) follow us on Instagram to stay up to date.

**SUMMIT**— Adoration, Confession, Mass for Tampa Bay Young Adults. is a monthly gathering of those in their 20's and 30's to worship and let their hearts be transformed by our Lord! Held on the second Thursday of the month at Our Lady of Divine Providence, 711 S. Bayview Ave., Clearwater, and begins at 7:00 PM with an hour of Adoration (Confession available) followed by a Mass at 8:00 PM. Our next gatherings are: March 9th; April 13th, May 11th.



The story of the Transfiguration of Christ on the high mountain of Tabor follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of his glory as the Son of God and his Resurrection from the dead.

On the mountain top, a voice affirms Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. These disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. They are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

As a family, share about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration was an event from which the disciples drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's psalm, Psalm 33.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Friday Nite

**Dinners** Come be with us on Friday to enjoy an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" dinner for \$12.95.

Spread the word and help us to put a flyer in your club house. Richard will give you one when you come to dinner. Join the Knights of Columbus. We thank all the Knights for showing up for our monthly meeting on the **Third Monday** of each month.

**Dispensation for Friday, March 17, 2023.** In response to multiple requests for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, St. Patrick's Day, Bishop Parkes has announced that a General Dispensation from this obligation has been granted for members of the faithful in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Bring on the corn beef

**The Rite of Election** includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect. Father Dominic Long, S.S.S. and Charlene Vassalli from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church accompanied Minh Van Vo to be presented to Bishop Gregory Parkes as his final steps



of reception of the Sacraments in Initiation this Easter. Lent is a time of purification from sin and to accept the call from God to conversion into the family of the Church. Mr. Minh Van Vo is a man of great kindness and frequents the prayers and activities with the Vietnamese community. At the Easter Vigil our parish will celebrate his Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulation Mr. Vo and welcome to the Body of Christ .

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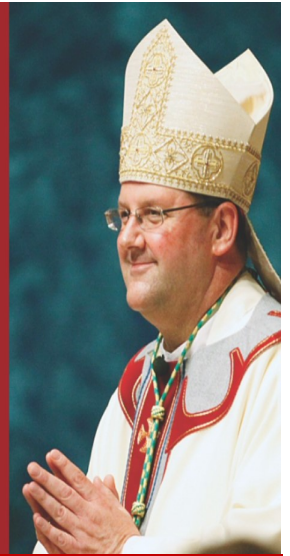
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Five Minute Videos on Faith and Life

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Bishop Gregory Parkes added a new weekly video program to his prolific social media presence. The program is titled, *Take Five, Conversations on Faith and Life*. It's a talk show format to feature interesting guests from Florida and around the country. The segments are designed to easily fit into people's busy schedules. Video segments can be seen on the diocesan [YouTube Channel](#) (@DioStPete) or visit [www.dosp.org/bishop](#).