

MOUNT TABOR
GALILEE

From the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”

MATTHEW 17:5

MARCH 8
2020

second Sunday OF LENT

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Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose

and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, when God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7, 2020
5:45 pm +Jeanne Kuzmica req. by Cathy & Paul Engler
Sunday, March 8, 2020
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, March 9, 2020
9:00 am +Gordon Flint req. by Marge Flint
Tuesday, March 10 – NO MASS
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – NO MASS
Thursday, March 12, 2020
9:00 am Matt & Laura Johnson – Special Intention
Friday, March 13, 2020 - Abstinence
9:00 am Adoration until 11am
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 14, 2020
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, March 15, 2020
9:00 am +Jerry Robbins req. by Loretta Robbins & Family



Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 14 - 5:45 pm
Madi & Ella Phelps
Sunday, March 15 - 9:00 am
Annamarie & Kenny Smith

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, March 14 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora / Sue Nugent
Sunday, March 15 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 14 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, March 15 - 9:00 am
Cindy Smith

Usher:

Saturday, March 14- 5:45 pm
Brad Phelps / Bill Phelan
Sunday, March 15- 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 3/15/2020: Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37
Sunday, March 1\$2,477.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish



Saint Patrick's Church volunteered Saturday, February 29th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban

Center. Along with others, we labeled and bagged elbow macaroni for distribution to those in need. Please consider joining us next time on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 - 11:30. Signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.



Our Two Week Candle is burning for a Special Intention of the Giver



Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will allow us to be *Kind and Merciful* as. Together, we do God's work here on earth. Every gift brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$10,200. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone. Thank you.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Manager of Annual Giving and Events. This position is responsible for the leadership, management and execution of the Catholic Education Foundation's annual giving program and special events. Reporting to and working directly with the Executive Director, the Manager of Annual Giving and Events will play a vital role in creating and executing a comprehensive, year-round fundraising plan for the Catholic Education Foundation. The fundraising plan will include goals, strategies, and programming, including special events, that aim to build and engage our donor base. In collaboration with the Executive Director, responsibilities include meeting or exceeding the annual appeal and events-related fundraising goals; acknowledging, stewarding and growing annual appeal contributions; developing and successfully implementing all organization special events; representing the organization to donors, vendors, and the public; producing various fundraising-related collateral; maintaining the donor database; and managing volunteers.

A Bachelor's degree in a related field and 3-5 years of progressively responsible fundraising experience including demonstrated success in individual giving, corporate sponsorship and special events fundraising and management OR previous direct marketing and digital media experience. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Flexibility, attention to detail and the ability to work as part of a team. Experience with fundraising and data management systems. Ability to work on selected weekdays, nights and weekend evenings as required.

To view a full job description visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

HELP NEEDED

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS:
CANTORS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SERVERS, USHERS
FOR ALL OUR MASSES

There is a shortage of Liturgical Ministers and we need volunteers to help with these positions. Please fill out the form and put in the basket with your regular collection.

Lector Eucharistic Minister Usher

I prefer:

Saturday 5pm
 Sunday 9am
 I have no preference

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Applications the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the parish office to obtain a BBSF Application form. Forms should be submitted back to the parish office by March 31. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmgt.com>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND FACTS to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35/pp fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report..

EASTER FLOWERS



Flower Offering Envelopes are in the back of church, If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one. Enter their name(s) on the envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in the church. Donation envelopes should be returned to the church by 29, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

CHANGE Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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PAY IT FORWARD **SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

JUNE 22-25, 2020
8 A.M. – 2 P.M. DAILY

At the University of St. Francis, we're passionate about service, and the Pay It Forward service program allows us to get others involved too. Students can earn 20 hours of community service across four sites throughout the Joliet area!

For incoming sophomore, junior and senior high school students

COST \$60

Includes continental breakfast, snack at worksite, lunch and transportation.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, USF chaplain and theology instructor:
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SPACE IS LIMITED!

Register online at: stfrancis.edu/payitforward



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Fr. Joe Follmar; Russ McClellon; Bob O'Neil; Bob Johnson

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MARCH

- We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link. **CHANGES ARE COMING—NEW EASIER TO USE FORMAT.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 8, 2020



- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; International Women's Day
- Monday: St. Frances of Rome;
- Friday: Abstinence



RECONCILIATION
ST. ROSE, Every Thursday
6:00 pm— 7:00 pm



BLEST TO BE A BLESSING

The first eleven chapters of Genesis tell the story of the tragedy of human separation from God. But God has not given up on humanity. God is on a mission to reconcile and heal all of creation. In today's reading from Genesis 12, we see the beginning of God's new strategy: to begin with a single person (Abram, later renamed Abraham) and family and form them into a distinct people, so that all peoples may see God's blessing in them, and share in this blessing.

God's chosen people are not selected simply to receive blessing, but to serve as examples and agents of blessing. God blesses people not only for their own benefit but for all. When we fully thank God, we also accept God's call to bless others. We the Church receive God's grace precisely so that we may share grace with others.

LISTEN TO HIM

In today's Gospel describing Jesus' transfiguration, we hear of the disciples' vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter, perhaps understandably, responds by trying to enshrine the moment by building tents for them. However, God interrupts and speaks words identical to those spoken at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But here God adds, "listen to him."

Listening to God can take various forms. At some moments, as when we receive new insight or are deeply moved, we want to jump into action. Sometimes this is appropriate and necessary. But sometimes God interrupts our eagerness, and calls us to further reflection or simply to listen in silence.

Reflection and action are of course both essential to our faith journey. Yet we recall that God may often speak through silence. Contemplative practice, rich in tradition within our Catholic faith, reminds us that God invites us to an encounter within silence. In contemplative prayer, we open ourselves and simply wait upon God. We might encounter a divine Presence beyond words.

Today's Readings: Gen 12:1–4a; Ps 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b–10; Mt 17:1–9

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