

St. Mary's Mission

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March 16, 2014

Second Sunday of Lent

SEEING THROUGH

Today's readings invite us to look more deeply, to catch a glimpse of Divine Reality hidden within the "stuff" of life. God challenged the elderly Abram and his wife to leave home for a land that God would show them. Their eyes would see the land, but only God could "show" it as a divine gift. Paul reminded Timothy that God's grace had always been available, but in Jesus Christ was made "manifest."

Jesus called Peter, James, and John up the mountain and was "transfigured" for a moment, the radiance of God shining through. Then, just as abruptly, the three looked up . . . and saw only Jesus.

During Lent we're invited to "see through" to God's presence in the stuff of life: prowling the supermarket, waiting in traffic, arguing with the kids, cleaning the bathtub. We wouldn't really have to "do" anything, if we could only glimpse divine love supporting us, holding us together.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM

Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

PASTOR: Msgr. Michael Heras
PRIESTS: Msgr. Seamus McGowan
Fr. Patrick Higgins
Fr. Joseph Olikkara
DEACONS: Allen Cicora
Eluterio Farias
Richard Lewinski

Living God's Word

God has called us to a holy life (1 Timothy 1:9). This week, as we journey with Jesus into the presence of the Father, listen for how the Father may be speaking to you now. Ask God to open your ears and eyes to recognize the beloved Son's presence.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 17-23, 2014



Monday

8:00 am †Sean Lee Riley - Family
 6:30 pm †Kathy Cicora - Elizabeth Castro

Tuesday

8:00 pm Gina Smith - Health by family
 6:30 pm †Bob Reynolds - Donor

Wednesday

6:30 am †Maria Hinojosa - David & Gilma
 Hinojosa

Thursday

8:00 am †David Najvar - M/M Thomas
 Busenlehner

6:30 pm †Louie & Minnie Sablatura - Larry &
 Carolyn Snapka

Friday

8:00 am †Marie McCown - Harold & James
 McCown & families
 6:30 pm †Henry Lozano, III & Henry Lozano, Jr.
 - Lucy Lozano

Saturday

6:00 pm †Maria Santos Arias - M/M George
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COLLECTIVE MASSES

Sunday

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of KC
 #7290
 9:30 am †Eddie Quitagua, Jr & Sr. - Joe & Lydia
 10:00 am †Maria Morin - Family
 12:00 pm †Julian Cano - Family
 Jonathan Cano (B-day) - Family
 People of the Parish
 †Enrique Yopez, Sr. - Family
 In Thanksgiving - Lewinski Family
 †Mary Mikeman - Gloria Welty
 6:00 pm † Ottie Zieter & Don Cox - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
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]

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Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the "elect" for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the non-baptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the Eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet.

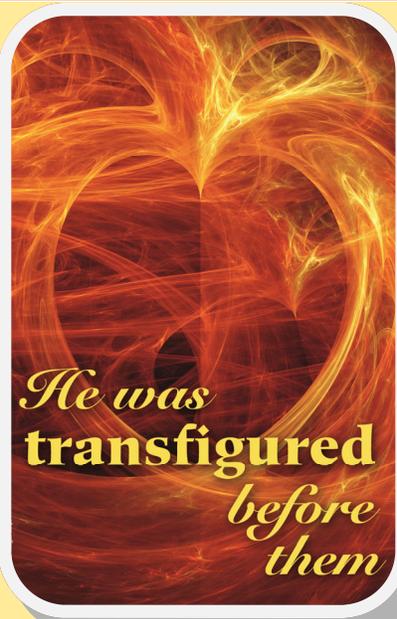
ST. MARY'S MISSION

Envelopes	\$515.00
Loose	\$56.00
Ash Wednesday	\$70.00
Total	\$641.00

C.C.D Classes on Wednesday,
 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Confirmation Class - Wednesday,
 7:00 - 8:00 pm.
 Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601
 for more information.

**REFLECTING ON
 GOD'S WORD**

Lent is an invitation to journey more deeply into the heart of God. What God asks of Abram is a willingness to trust that God will lead him. Abram is called from the very beginning to place his trust in the Lord and in the Lord's promises. We are told that Abram is seventy years old at the time he goes forth. I remember someone remarking, "Imagine coming in the house and saying to your wife, 'Honey, we have to pack up and go I know not where.'" We are told simply: "Abram went as the Lord directed him" (Genesis 12:4a). Abram's faith translates into trust that God is leading him.



Jesus brought the three apostles up a high mountain. Mountains often served as the meeting place of God and the prophets - Moses and Elijah come to mind. When Jesus and the three reach their destination, Jesus is transformed before them, face and clothes shining. Suddenly Moses and Elijah are talking with him. You can understand Peter wanting to stay there. But this is not journey's end. That will happen on a hill outside Jerusalem. For now they hear words meant also for us this day: "This is my beloved Son...listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

We are asked to journey with Jesus for forty days - sometimes it may be into the desert of testing, sometimes up a mountain for a moment of blinding clarity. In both places we know Jesus as the beloved Son who trusts in the Father's will. Lent invites us to make that same journey into trusting the Father.



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE HELD EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30 PM. We encourage all families to make time for extra Masses during the week and attend the stations of the cross on Fridays. This is an excellent way to help us to meditate on the suffering and passion of Jesus Christ and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

BIBLE STUDY: (St. Peter's) Tuesdays in Lent. March: 11; 18; 25. April: 1; 8 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.
DREAM CLASS: (St. Peter's) Thursdays in Lent. March 13; 20; 27 at 7 pm. In the Parish Hall.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: (St. Peter's) Every Tuesday at 7 pm in the CCD Building. Child care provided. FMI: Call Deacon Al at 241-2784 or 563-7943 or the parish office at 241-3249. or the parish office 241

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, 1123 Main Drive, 241-2004

is having a Lenten Fish Fry on March 14, March 28 & April 11 (11 am - 2 pm only).



Menu: Seasoned, breaded Tilapia, Hot Hush Puppies, Crispy French Fries and Fresh Creamy Homemade Cole Slaw. Donation \$7 per plate. Dine in or take out

FISH FRY at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on Friday, March 14. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and the cost of the meal is \$8.00 per person.



St. Thomas Church is located at 16602 FM 624.

Stewardship by the Book

"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?