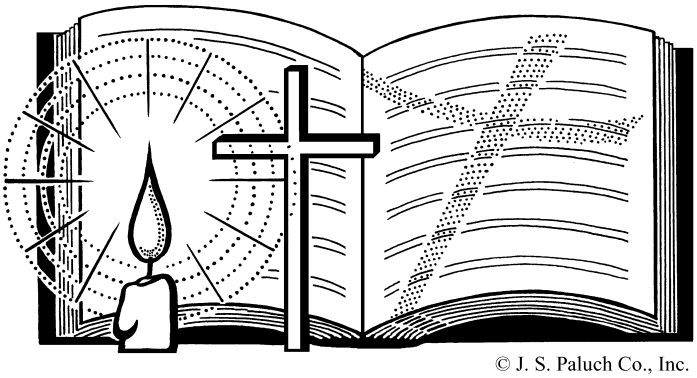
Second Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2011



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Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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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TODAY'S READING

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

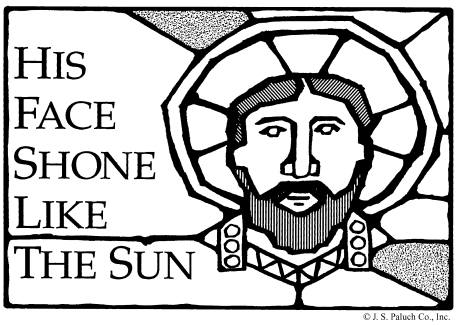
Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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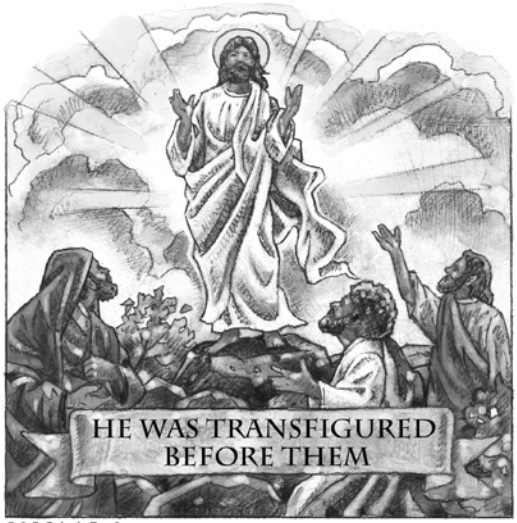
Rosary Dedication March: For those suffering from Cancer.



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This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Mar 20th
K of C Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
PRE Class 9 am
Mass – 10:30 am.
Spanish Mass- 5 pm,
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH

Mon, March 21st
Mass - 8:00 am

Tuesday, Mar 22nd
Mass- 8:00 am

Wed. Mar 23rd Rectory Closed
Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Mass- 6:30 pm
RCIA 7 pm KH
PTO, 7 pm GYM

Thurs. Mar 24th
Mass– 8:00 am,
Bible Study Class, 9:30-11:30 KH

Friday, Mar 25th
Communion Service 8:00 am
Stations of Cross – 6:30 pm
Poor Man's Supper after stations in cafeteria (Deacons)

Saturday, Mar 26th
K of C making sauce, 8 am all day
3:00 – 3:30 pm, CONFESSIONS
Mass – 4 pm

Sunday, Mar 27th
Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
PRE Class 9 am
Mass – 10:30 am.
Spanish Mass- 5 pm,
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; Spring begins Purim (the Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday:	The Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

Campbell Soup Labels: We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!! Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

Ministers & Altar Server Schedule for Mar 19 & 20

	4:00 PM	**8:00 AM**	**10:30 AM**	**5:00 PM**
Communion	Deacon Henry N. Vinturella	Deacon Don B. Hall	B. Bustos L. O' Donnell	N. Vinturella E. Roque
Reader:	G. Taulman	B. Williams	R. Henderson	J.Isabel Barrera
Altar Servers:	M. Najera A. Bower	An. Martini A. Lopez	G. Lopez J. Lopez L. Lopez	J. Roque J. Roque

Ministers & Altar Server Schedule for Mar 26 & 27

	4:00 PM	**8:00 AM**	**10:30 AM**	**5:00 PM**
Communion	Deacon Henry F. Bursi	Deacon Don L. Hall	K. Pope M. Standridge	R. Roque N. Vinturella
Reader:	P. Lutts	J. Hall	L. Pope	E. Roque
Altar Servers:	L. Carter W. Durbin	C. Bailey D. Bailey	S. Gilbreath K. Hissong	N. Villanueva J. Rivera

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abrahan Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Jessica Mann, Ron Marshak, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Mary Timby, Marie Torres, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

Gifts Baskets for Sale: gift baskets for special holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers,& etc. Please call one week in advance! (901)-353-1486 Thanks, Stephanie & Vicci Mueller

Mass Intentions 2011: we still have openings for mass intentions; please call the office if you need a mass intention.

FINDING HEAVEN
Who has not found the Heaven—below—
Will fail of it above—
For Angels rent the House next ours,
Wherever we remove—
—Emily Dickinson

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar 19th 4:00 pm
Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee Hooten+
Sunday, Mar 20th 8:00 am
People of Parish
Sunday, Mar 20th 10:30 am
Hollis Hall+
Sunday, Mar 20th 5:00
Gloria Bacigalupo Tarr+
Monday Mar 21st 8:00 am
Rose Sterenchak +
Tuesday, Mar 22nd 8:00 am
Peter Cianciola+
Wednesday, Mar 23rd 6:30 pm
Fran Schmitt+
Thurs. Mar 24th 8:00 am
Int. of Janna Dominguez
Friday Mar 25th 8:00 am
Communion Service
Sat. Mar 26th 4:00 pm
Int. of Grandchildren of Bursi Families
Sunday, Mar 27th 8:00 am
Faye Seaton+
Sunday, Mar 27th 10:30 am
People of Parish
Sunday, Mar 27th 5:00
Yvonne Moran+

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119

Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell
King's Daughters & Sons
3568 Appling Rd, room 144
Bartlett, TN 38133

Dolores Bair
Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134

Henry Van Ness
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
177 North Highland, room 124
Memphis, TN 38111

Amanda Hall
Highlands of Memphis
3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1
Memphis, TN 38111

Vera Trudell
Grace Healthcare
Room 306 A
955 N. Germantown Pkwy
Cordova, TN 38018

Parish Death: Alice Fricks, the mother of June Bennis died on Friday, March 11 at the age of 99. Please remember to keep the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family, especially June, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thinking Ahead! We are in need of a chairperson for Eaglefest 2011. The big event is less than six month away.

Financial Report
Weekend of 03/13/2011

Envelopes	$2,545.00
Loose Checks	496.27
Debt	105.00
Improvement	210.00
Black & Indian Mission	114.00
Total Collection	**3,470.27**
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	$ (988.11)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	**$ 153,077.11**
Church Budget Y-T-D	164,959.68
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	**$ (11,882.57)**

FEAST OF FAITH
The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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Pilgrimage to Italy: Fr. Bryan Timby invites you to join him on his vacation this year as he makes a pilgrimage to some of the Eucharistic shrines in Italy. Visit Venice, Padua, Florence, Pisa, Ovieto, Assisi, Cascia and Rome, November 4-15. Cost: $4,028 (cash discount price of $3,799) plus airport taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities. Includes: round-trip airfare from Memphis, first class lodging and all meals except lunches. Call (901) 353-1530 for a brochure. Space is limited to 35 people.

Parish Celebration of Penance: OLS joins several other parishes twice a year to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with the Rites of Reconciliation. This Lent, the celebration will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00p.m.

Parish Mission: Make plans now to attend our parish mission on April 4-6 (Monday through Wednesday). The service will begin at 6:30 each evening. Our spiritual guide for these days of blessing will be Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., a world-renowned and highly sought after speaker of spiritual renewal. Fr. Nieli speaks fluent Spanish and will hear confessions each evening after the mission service.

Teens4Chist: The Youth Group will meet this Thursday evening, March 24. All members are asked to bring a large package of their favorite frozen vegetable so we can make stone soup. Fr. Timby will provide the stones. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. (Friends need not be Catholic.) We will be discussing the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent and making plans to present the Living Stations to the Parish. Bring your own favorite soft drink.

Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, March 27th after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849, we will be going to Resort.

THE EXTRA EFFORT

As Saint Paul emphasizes in today's second reading, we are all called to a holy life. God gives us a great gift every year with the season of Lent: an opportunity once again to more closely imitate Jesus, the perfect example of holy living. We may think that Lent is only about fasting from food or abstaining from meat, but it should be so much more. The Church advocates our frequent participation in the Mass, as well as our prayers for peace and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are also encouraged to give personal service to those in need, including the aged and the sick. And last but not least, we are invited to practice some form of voluntary self-denial, which is giving up something we *really* want, rather than something we'll never miss. The particular practices we choose to adopt during Lent may vary widely according to our age, capabilities, and lifestyle. The only thing we cannot do is avoid Lent altogether. This would separate us from God and the community of faith, and seriously call our discipleship into question. If we have been practicing stewardship all along, the extra efforts we make in Lent are simply a natural extension of what have already been doing. These additional practices and penances deepen our awareness of how much we receive daily from the hands of an all-loving God. By shifting our attention away from our own wants and needs we have more time to offer our abilities and resources to God, to God's church, and to the world in which we live. Lent is truly a time to count our blessings—each and every one—and to ask God to conform our hearts even more to the divine will.

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Parish D.R.E. Needed: After many years of stellar service as the OLS Director of Religious Education, Brenda Plessinger is giving up that position so she can concentrate of being a grandmother. Please pray that a loving, kind and responsible person will surface to take over that role beginning next year. Perhaps God is calling you to take a leadership position in our parish. Listen. God talks to us in our hearts. Please see Fr. Timby personally.

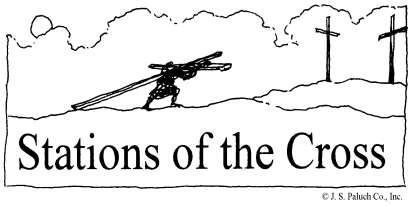
P.R.E. Teachers Needed: Do you love your faith? Do you like to share your faith? Do you enjoy seeing children's faces light us when they learn about how God loves them and the many ways He shows that love to us? Please consider being a teacher in our Parish Religious Education program next year. It is a 1-hour commitment for 30 Sunday mornings and there is some adult education and training involved. Please call the parish office or see Fr. Timby personally.

Parish School News: The children in our parish school will be having a fundraiser in the weeks of Lent following Spring Break (which is this week). They will be taking orders for pizzas, cookie dough and other snack items. Our goal is $10,000 in sales for a profit of $4,000+. Please be kind and generous in your response when they approach you on behalf of our school.

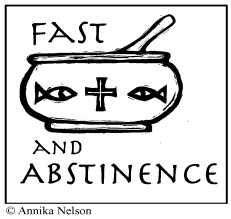
School Registration: Registration for the 2011-2012 school year at OLS will begin in the coming weeks. All tuition and fee payments must be current in order to register. Please make certain your records are current. All Catholic students will have to provide a letter from their pastors confirming their membership and active participation. New students will need: 1) a copy of their baptismal record; 2) a copy of their birth certificate; 3) an up-to-date immunization record. Priority will be given to siblings of currently enrolled students and children of parents who are actively involved as members of OLS Parish when accepting new students for enrollment

Tamale Sale: The Hispanic Ministry Committee will soon begin taking advance orders for tamales, which will be made during the last weekend of April. Only advance orders will be filled. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated twice each week during Lent. The will be celebrated on Wednesday afternoons in a simple format for the children of the school, but Adults are welcome. On Friday evenings, the Stations will be celebrated at 6:20 p.m. with Benediction following. There is a plenary indulgence attached to the proper meditation of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. This means that if you make a good confession within seven days before or after meditating on the Station all temporal punishment in Purgatory for sins committed will be forgiven.



Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are also days of **abstinence** from meat and meat by-products. ***All Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain from meat and all food made with or flavored with meat on these days.*** For those who wish to beg the question "What is meat?" the answer is: "meat" is the slaughtered of flesh of any creature that uses lungs to breathe, e.g., cows, chickens, whales, frogs, snake, etc. Fish and other creatures that do not use lungs to breathe are not considered "meat" and may be consumed in days of abstinence. There is no dispensation from abstinence, not even for health reason or "old age," despite the valiant efforts of some to get me to give one!



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An Explanation – A commonly asked question is what do we consider to be "meat" when determining how to abstain from meat on the Fridays of the year, especially during Lent when it is absolutely required? The answer is quite simple: If it has lungs, it is considered to be meat. This applies only to the butchered flesh of an animal and not eggs, milk or cheese. Fish have gills, not lungs, so fish is allowed for consumption. And, as I told one little boy when pressed for a more definitive answer: Yes, all insects may be eaten on the Fridays of Lent but one might want to be sure they don't overeat them on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday lest they not be fasting as prescribed for all Catholics of age.

Poor Man's Supper – Each Friday night during Lent we will have our traditional "Poor Man's Supper" in the cafeteria following the Stations of the Cross. The supper will be prepared by a differ parish organization each week. Friday, March the 11 will be by the Altar Guild Women.

No **baptisms** will be celebrated during Lent to focus our attention on the call to conversion and the significant role the sacrament plays in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In fact, there will be no holy water available during the season. So, if you need a supply for your home, be sure to get it before Mar 8th.

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First Penance Celebration: Our children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and eth Rites of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. Please keep our First Penitents in your prayers in these coming days.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Krug Hall. The late starting time is to accommodate the celebration of First Penance by our children which is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. the same evening.

SPRING

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

—Henry Van Dyke