



WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of

this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 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 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 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 OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp
 Friday: Abstinence

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Lenten Schedule

Tuesday: 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 6:15 pm Confessions
 6:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm Soup Supper
 (Please help with the Soup Supper by contacting Diane Rouchon at 683-5192.)

March 15: Penance Service at 5:30 pm

Religious Education

Class: The next class is February 28th
 See website for complete Religious Education Schedule.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Please have the children bring their Easter Baskets for the annual Easter Egg Hunt following Mass on March 20th.



LENTEN SCHEDULE at St. John the Baptist

Tuesday: 6:00 pm Mass
 Wednesday: 7:00 am Mass
 Thursday: 7:00 am Mass / Divine Mercy
 Friday: 7:00 am Mass /
 Stations of the Cross
 5:45 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross/
 Exposition /Talk / Meal

March 16: 6:30 pm Penance Service

SANCTUARY LIGHT

FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 26

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Louis Ard**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Doug Holden**.

IN SYMPATHY

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:
Margaret Ann Cambre, sister of Butch Cambre and **Richard Thibodeaux**, brother of Pat Free.
 May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families and may they and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness, and peace.

Pray for our Military and their families

Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	James A. Benning, USMC
Matthew Boyd, Army	Cody Castello, USMC
Eugene Cazedessus, USMC	LeLand Crochet, III, USMC
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN	Chandler Derouen, Army
Patrick Deslatte, USN	Jacqueline Deslatte, USN
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army	Adam Foster, USN
Thomas Foster, USN	Brad Gautreaux, USMC
J. Michael Head, USMC	Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army
Sabrina Jones, LaNG	Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN	Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Stanley Mays, USAF	Andrew Metcalf, Army
Ben Gordon Morseth, USCG	Gordon Newman, Army
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG	Brian Plauche, USAF
Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG	Mike Prosser, USCG
Jesse B. Richard, Army	Nicholas Richards, USN
Michael Roberts, USCG	James Rouchon, USMC
Jarrold Mason Sealey, USAF	David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF	Tyler Wigger, USN
Christopher Williston USAF	

WELCOME to our Parish

Chad and Maggie Turner in Zachary

WEEKLY COLLECTION 02/14/2016

St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (162 Families)	\$	8,249.50
Unidentified Contributions	\$	786.46
Ash Wednesday/Church in Europe	\$	1,236.00
Building Maintenance (8)	\$	535.00
Youth Ministry (4)	\$	165.00
Black & Indian Mission (24)	\$	704.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp (46)	\$	21,334.00
Legacy of Faith / OLA Parishioner (1)	\$	100.00

ONLINE GIVING

Regular Contributions (25)	\$	1,075.00
Building Maintenance Fund (1)	\$	10.00
Youth Ministry (1)	\$	25.00
Religious Ed. Donations (1)	\$	10.00
Legacy of Faith Capital Camp. (21)	\$	1,335.00
Legacy of Faith / OLA Parishioner (1)	\$	50.00
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	5,744,411.26

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (41 Families)	\$	2,645.60
Unidentified Contributions	\$	383.05
Ash Wednesday/Church in Europe	\$	281.00
Building Maintenance (3)	\$	85.60
Youth Ministry (3)	\$	85.00
Black & Indian Mission (4)	\$	150.00
ONLINE GIVING		
Regular Contributions (5)	\$	215.00

† ~ † NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE † ~ †

Sunday, February 21st

Second Sunday in Lent

-7 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-10 am: Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary
-11 am: Mass
-5:30 pm: 9th - 11th Lifeteen

-OLA

-9 am: Mass

Monday, February 22nd

-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Scouts
-7 pm: N.A. Meeting

Tuesday, February 23rd

-5 pm: Children's Choir
-5:30 pm: Youth Choir, K-5th Religious Ed, Emmaus Road
-6 pm: Mass
-6:30 pm: Adult Choir

-OLA

-6 pm: Stations of the Cross
-6:15 pm: Confessions
-6:30 pm: Mass
-7 pm: Soup Supper

Wednesday, February 24th

-7 am: Mass
-5:30 pm: Jr.. High Youth Night

Thursday, February 25th

-7 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
-6 pm: Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Handmaids
-6:30 pm: Armada Prayer

Friday, February 26th

-7 am: Mass / Stations of the Cross / Coffee & Biscuits
-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
-6 pm: Stations of the Cross/ Exposition / Talk / Meal

Saturday, February 27th

-10 am: Shroud Encounter
-2 pm: Rally at the Alley Youth Ministry Event
-3 pm: Confessions
-4 pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 28th

Third Sunday of Lent

-7 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-10 am: Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary
-11 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
-5:30 pm: 9th - 11th -Edge

-OLA

-9 am: Mass

-10 am: K-11th Religious Ed Class #14

New Year's Resolution: Pope Francis Top Ten List

8. MAKE COMMITMENTS, SUCH AS MARRIAGE.
"I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes that you are incapable of responsibility, that you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Have the courage 'to swim against the tide.' Have the courage to be happy."

Knights of Columbus SQUIRES (Boys 10-17)

The Squires is an international fraternity of approximately 25,000 Catholic young men, ages 10 to 18 in over 1,500 circles worldwide.



Founded on August 4, 1925 with the institution of Duluth Circle 1 in Duluth, Minn., the Columbian Squires program strives to provide "the spiritual, cultural, civic, social and physical improvement of its members, and the development of their leadership qualities".

Squires are asked now more than ever to give of their time and their talent, as an individual and as a circle. Your service is needed by your country, your community, your neighbors and your Church.

We would like to start a circle here at St. John the Baptist.

All boys in Clinton and Zachary between 10 and 18, please consider this new endeavor and contact Ed Fisher at 810.6189 if you are interested or have any questions.

Palm Sunday ~ Annual Celebration

Please join us Sunday, March 20th at SJB for our annual parish wide Easter Celebration:



Bake Sale by the ladies Altar Society, (following all Masses that weekend)

Barbeque Dinners by the Men's Club, (Tickets available now!)



and a Pinata Party for the kids by the Religious Ed Dept.



Dinners on Sale Now

Tickets are now available for the Barbeque Dinners for \$8.00 per plate following all Masses, in the Parish Office, or from any Men's Club member.

Our Lenten Journey with CRS Rice Bowl

Our journey began last week in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives - at home and around the world?

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family-and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet?

Jubilee Year of Mercy

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title *Metamorphosis*, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "*exodus* that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

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IDEAS FOR LENT

No Gossiping: None...If someone says something negative about another person, either say something nice or don't say anything at all. "To be kind and gentle even under provocation. Never to stand on one's dignity. To choose always the hardest." Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta

No Complaining: You don't realize how much you complain until you give it up. "Do everything without grumbling and questioning." Philippians 2:14

Don't Buy Anything You Don't Need: If you can live without it, you don't need it. Put the money you would have spent into a Lenten Rice Bowl. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Matt 6:21

Organize Your Home: Every day during Lent take one area and organize it; closet, bedroom, refrigerator,... "But everything must be done properly and in order." 1Corinthians 14:40