



The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the Lord directed him.

Genesis 12:1-4a

### **Sunday, March 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 BW Charlie Brosey from Mary Rust and Family  
10:30 BW Mary Connaughton from The Connaughton Family  
12:00 BW Joseph Macke from The Macke Family

### **Monday, March 6**

12:10 Purgatorial Society

### **Tuesday, March 7**

12:10 Agnes Baer from Carol and Larry

### **Wednesday, March 8**

12:10 Marge Windholtz from Patricia and Edwin Deters

### **Thursday, March 9**

12:10 Diane Zuk from Kenneth Zuk

### **Friday, March 10**

12:10 Betty Hammergren from Mary Beutler

### **Saturday, March 11**

12:10 BW Lisa Trauth from Joan Rizzo Macke  
7:00 BW Eileen T. Harsnett from Dorothy Curran

### **Sunday, March 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 KS Victor Craft from Terrence and Marilouise Wall  
10:30 AP Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
12:00 AP Rob Alfieri from Tony and Harry Lafkus

**This Weekend's Hymns**  
***All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.***  
**Opening: #187**  
**Closing: #197**

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As we continue our Lenten journey, our Gospel reading today of the transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor helps us focus on two really important ideas. These both happen not at the climax of the story when Christ's Divinity shows through His humanity, but on the way down the mountain.

First, we hear Christ clearly say that he knows what is going to happen when He reaches Jerusalem, telling his disciples not to tell anyone "Until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." He is relentlessly marching towards His passion, death and resurrection. It is the reason He became incarnate, to offer Himself for you and for me. I cannot imagine the deep love and resolve that made His feet move towards Good Friday. The act would be the same and the result of Christ dying for me, but Him knowing that all His life, Him choosing that path out of love, it changes things in a way I don't quite know how to explain.

Secondly, this transfiguration was done for the disciples. That in the darkness and fear that would follow Christ's torture and execution, hope would not be extinguished.

Maybe it gave them enough strength to call to mind that day coming down Mount Tabor, maybe it made them remember that Christ said several times that He would rise from the dead. He knows our hearts and minds, He knows how to keep us from despair, just as He did it for the disciples following His August sacrifice.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

Father Adam

### **HERE AT ST. ROSE**

#### **NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE**

The National Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Join us as we hear from inspiring presenters, including keynote speaker **Jonathan Roumie** of *The Chosen*, grow in fellowship, and build our relationship with Jesus Christ centered on the Eucharist. Mass will be concelebrated by **Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr** and **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes**. To purchase tickets or for more information visit: [nationalmensconference.com](http://nationalmensconference.com)

#### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & VOLUNTEERS**

You are invited to join us for the Lenten Soup Suppers during the first four Tuesdays of Lent. No need to RSVP if attending. **The one at St. Rose will be Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.** We are asking for volunteers to sign up to bring one crock pot of your favorite soup, so please sign up in the back of church if you would like to help out. For details about the suppers and dates/times at all four locations, see attached.

#### **LENTEN REMINDERS**

Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Good Friday, April 7, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of **abstinence** binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of **fasting** binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 12:10 mass concluding with **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Lent beginning March 1st.

Lenten Penance Service is Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 P.M.

#### **ITALY TRIP 2023**

Father Barry is taking a final group trip to Italy for 12 days starting September 26th. If you are interested, call the office.

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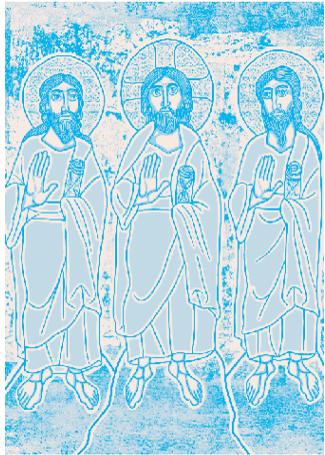
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**Opening Prayer**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

This week we hear the story of the “transfiguration” of Jesus. The glory of God shines on his face and his clothes. Two of his ancestors, Moses and Elijah, appear in conversation with him. They talk with Jesus, who is both in continuity *with* and the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Then Peter makes what he thinks is a brilliant suggestion: that Jesus, Moses, and Elijah be settled down here in three tents, in a kind of extended Feast of Booths, which Jesus and the disciples had celebrated annually since their childhoods. Peter grasps at an action that will restore some familiarity to this unfamiliar event. But he is silenced by the voice from the cloud: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

To understand Jesus, the disciples must listen and listen and listen to what Jesus says about suffering and death and resurrection; they must hear his good news that is announced in his transfiguration of crippled bodies and minds into whole and healed humanity, in the transfiguration of sinners through forgiveness, in the transfiguration of bread and wine into his body and blood. And after they have seen Jesus on another hill, raised up and broken on a cross, they will learn to believe in the transfiguration that brings him from the tomb to the mountain of their great commissioning by Jesus, the risen and glorified One.

Immediately after the mountain transfiguration, down on the plain, Jesus will heal and transfigure the lives of an epileptic boy and his father. This is where transfiguration belongs: not only in the privileged peak experiences of our lives, but also in the trudge across the flat plains of the everyday. In Lent, our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the practices that will help transform us into the likeness of Jesus as we journey toward the celebration of his Easter glory.

**Closing Prayer**

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Transform us, as you transfigured on the mountain, so that we might remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

**For Reflection:**

• Where in your life of faith do you need patience with God? What would help you to faithfully wait for God, who does not often work on the timelines we would have chosen for ourselves?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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**Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**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.**

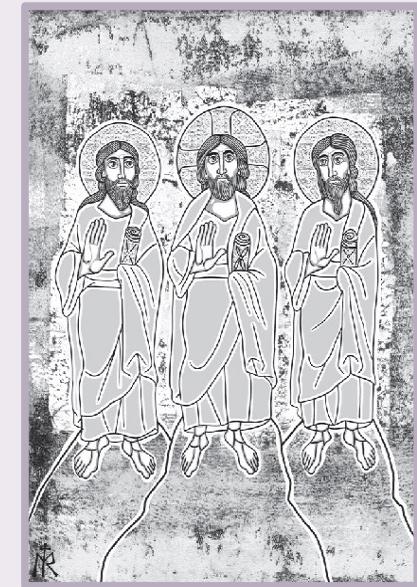
**Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here.**

**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.”**

**Readings for the week:**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
Gen 12:1-4a  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
2 Tim 1:8b-10  
Matt 17:1-9

**Monday**  
Dan 9:4b-10  
Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13  
Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday**  
Isa 1:10, 16-20  
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
Matt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**  
Jer 18:18-20  
Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16  
Matt 20:17-28

**Thursday**  
Jer 17:5-10  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Luke 16:19-31

**Friday**  
Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday**  
Mic 7:14-15, 18-20  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
Exod 17:3-7  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42