

Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves.
And he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

Mark 9:2,3

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT

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Whether it was where Elijah heard the quiet voice of God in a whisper, or where Moses spent forty days encompassed by loud thundering as he received God's covenant, mountains and other high places have often been special spots where we can come closer to God. Perhaps in all the Bible no one comes physically closer to observing God's glory than on Mount Tabor where Peter, James and John encounter the transfiguration of Christ. Here in a truly physical sense do the opening words of John's Gospel speak, "And the light shone in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it."

This could not provide a more adequate visual for our human senses. He remained human and yet is, was and forever will be, divine. He was radiant, so much more glorious than they had already come to understand while here on Earth. I ask that today we reflect on and be thankful to God for revealing a first glimpse of Himself, using the senses of nature, whether through the greatest heights or the warmth of His everlasting light.

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CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 6:00 P.M. Tuesday
8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.

Come join Fr. Antony and our Deacons on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. for the Scriptural Rosary in the Chapel afterwards coffee and donuts with Clergy in the Parish Hall.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent at 6:00 PM (St. Mary Church).

40 Hours of Lenten Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, February 21 – Friday, February 23 2024 (St. Mary, Chapel).

2024 Appeal for Catholic Ministries

The Appeal for Catholic Ministries theme, ***“Building the Kingdom Together”*** was selected to remind us that our actions, our prayers and our financial investments in vital ministries of the Church are all given to honor and serve God. Each pledge makes a difference! Your generous support enables our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services that impact all parishes and people of all ages throughout Southeast Texas. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus are selling fried fish on Fridays beginning at 5:00 p.m. The fried fish dinners consist of fried fish, coleslaw and fries, along with tea and a dessert.

Living the Faith

Reach out in charity: as we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.



Pray for Vocations

Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, sister or brother?

Talk to a priest or contact Fr. Rodel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: vocations@dioceseofbmt.org.

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GOOD NEWS

I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?" Because of the ending—that's why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life—that's the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem "Try to Praise the Mutilated World," Adam Zagajewski writes of life's Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature's dazzle, on the sweet taste of wine—all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The altar will be held on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall. A sing up sheet has been placed in the entrance of the Church for anyone who would like to participate in the preparation or on the day of the altar also you can contact the Parish Office. St. Joseph Altar Aprons will be available for sale.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like a statement of your 2023 contributions

Youth Group

St. Mary Youth Group meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Youth Director, Patricia Daleo 409-656-9259



Please Pray for Service Men & Women

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael Chalambara, Troy Thomassee, John Ardoyn, III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.
(Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after Service)
+Ralph & Rena Richardson

Wednesday, February 28, 8:30 a.m.
L- Larry & Rita Bourliea

Thursday, February 29, 8:30 a.m.
+Arthur Gardner

Friday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.
+Alexine Adams

(Holy Hour 7:30 — 8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.
+Lee Usie
+Todd & Nick Broussard
+Alexine Adams

Sunday, March 3, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family

February 25—March 2
Chapel Sanctuary Candle
Cecilia Gobert

There are **DATES OPEN** on the Sanctuary Candle Calendar for anyone who wishes to remember a loved by having the Candle burn in their name for a week. For the Chapel or Church Sanctuary Candle. Cost is \$5.00 per week.



PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Vickie Reina Jowers, Rita Bourliea, Vivian DeJohn, Rosalie Clark, JoAnn Sparacino, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Steven Campbell, Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giaratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, David Olson, Milton Westbrook, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, Karen Brock, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandi McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, June Burch, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Burselson, Faye Richard, Wayne Smith, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Danny Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, John Patronella, Sr., Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge, Connie Duprie **May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).**

February 25— March 2

TUESDAY

Jesus and the Eucharist Bible Study 6:45—8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Soup Kitchen 11:30—12:30 a.m.

Religious Education Classes for all grades

PreK—8th grade 5:30—6:30 p.m.

High School 6:30 —7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus **FISH FRY**

SATURDAY

Confession 3:00 — 4:00 p. m.

ST. MARY

February 17—18

ENVELOPES	\$ 5,476.00
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Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 3,233.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 11,276.00

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 25, 2024

Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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