Second SUNDAY OF

St. John Vianney Church

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Nancy Tannucilli, Principal of St. John Vianney School
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Jamie Frame, Director of Sacred Music

This is my Son, whom I love.
Listen to him!

MARK 9:7

Mission Statement

In the spirit of St. John Vianney's zeal and concern for people, we are a community proclaiming the Gospel in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The community of St. John Vianney strives to utilize the gifts and talents of each parishioner to create a vibrant welcoming parish. Through our liturgies, ministries, and organizations, we encounter Christ and are empowered to bring Him to the world.

Parish Staff

Parish Administrative Assistant	Stephanie Noto
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School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
Parish/School Bookkeeper	Karen Dudas
Maintenance Supervisor	Poncho Julius

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday	7am – 8:30am
Saturday	8am - 5pm
Sunday	8am - 10am - 12pm

Holy Days will be announced at the beginning of mass and in the bulletin.

Sacramental Schedule

Confessions: Saturdays 11am-12pm, 4:15-4:45pm

Baptism: most Sundays at 1:30pm.

Babies should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements. We will be happy to help you schedule your baby's Baptism.

Last Rites/Anointing of the Sick: anyone who is ill and or would like to receive Communion is asked to call the rectory.

Marriage: Couples should call the Parish office as soon as possible to schedule a wedding. Our priests and deacons will help you through the preparation process.

Parish Membership

All new families who live within our boundaries are welcome to the parish. They are requested to register at the rectory.

Parish Gift Shop

Please note that the Parish Gift Shop is now open! The gift shop hours of operation are before and after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12pm Mass on Sunday's each weekend.

Mass Intentions – 2ND Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, February 24, 2024

8:00 AM Katherine Golden, r/o Mike & Jess DeCrosta

5:00 PM Kevin McCartin, r/o Suzanne

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased

10:00 AM Susan M. Cavallo, r/o Linda Adolph 12:00 PM Richard Walsh, r/o Pat Walsh

MONDAY, February 26, 2024

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Jania Malinowksi & Family,

r/o Teresa Malinowski

8:30 AM Maria & Joseph D'Errico, r/o Annette & Joe

Horsfield

TUESDAY, February 27, 2024 – St. Gregory of Narek

7:00 AM Dorothy Laroque, r/o Family

8:30 AM Timothy Rokose (1 year Anniversary), r/o Mom

& Dad

7:00 PM Lenten Mission

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

7:00 AM Ralph Hill, r/o Colonia Natural Pharmacy

8:30 AM Stephen Toth, r/o Family

THURSDAY, February 29, 2024

7:00 AM Matthew Cyrana, r/o Family 8:30 AM Wilson Nunez, r/o Sandra Marino

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

7:00 AM Vera McFadden, r/o Children

8:30 AM Andrew Long, r/o Walsh & Negron Family

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

8:00 AM Oscar Pena, r/o Mike & Jess DeCrosta

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Worosila Family, r/o

Worosila Family

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased 10:00 AM June Morrison, r/o Jeffrey Dispensa, r/o 12:00 PM Joseph Klimko, r/o Jennie Esposito



The Bread & Wine have been offered for the healing of Robert Tyc from his parents.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 2 ND	5:00pm	Fr. Bob
March 3RD	8:00am	Fr. Jay
	10:00am	Fr. John
	12:00nm	Fr Grea



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Prayer Corner

"There is a season and a time for every purpose..."

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Nicholas Eric Brian Englehardt

TO WED

TO HEAL

Alba Froat, Declan Hegarty, Bob Nilan, Ruth Kopec, Kelly Yeo, Maria Villacreses, Barbara Monaco, Florence Peragallo, Patricia LaBruto, Mary & Anthony Virrazzi, Claire Jazikoff, John Farawell, Agnes Chisvetti, Eileen O'Donnell Ammon, Michael Baron, Alicia Deborgia, Bill Houston, Carol Oberdick, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mariola Warzyniak, Msgr. O'Neill, Henry & Joanne Sokoloski, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, Margaret Anne Kerr, Douglas Castner, Maureen Horning, Trevor Horning, Bill Riley, Theresa Szablowski, Cody Brown, Dolores DiGangi, Harold Carney, Sue Zafian, Leslie Johnson, Rita Weissenburger, Alberta Clark, Therese Clark, Angelo Gallo, Heidi Egan, Carol Kolator, Rita Scarpone, Macario and Linda Yap, Michelle Gargiulo, Sonia Stefan, Maria Famiglietti, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, Donna Sandklev, John & Maryanne Delutis, Joshua & Amelia Ford, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise Stanislawczyk, Catherine Buettel, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Collin Sciahetano, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Sherry Canavale, Domenic Canavale, Michael Canavale, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina DeliAquila, Robert Feeney, Debi Leiter, Jane Fitzgerald, Wayne Bartlett, Julia Skrya, Mary Charniga, Brenda & Dolores Tourtellot, Mary Jantas, Kathleen Baumann, Giuliana DeAngelias, Dennis Costante, Gene Moore, Joel Leiter, Susan Sepedy, Aymee lannacone, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, Nikoloz, Clare Weber, Vincent Dellaguila, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Nick Troiano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Christine Camping, Catherine Donahue, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco.

FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

Francesca Bianciardi & Patrick McCartin

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

S. Sgt. Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), John Bridges (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), John O'Donnell (Marines), 1LT Ryan Feeney (National Guard)

Weekend Readings

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 25, 2024 2ND Sunday of Lent

"'Here I am!' He answered." - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in Church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



This Second Sunday of Lent, our image is grapes, which are a symbol of Holy Communion and the blood of Christ poured out for us.

Lenten Book Study with Fr. John

Fr. John will lead a book study on the following Fridays of Lent following the 3 PM Stations of the Cross: March 1st, 8th, and 15th, in the upper room of the Church. It is not necessary to register, nor is there any cost – but please call the rectory or see Fr. John for a copy of the book. The book is called: Real Presence: What does it mean and why does it matter? Father will consider offering this book study in the evening as well, if there is sufficient requests for that.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024



Hello St. John Vianney Parish community!

We've already made it to the Second Sunday! I hope all of you are persevering in your Lenten sacrifices and drawing closer to our Lord through your heightened prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this holy season. Speaking of the "heightened" awareness of Christ's awesome presence that we strive to seek out in our daily lives, especially during these 40 days, we once again ascend Mount Tabor with Jesus, Peter, James, and John in this Sunday's Gospel that recalls the Transfiguration. The Transfiguration of Our Lord is one of the essential Lenten Gospels because it previews Christ's Passion, Death, Resurrection, and ultimate Ascension that is to come. The Son of God must come down from His place of glory in heaven, empty Himself of His power, take the form of a slave, and suffer immensely under the crushing weight of our sins in order to reopen for us and those Old Testament patriarchs the gates to heaven and become exalted at the right hand of the Father. As always, I would like you to reread the Gospel, and then answer these two questions:

- 1. What are ways in which you can climb the mountain with Jesus and experience His sanctifying splendor in your daily life?
- 2. Why is it important to take the time to ascend the mountain with Jesus and his closest apostles and simply be in total awe of his beautiful glory, but equally crucial to descend the mountain, rejoin the others, and prepare to face the realities that are to come?

One way to climb the mountain with Jesus is through Eucharistic Adoration during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Just as the Holy Sacrifice of Mass makes truly present the saving events of the Paschal Mystery/Triduum that we will remember at the end of Holy Week, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is our direct connection to the Transfiguration. Here, Jesus is present on the altar in all His radiant glory just as He was during the Transfiguration, when His garments became dazzling white. Likewise, during Exposition, the Sacred Host is placed inside of a shining monstrance for all to gaze upon for a period of intense, intimate revelation with our Lord. Interestingly enough, the small platform that the monstrance is placed atop in order to further elevate the exposed Blessed Sacrament is formally called the Tabor, which explicitly recounts the exact location of the Transfiguration: Mount Tabor. Come have this experience of the Transfiguration for yourself during our upcoming Youth Group Holy Hour: Saturday, March 2nd from 7 to 8 in the evening, followed by refreshments from 8 to 8:30 (Optional). Youth Group sign-up sheets for the Middle and High Schools are available on the Parish Office and Parish website. Feel free to contact me, Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF, phone number (732-574-0150) and email srluciana@sjvs.net.

Have a Blessed Lent, Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF Youth Minister

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Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze s	srluciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Casmir



St. Casimir was the prince of Poland, but instead he chose a life of celibacy and lived his life caring for the poor. He was still involved in government affairs and made his primary focus seeking justice and help for those less fortunate. St.

Casimir wound up dying from tuberculosis at 25 while visiting Lithuania. May we look to St. Casimir as an example of someone who never gave into the pressures of society and lived his life doing God's work.

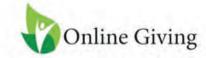
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 OFFERTORY:

Collection: On-line giving: 5,205.50 \$ 14,626.75

Thank you for giving with a grateful heart!



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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **URGENT UPDATE**

The food supply for the St. James and St. Cecelia's Food pantries has fallen to critical levels. The demand for food has continued to increase. Fortunately, your generosity has continued to increase. If you could continue to donate one extra food item per week, the supply would meet the demand. Rising food prices and demand for necessary food have caused this problem.

Needed item update: peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, cake mixes, tuna, SPAM, canned chicken, rice (1 or 2 lb. bags), personal hygiene products are always needed. Thank you. The SVdP Society would like to thank you for your generosity to the local food pantries. The need continues for increased food donations.



Have You Heard?

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately - due to the changing climate - the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

We are looking for people to commit to spending a scheduled hour a week in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration. Come adore the Lord for one hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar of St. John Vianney Church each Saturday from 8:30am - 9:30am. We must have at least two people present during each hour as the Most Blessed Sacrament may not be left alone while exposed. Please prayerfully consider giving Jesus an hour of your week in Adoration. If you are interested, please call Jo Ann Worosila at 908-420-5083 or Joanne Streck at 732-382-4147.

Eucharistic Adoration is a silent mediation in the presence of the exposed Host. One hour a week with Jesus, to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope and charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray a rosary or do whatever prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend.

This Week At A Glance

2/26 - 3/3

Monday Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm

SVdP – LBR 6pm CCD 6:15pm

Tuesday RCIA – EMR 11am

Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm Track Sign-Ups – Library 6pm Pro-Life – LBR 6:30pm Al-Anon – 7pm Classroom CubScouts – CAF 6:30-8pm Lenten Mission – CH 7-8pm Boy Scouts – GYM 7:30-9:30pm

Wednesday Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm

Track Sign-Ups – Library 6pm High School YG – UBR 7pm

Thursday Basketball – GYM 3-4:30pm

Cheer - GYM 4:30-7:30pm

Scout Youth Leader Mtg - Classroom

6:30-7:30pm

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises – LBR 7-

8:30pm

Legion of Mary UBR 7pm Basketball – GYM 8-9pm

Friday Basketball – GYM 5-9pm

Stations - CH 3pm & 7pm

Pre-Cana – UBR 7:30-10pm (full)

Saturday Basketball – GYM 8am-4pm

YG Holy Hour – CH/UBR 7-9pm

Sunday Baptism – CH 1:30pm

Bible study UBR 6:30pm

Upcoming Second Collections

March 24th Retirement for Diocesan Clergy

March 29th Holy Land/Good Friday

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal Stay With Us, Lord: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on a Mission

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports a number of diocesan ministries dedicated to faith formation. Through Discipleship Formation for Children and our Catholic schools, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry at Rutgers and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, we are reaching out to children, teens, young adults and older adults new to our Catholic Church. These ministries help people of all ages grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

The Pro-Life Corner

If you are a man or woman affected by abortion, please check this website for information that may help you:



Unplanned Pregnancy? Find

help

at one of these centers:

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen, NJ

Phone: 732-516-911

First Choice Women & Resource Center,

New Brunswick, NJ Phone: 908-561-0079 Life Choices Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ Phone: 908-454-2066

Inspire Women's Resource Center, Warren, NJ

Phone: 908-615-9008
Bridge Women's Center, Old Bridge

Phone: 732-588-0999

Or go to optionline.org (Pregnancy help online) to search for a location near you.

Please refer to this link from the Diocese of Metuchen: https://diometuchen.org/pregnancy-help

SAFE HAVEN INFANT PROTECTION

An unwanted baby?

You can safely and anonymously give it away.
No shame, No blame
Call SAFE HAVEN HOTLINE:

1-877-839-2339



St. John Vianney School News

732-388-1662 https://school.sjvianney.com/

So many great ideas and suggestions have come in! Continue to email us at sjvhsa@sjvs.net and someone will respond to your email within 24-48 hours. Don't forget to visit our school website and follow us on Facebook!

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

St. Ignatius Loyola developed the Spiritual Exercises to help people enhance their prayer life and deepen their relationship with God. Learn and experience this wonderful form of prayer in a special 8-week program at our parish. The Spiritual Exercises will be held on Thursday evenings in Library Room in the Church from 7-8:30pm, beginning February 15, 2024. For more information, or to sign up for the Exercises, contact Jay Jorgensen at ignapsiangoldown.

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, March 18th. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

40 cans for 40 days

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
- Matthew 25:35

The Knights of Columbus council 6571 will again sponsor 40 cans for 40 days to benefit our local food pantries from Ash Wednesday till Easter Sunday. This lent Give something, rather than give something up- one food item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Baskets will be in the gathering area. Thank you for your generosity.

Update from the Religious Education Program

Mass Replaces Class

This weekend, February 24/25, 2024, is one of the option weekends for Mass Replaces Class. Children who check-in for Mass that weekend will not have to come to class on Monday February 26th. Remember, each child can select one of the options on weekends. Thus, children who used the option in December or January are not eligible for this option in February.

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent the students in the religious education program will participate in Operation Rice Bowl. The rice bowls were distributed to the children before Lent began and should be returned after Easter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be going to Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Monday the 26th. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be going to Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Monday March 4th.

Absences

Please remember to send an email if your child will be absent from a Monday evening religious education class. The email should include the name of the child, the grade, and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contacting Me

The best way to reach me is by email at ederosa@sjvs.net. If you would like to speak with me, please send an email with your phone number.

Have a blessed week! Ellen DeRosa

ATTENTION

Anyone wishing for a record of their Church contributions for the year 2023 is asked to send in a stamped self-addressed envelope with their envelope number to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket.



Pastor's Column: February 24 - 25, 2024

Lent is off to a very good start in our parish. It was great to see so many people at Mass on Ash Wednesday. Every Mass was well attended, and the 4 and 7 PM Masses were very full. Thanks to all who took time to get to Ash Wednesday Mass.

Also well attended were Stations of the Cross. The Stations are one of my favorite devotions, and I was glad to see many people at them last Friday. I hope every family in our parish gets to the Stations at least once this Lent – if not every Friday.

If anything seems to have started slowly this Lent, it is Confession. Granted, the snow on the first Saturday of Lent undoubtedly had a negative effect on the number of penitents. Nonetheless, I think it important to remind everyone that making a good Confession is one of the most important things we do during Lent.

For this reason, we are offering another opportunity for Confession this Lent. Every Friday following the evening Stations of the Cross, at least one of our priests will be available for Confession. A few people took advantage of this opportunity after Stations of the Cross on the first Friday of Lent. I hope many more will do the same.

Remember that we also have Confession every Saturday – from 11 AM – Noon and from 4:15 – 4:45 PM. We will also hear Confessions during the Tuesday evening Holy Hours (the Parish Lenten Mission) from 7 – 8 PM. This should give most people ample opportunities to experience Jesus' healing mercy in this great sacrament.

I sometimes wonder why so many people put off going to Confession. Do they think they have no sin? To this I reply with the words of St. John the Apostle: "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He Who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8 ff.) May each of us take these words from the Beloved Apostle – words that are enshrined in the Holy Bible – to heart and make a good Confession this Lent.

If you have a hard time preparing for Confession – or even thinking of what sins you may have committed – please take one of the Examination of Consciences that is on the Lent table in the gathering area of the Church.

Inserted in this bulletin is a letter Pope Francis wrote to all people for this Lent. In it he compares Lent to a journey – which is a very good image. In preparing for Confession, we might ask ourselves if we have moved forward on that journey since last Lent. Are you holier today than last Lent? Do you pray more often – or more deeply – than last Lent? Are you more concerned about those in need – and do you do something to help them? If we are no holier – no closer to Jesus – now than last Lent (or even since Ash Wednesday) we clearly have sins to confess and work to do! To not be growing in our friendship with Jesus is at the very least a sin of omission!

The Good News is that God loves us in spite of our sins – and is always willing to forgive and help us do better. That's why He gave us the sacrament of Confession. It is His way of offering us repeated opportunities to be forgiven by Him and helped by Him to make new progress on our journey to a deeper friendship with Him. That is truly Good News.

As Lent continues, let's keep praying for each other and for peace. I appreciate all of you who pray that Hail Mary each day for me. Know that your are always in my prayers.

Have a great week! Fr. John



LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place at 7pm on the Tuesday evenings of Lent, according to the schedule below. Every evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Lenten Homily, time for quiet prayer and reflection, and Benediction. Confessions will also be heard each evening – as we will have a priest in the Confessional while the service is happening. A different priest or deacon will preach each evening – giving a variety of perspectives on ways to grow in faith this Lent. Everyone is encouraged to come to as many of these prayerful evenings as possible.

Tuesday, 2/20 at 7pm	Fr. Bob
Tuesday, 2/27 at 7pm	Fr. Greg
Tuesday, 3/5 at 7pm	Fr. Bede
Tuesday, 3/12 at 7pm	Fr. Jay
Tuesday, 3/19 at 7pm	Fr. John

2024 Lenten Obligations

- 1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
- 2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (Feb.16 & 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22).
- 3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- 4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.

Lent 2024 at St. John Vianney

We invite you to join us for our many parish Lenten activities as a way to prepare for the great feast of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent at 3:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church. (February 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29)

CRS Rice Bowl - Ash Wednesday - Easter Sunday Rice bowls are available in the gathering area of the Church.

40 Cans for 40 Days – Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday. Baskets to collect can donations in gathering area of the Church.

Palm Sunday – March 24 – with the Reading of the Passion and blessing Palms – regular Mass schedule – Saturday at 5:00 and Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm.

Confessions – every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm and 4:15-4:45pm. Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm.

Blessing of Easter Food – Holy Saturday – March 30 at 12:00pm in the Church.

Holy Week – Special Masses/Services – no 7:00am or 8:30am morning Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday. No 8:00am Mass on Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday – March 28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm. Good Friday – March 29 - Service of the Lord's Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm. Holy Saturday – March 30 - Great Easter Vigil 7:00pm (NO 5:00 pm Masses this night).

Easter Sunday – March 31 – regular Mass schedule – 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm. Note – no 5:00 Mass on Saturday night – only Great Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm. Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass!

Year B



Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him." Mark 9:7



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for	
This week I will give up/do without	
This week I will do this act of love/good deed	
(Sundays optional)	

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Peter	Elijah				
James	Moses				
John	Appeared				
Jesus	Cloud				
Mountain	Voice				
Transfigured	Listen				
Dazzling	Love				

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