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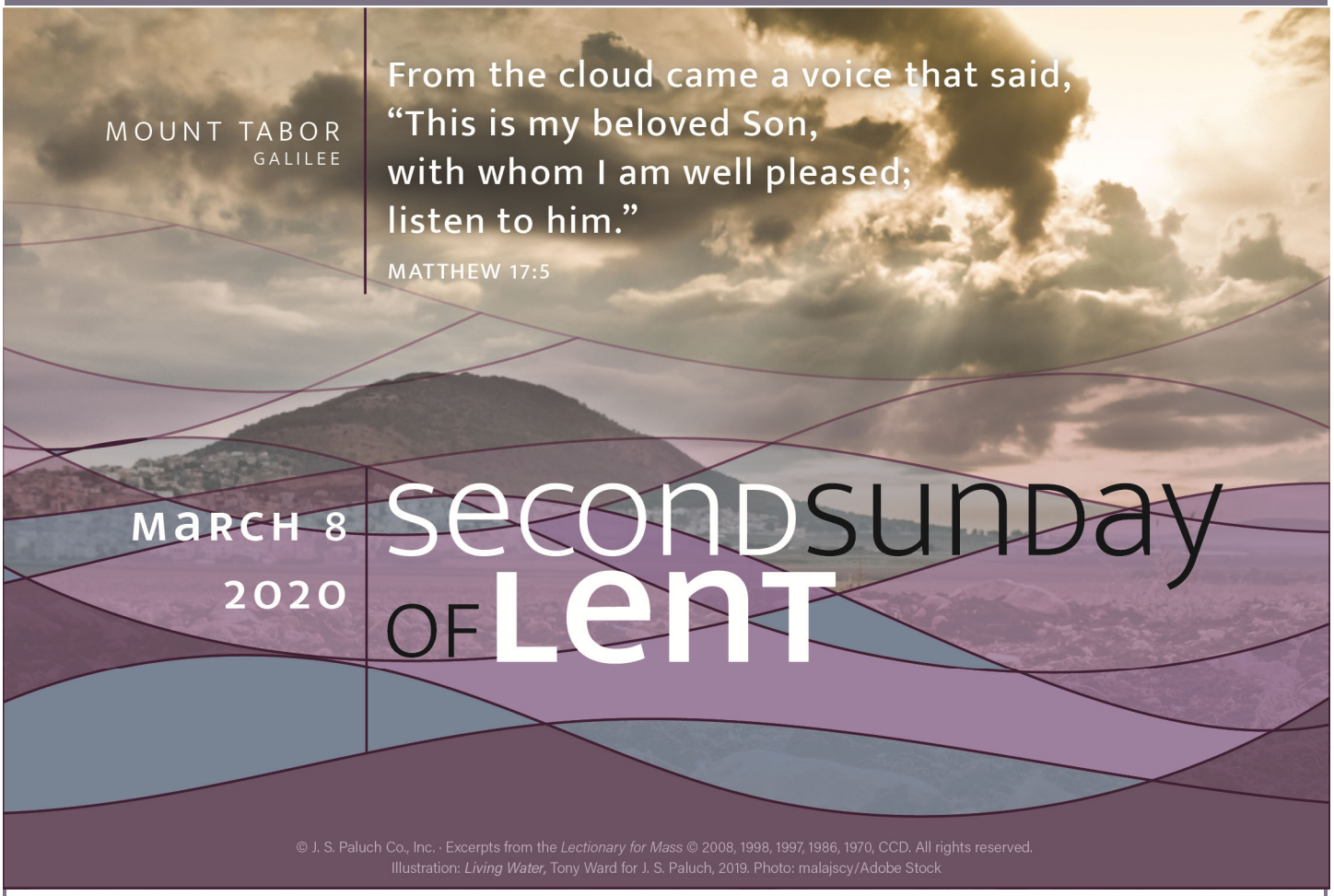

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We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message today will uplift you and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know that our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

Monday	**8:30 AM**	
Tuesday	**8:30 AM**	**9 :00 AM Holy Hour**
Wednesday	**8:30 AM**	
Thursday	**8:30 AM**	**Prayer Service**
Friday	**8:30 AM**	
Saturday	**4:00 PM**	
Sunday	**8:30 AM**	
	10:30 AM	
Holy Days	**9:00 AM or as announced**	
Rosary	**Monday - Friday 8:00 AM**	
Confessions	**Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM**	
Baptisms & Weddings	**Call the rectory office**	

Our Weekly Offering

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We are very thankful for your financial support of the parish.

Checks <u>should</u> still be made payable to your former parish name until further notice.

The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist for MARCH is in memory of
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from the **Chavers Family**.
We are very thankful for their gift.

If you would like to provide the gift of wine for a month the donation is $65 and the gift of hosts for a month is $45. Please contact the Rectory office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 7	4:00 PM	+ John Krolo by Family + Tom Lanigan by Marilyn Lanigan
Sun., Mar. 8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Steve & Thelma Montgomery (Wedding Anniversary) + Mary Torres by Torres Family + Maurice Byrd by Byrd Family
Mon., Mar. 9	8:30 AM	For the deceased pastors of Holy Ghost, St. Jude and St. Mary Queen of Apostles Parishes
Tues., Mar. 10	8:30 AM	For those affected by the tornadoes in Tennessee
Wed., Mar. 11	8:30 AM	SFC Henry Keys by M/M Robert Wallace
Thur., Mar. 12	8:30 AM	Prayer Service
Fri., Mar 13	8:30 AM	+ Robert Elliott by Family + Kayode Dehinbo by Turton Family
Sat., Mar. 14	4:00 PM	+ Art Nylen by Friend + Sarah Halaburt by Dawn & Mary Kozlowski
Sun., Mar. 15	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	+ Diane Palagi by Jim & Diane Ostarello + Michael & Linda Qualls by Margaret Chavers, Mother + Ralph & Louise Phillips by Rosemary Maroney

If you would like to have a Mass offered in remembrance of a loved one or in thanksgiving contact the Rectory office in person, by email or in the collection basket. Mass Stipends are $10.00 per Mass request.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass	Priest	Deacon	Minister of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
March 14 4:00 PM	Fr. Gosbert	Deacon Mel	Mary Kozlowski Zenovia Evans	Zenovia Evans, Irene Sikorski	Elaina Powell
March 15 8:30 AM	Fr. Gosbert	Deacon Tim	Donna Lamoureux Sylvia Stasinski	Roy Pradelski, Veronica Pradelski Roseanne Clayton, Orie Matyasik	Osamagbe Ogbodu Osarumen Ogbodu
March 15 10:30 AM	Fr. Anthony	Deacon Jerry	Andrea Cross Francois Coupet	Marilyn & Wayne Awong, Henry Obegoly John & Mary Turton, Wanda Fulford	Eric Lwanyaga Tennile Williams

Coronavirus/COVID-19

The Archdiocese of Chicago is closely monitoring the news regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 and actively planning for any potential circumstances. We are adhering to all guidelines provided by the U. S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please see the insert on the Coronavirus in this week's bulletin.

Pope Francis has written "Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply"

FAST - We are called to remember our hunger for God

PRAY - We are called to deepen our prayer life

ALMSGIVING - We make the needs of others our own

Pastor's Corner

Lord, it is good that we are here…

Dear brothers and sisters today we begin the second Sunday of Lent with the Gospel account of the transfiguration of Jesus. He takes Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor and gives them a little glimpse of His glory. The divine glory shines from the face of Jesus, He is transfigured before them and changed his appearance. And then the voice of the Father from the clouds reveals who Jesus is: "This is my son, my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." God the Father reveals that Jesus is not only a man, He is also God.

The intention of this vision is to strengthen the faith of the apostles. It's because a few days earlier, Jesus told them that He was going to suffer and die in Jerusalem. St. Matthew, in his Gospel, says that when Peter heard this, he said to Jesus: "God forbid it, Lord! That must never happen to you." Jesus then said to Peter: "Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle on my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God but from man," (Matthew 16: 22-23).

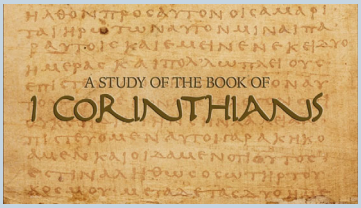
Jesus does not accept Peter's idea of staying on the mountain. We should understand that even in our lives no one stays at the mountain forever. Sooner or later we must descend and go back to realities and make our changed life a testimony for others so that others may have a deep experience.

I read a book about 40 rules of living and these can help us in giving testimonies for others. I will share some of these rules for living like: Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully; when you say, " love you," mean it, When you say, " I am sorry," look the person in the eye; Never laugh at anyone's dreams; love deeply and passionately, you might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely; Don't judge people by their relatives; talk slow but think quick; Remember the 3 Rs; Respect for oneself, Respect for others and Responsibility for all your actions; Don't let little dispute injure a great friendship; smile when you are picking up the phone, the caller will hear it in your voice; Spend some time alone; open your arms to change but don't let go your values; Read more books, watch less television; live a good and honorable life; if you are in disagreement with your loved ones deal with the current situation and do not bring up the past; be gentle with the earth; Pray, there's immeasurable power in it; Mind your own business; if you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.

In the Lord,
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura

Bible Study

Study the powerful messages
of the 1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.
When: Tuesday Evenings until April 7 at 7:00 PM Where: McMahon Hall



Soup & Discussion Series

When: Wednesdays until April 1
6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Discussion McMahon Hall

Stations Of The Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 3 PM in Church

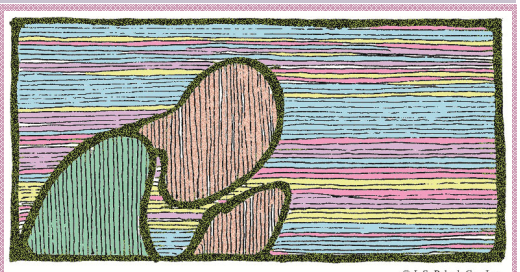
TODAY'S READINGS

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; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
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 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends who are ill and recovering.

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Barbara Bishop
Ron Bordenaro
Angelique Carter
Dolores Cox
Franklin Crevier
Bill Doptson
Mary Faulkner
Beth Handy
Ruby Ingram
Robert Kelliher
Mike Kelly
Sonia Martorell
Earline Mebane
Daniel Mendez
Joan Metzger
Mable Moore
Karen Murdaugh
Margaret Pritchett
Linda Powell
Barbara Ryan
Tom Sheeran
Ana Smith
Martrell Smith
Marty Smith
Teresa Spruiell
Anna Szuts
Duane Taylor
Dolores Vanco
Ellen Voce
Debra Worthy
Vicente Zamora

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, forms are available in the back of the church. Please notify the rectory office when the name can be removed.

SHED**SOME**LIGHT

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COS PRAISE DANCERS

We are so proud of the Christ Our Savior School Praise Dancers who were selected to dance at the 42nd Annual Chicago Archdiocese African American Prayer Service which was hosted by St. Rita High School on Friday, February 28. COS joined over 1200 students and staff members from 30 Catholic schools in the area. Special thanks to Ms. Diane Richie, our dance coordinator, who prepared our dancers so well! Please join us on Saturday, April 4, when our Praise Dancers will hold their annual Dance Recital. More details to follow soon.

APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS

Thank you to all of you who submitted sales receipts for the Apples for the Students promotion from the Stack & Val Til grocery store chain. This program will provide school equipment to Christ Our Savior. If you have any receipts dated Sept. 1, 2019 to March 2, 2020, you may still turn them into the school office by Tuesday, March 10. Thank you again for your generous support to this program.

COS SCHOLARSHIP GALA UPDATE

A great big thank you to those who have donated gifts for our Scholarship Gala thus far. Thank you to Mary Simms and Mary Ellen Quinn for your many items. We appreciate all of the Gala gifts that are anonymously left by the school office over the weekend. God bless you for your kindness to the students of Christ Our Savior School. We will be having a monetary raffle along with the Gala this year. We will keep you posted when our tickets are ready for purchase.

MOMS & TOTS PLAY GROUP SAVE THE DATE

Our Preschool Team will host another Moms & Tots Play Group on Friday, April 3. All moms, dads and/or grandparents are invited to attend. Tots that are age 2-4 can participate in special activities, meet a new friend and learn and play in our Preschool Room. You may also register for our Preschool Program at this time. Know someone who has a Preschool age child? Please tell them about this opportunity and let them join in on the fun!

In Christ's Love,
Karen Brodzik
Principal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world. You have embraced God's call to never forget those in spiritual and material need. For this we are truly grateful. EVERY GIFT MATTERS!

First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Please pray for our school and parish students as they take the next step in their faith life.

"At Home With The Lord"

Join the weekly bible study as they reflect and discuss the upcoming weekend scripture readings. The group meets in the Rectory on Tuesdays from 10 AM to noon. All are invited.

Senior Luncheon

Seniors will meet for lunch at 12:00 PM on Monday, March 9th at Jason's located at 3949 Hohman Av., Hammond, Indiana. All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite experienced crafters as well as people that would like to learn to knit or crochet to join our prayer shawl group. Join us on Saturday, March 14th in Room 109 at 10 AM for this rewarding ministry. If you know of someone in need of a shawl leave a message at the rectory office,

Coffee Sunday

Join your parish family for fellowship after Sunday masses on Sunday, March 15th in the gym. Donuts, juice and coffee will be served. Come and meet a new friend.

Split the Pot tickets will be available on Saturday and Sunday, March 14th & 15th. Be sure to get your tickets. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

We will be decorating the Church for the Easter season with fresh flowers. This is a great opportunity to remember loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings we have received.
At the back of church are forms and envelopes labeled "EASTER FLOWERS" . Place the form and your offering in the collection basket.

St. Joseph "Tavola" Table

Come join a long time tradition of honoring St. Joseph as the humble Foster Father of Jesus, God the Son.

Thursday, March 19, 2020
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Support Programs

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For Adults: Living: When A Loved One Has Died
Six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning March 25, 2020 from 6 - 8 PM. Registration is required with a one-time registration fee of $25.

For Children: The Heart Connection
Eight consecutive Mondays, beginning March 2, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. for ages 3 to 21. Program includes dinner free of charge for parents and children. Registration required with a one-time registration fee of $25.

Please call the Pastoral Care Dept. at 708-229-4299 Mon.— Fri. 9 AM to 4 PM to register.

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