## FEBRUARY 24, 2024 - MARCH 3, 2024

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<u>Saturday: Feb. 24, 2024</u> Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Tony Rodenas & † John Rodenas and for the Intentions of the Vocationist

**Fathers** 

<u>Sunday: Feb. 25, 2024</u> Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

8:30 am St. Edward: † Jeannine Sicotte and † Jacques Lacroix 9:30 am St. Mary: † Adelard & † Clair Riendeau, † Leonard

Lizotte, † Antoinette Baker and † Roger Raboin

10:30 am St. James: † Yvon Giroux

11:00 am St. Mary: For the Beloved Vocationists and their Staff

& Volunteers

Monday: Feb. 26, 2024 Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

9:00 am St. Mary: Healing of Fred Wilson

4:00 pm St. Mary: For our Homebound & Nursing Home Residents

5:30 pm St. Edward: † Virginia Holbrook

<u>Tuesday: Feb 27, 2024</u> Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Saint Gregory of Narek: Abbot and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am St. Mary: † Dorothy Begin

4:00 pm St. Mary: For Msgr. John McDermott as he leads

Vermont Catholics until we are blessed with a new Bishop

Wednesday: Feb. 28, 2024 Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

9:00 am St. Mary: † Arline Belisle 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Frank Cheney, Jr.

Thursday: Feb. 29, 2024 Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

9:00 am St. Mary: For the Selection of a New Bishop for Vermont

2:00 pm Northern State Correctional Facility: Intentions of Inmates

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Lawrence & † Janalene Fournier

Friday: March 1, 2024 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33,-43, 45-46

First Friday: Anointing of the Sick

9:00 am St. Mary: † Frank Cheney, Jr.

10:30 am St. James: Stations of the Cross

11:00 am St. James: † Frank & † Rita Bouffard4:00 pm St. Mary: Healing for those on our Prayer List

4:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Rene & † John Gaudreau

**Saturday: March 2, 2024** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9:00 am St. Mary † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

<u>Saturday: March 2, 2024</u> Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;

John 2:13-25

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Maurice & † Jack Nadeau and for the

Intentions of the Vocationist Fathers

<u>Sunday: March 3, 2024</u> Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

8:30 am St. Edward: † Richard & † Regina Provost and

† Joseph Patenaude

9:30 am St. Mary: † Ben Leblond and † Rachel Geoffroy

10:30 am St. James: † Real Giroux, † Brenda & † Joanne Giroux,

† Michael Reynolds and † Duane Powers

11:00 am St. Mary: For the Beloved Vocationists and their

Staff & Volunteers

## Saturday: February 24, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/Fr. Rijo & Fr. Tom 7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

### Sunday: February 25, 2024

8:30 am St. Edward: Baptism of Carl & Merle Stevens w/Fr, Rijo

10:30 am St. Edward: First Reconciliation & First Communion Sacramental Preparation for St. Mary's & St. Edward's Students

11:30 am St. Edward's: Confirmation Sacramental Preparation for St. Mary's & St. Edward's Students

## Monday: February 26, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 10:00 am St. Edward: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament w/Fr. Tom

10:00 am - 12:30 pm St. Edward: Adoration 12:30 pm St. Edward: Benediction w/Fr. Tom 7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Tuesday: February 27, 2024

9:30 - 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

3:00 – 4:15 pm St. James: **NO** Catholic Faith Formation for St. James Students

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm St. Mary: Eucharistic Revival Session 3: Am I Saved? w/Mater Dei's Eucharistic Revival Team

#### Wednesday: February 28, 2024

9:30 am St. Mary: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament w/Fr. Rijo

9:30 am - 3:30 pm St. Mary: Adoration

3:30 pm St. Mary: Benediction w/Fr. Rijo

6:00 pm St. Mary: Bible Class w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Thursday: February 29, 2024

9:30 - 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

9:30 am NCH: Hospital Visits w/Fr. Rijo 2:00 pm NSCF: Prison Ministry w/Fr. Tom 6:00 – 7:00 pm St. Mary Rectory Chapel: SDV Adoration w/all Priests

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Friday: March 1, 2024

## First Friday: Anointing of the Sick Day of Abstinence from Eating Meat

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 10:30 am St. James: Stations of the Cross w/Fr. Jim

2:00 pm St. Mary: VAUS Prayer Group w/Fr. Rijo

4:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm St. Edward: Bible Class w/Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Saturday: March 2, 2024

9:30 - 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

 $3:00\ pm$  St. Mary: Confession w/ Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Sunday: March 3, 2024

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

# 2024 Prayer List



Tracy Ashman Alexandra Bannach Fred Barker Chris & Betty Barrett **Betty Blair** Raymond Bowen, Sr. Kevin Charboneau Verginia Cohen Steve Comeau **Bernard Crownson** Mark Daigenault Tony & Margo Daniels **Gerard Desbiens** Marcel Deslandes Jean Diette Katre Dirth Cindy Fournier **Brian Fournier** Macie Fournier Shirley Fournier Nunzio Phil Giove Nancy Goad Linda Greenwald Shirley Hand Matthew Hilliker & Family Kathy Howes **Danielle Huntington** Gary Labaron Elaine Langevin Mary Lou Lantagne

Rose Lebeau Kristi Leblanc Roger Lessard Alicia Letourneau Brent Monahan family Veronica Opitz Andrea Peden Michael Pinard Sean Pinard Atreus Poquette Joe Punk Andy Ricard Roger Roberge, Jr. **Timothy Roberge** Fr. Shawn Roberson Corrine Ross Nicholas Scarpelli Lilv Scott & Family **David Shmidt** Madelyn Sinon Ann Snay Mitchell Telega Joe Tepe Family Valery Clarence Vandeymark Chris Varney Peter Wenk Fred Wilson Yvonne Wood

Wendy Wooden

## Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father, we place our sick in Your loving care, and humbly ask that You bring healing to Your servants and restore them to health. May they experience Your loving care during this difficult time. Above all, grant us all the grace to accept and acknowledge Your will. Amen.



## "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

The theme of this second weekend of our Lenten Season focuses on the Transfiguration of Jesus

Christ, our Lord. It is said, in the Christian teachings of the Church, that the Transfiguration was a very important moment. St. Thomas Aquinas believed that it was the "Greatest Miracle". The Transfiguration represents the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

The word "transfiguration" is derived from the Latin "trans" meaning across and "figura" meaning form or shape, and this is what happened to Jesus. There was a change in His appearance: His face and clothes became dazzling bright. He was in the presence of Elijah and Moses who were conversing with Him. Peter, James, and John, who had accompanied Jesus to Mount Tabor, the Mountain of Transfiguration, were offered a glimpse of His glory to come. However, the announcement of Jesus' suffering and Resurrection baffled and troubled the disciples. Through His transfiguration, Jesus reassured them, and their belief in Him was strengthened by a divine revelation that gave them a glimpse of the future Heavenly Kingdom.

This Divine Revelation was vital because it showed Jesus' followers that they must walk the Way He walked, take up their Cross just as Jesus would take up His own Cross during His Passion, and become like their Master. To prevent them from focusing morbidly on suffering and death, Jesus showed them a little of the glorious life that awaits those who follow Him faithfully. The Transfiguration was intended to encourage the disciples to continue following Jesus.

Let us also continue our humble walk of faith every day with Jesus. As we do so, let us recognize that our call from God is to be good and faithful servants on our earthly pilgrimage to our Heavenly Home. St. Anastasius urged all Christians to "become like Peter, caught up in the Vision, drawn away from this world and earthly attractions". "Leave the flesh behind," Anastasius continued, "and turn to the Creator, to whom Peter said in ecstasy, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here".

It is also good for us to be there, caught up with the Lord, taken away from earthly materialistic attractions, and focused instead on being true disciples of Jesus. Let us pray to be taught by Him every day, to listen to God's voice calling us from the Mountaintop – the same voice that called to Peter, James, and John with these words: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

If we trust and listen to Jesus, our blessings will be greater than those of Abraham, who was willing, at God's command, to sacrifice his only son Issac. This was Abraham's test of faith and trust in God. Abraham passed God's test, willing to obey Him, even if it meant sacrificing the life of his son. Let us learn from Abraham to place our trust totally in God who knows what is best for us. Let us place our life in His hands during our journey to the heavenly dwelling place that God has prepared for us.