



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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## March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

### What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

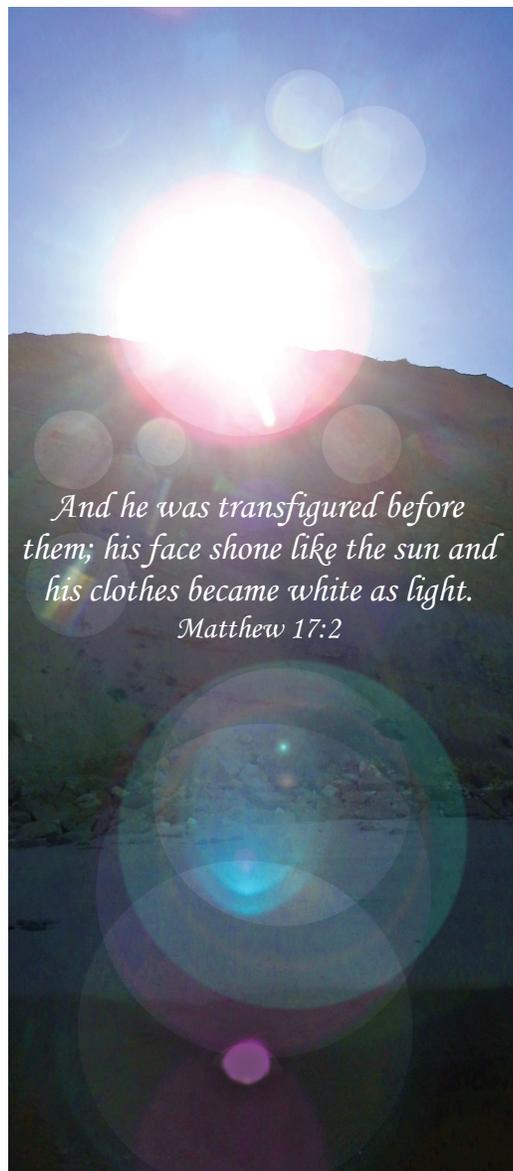
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

#### ***For Reflection:***

*In what ways might you be a blessing for others?*

*Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?*



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*Calendar*

**Monday**

**MARCH 9**

Lenten Weekday  
Deuteronomy 9:4b–10  
Luke 6:36–38

**Tuesday**

**MARCH 10**

Lenten Weekday  
Isaiah 1:10, 16–20  
Matthew 23:1–12

**Wednesday**

**MARCH 11**

Lenten Weekday  
Jeremiah 18:18–20  
Matthew 20:17–28

**Thursday**

**MARCH 12**

Lenten Weekday  
Jeremiah 17:5–10  
Luke 16:19–31

**Friday**

**MARCH 13**

Lenten Weekday  
Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a,  
17b–28a  
Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46

**Saturday**

**MARCH 14**

Lenten Weekday  
Micah 7:14–15, 18–20  
Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

**Sunday**

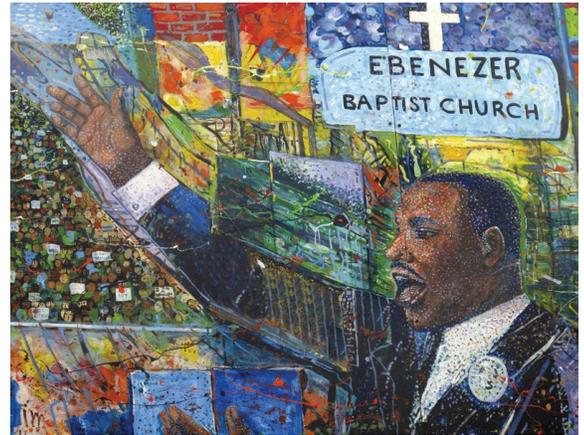
**MARCH 15**

Third Sunday of Lent  
Exodus 17:3–7  
Romans 5:1–2, 5–8  
John 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,  
19b–26, 39a, 40–42

# Dear Padre,

**Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.**

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."



Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

— Fr. James A. Krings, Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## A word from POPE FRANCIS



The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.  
— Angelus, August 6, 2017



**Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?**

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity. For more information and to sign up for our free monthly

newsletter, visit: [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org)

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	March 8	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Look
		11:00 a.m.	
		5:30 p.m.	Marie Ho
Mon.	March 9	8:00 a.m.	Marcus Bach
		12:10 p.m.	Manuel Majam Tamayo +
Tues.	March 10	8:00 a.m.	Marcel Bach
		12:10 p.m.	Macario Palacoi +
		5:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Wed	March 11	8:00 a.m.	Colin McGurk +
		12:10 p.m.	Carolina Anunciation birthday
Thur.	March 12	8:00 a.m.	
		12:10 p.m.	Lourdes Anuniation +
Fri.	March 13	8:00 a.m.	
		12:10 p.m.	
Sat.	March 14	8:00 a.m.	
		5:30 p.m.	

## IRISH MASS FOR PEACE



The Irish Heritage Club of Seattle invites us to join them for their annual Mass for Peace in Ireland and Around the World on Friday, March 13th at St. Patrick's Church, 2702 Broadway East, Seattle at 10 a.m.

The Mass for Peace is an annual opportunity to come together and pray for peace in Ireland, in our world, and in our families and to celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day!

## STEWARDSHIP

Offerings (Feb. 17—23)	\$3,867
Online Giving (Feb. 17—23)	\$1,085
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$4,952
YTD Sacrificial Giving (July 1 - Feb. 23)	\$180,069
Parish Improvement (July 1—Feb. 23)	\$9,582

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MASS SCHEDULE AND PARISH EVENTS

### March 8, 2nd Sunday of Lent

- Masses 9:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Legion of Mary meeting, 12:30 p.m., Chapel

### March 9, Monday

- Masses 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
- SMART (Addictions) Recovery, 6:00 p.m.
- YAMS Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Chapel

### March 10, Tuesday

- Masses & MPH Devotion (after Mass) 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Rosary, Chapel, 6:15 p.m.

### March 11, Wednesday

- Mass 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross after the 12:10 Mass,
- Lenten Soup Lunch after Stations in Hall
- RCIA, 7:00 p.m. Chapel

### March 12, Thursday

- Masses 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

### March 13, Friday

- Masses 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

### March 14, Saturday

- Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Mass Praise & Worship, La Luz de Cristo (Spanish), 10:00 am, Chapel
- Sunday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Anointing of the Sick after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

*Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Daily Masses,  
4:00pm - 5:00pm on Saturday*

## Rite of Election



On Thursday, February 27 the Rite of Election took place at St. James Cathedral for many of the local parishes.

This year's Sacred Heart RCIA program, Jaclynne Halveerson, Mizue Kusumoto, Satoko Takeda and Janet Tanudtandu attended. In addition Fr. Rich, Carolina Anunciation, Rose Tanudtanud and Chong David were also present.

Jaclynne, Mizue, Satoko and Janet will be receiving sacraments at Sacred Heart's Easter Vigil.