



Our Lady of Grace Parish

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
12:30 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
9:00 AM Monday to Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays
9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays
2:30 to 3:15 PM

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



February 25, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF

LENT

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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 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Our Lady of Grace Mar. 27th, Wed., 7:00PM

Other Lenten Penance
Services in our area:

Feb. 26th,	4:00PM - <i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i>
March 12th,	7:00PM - <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
March 14th,	7:00PM - <i>St. Benedict</i>
March 19th,	7:00PM - <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
March 21st,	7:00PM - <i>St. Scholastica</i>

PRAYER

"God, our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory." Amen!

Mountaintop Experiences

A popular church hymn declares, "Glory and Praise to Our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways". We can see the glory of God reflected in His many creations.

Have you ever seen the opening scene of the beloved classic, *The Sound of Music*? As a child I would always rush through it. There were no lines, just the sounds of birds and wind along panoramic views of the Swiss Alps. Why would anyone want to waste time looking at the greenery and high-pointed rocks, I would wonder to myself. Yet it is in the grand landscape of the mountains that God often manifests himself.

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.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION March 1, 2024

9:30 AM—12:00 PM

"Could you not watch one hour?"
Mark 14:37

Please come and spend an hour or more with the Lord. When the Holy Eucharist is exposed, it must not be left unattended. The faithful are urged to participate in this prayerful experience.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, February 26**

9:00 AM ♥ INTENTIONS -EDWARD HANSBURY
By wife, Mary

TUESDAY, February 27

9:00 AM † DECEASED MEMBERS OF ITO &
VERMILYEA FAMILIES
By Steve & Michele & family

WEDNESDAY, February 28

9:00 AM ♥ 15TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
OF BARBARA & STEVE STIER
By Victoria

THURSDAY, February 29

9:00 AM CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, March 1

9:00 AM † DECEASED MEMBERS OF GANNO
& O'BRIEN FAMILIES
By Pat Ganno

SATURDAY, March 2

4:00 PM † FRANK HUGHES
By wife, Eleanor

SUNDAY, March 3

8:00 AM † FREDERICK STUMPF
By family
10:30 AM † KEN GOSS
By Jim & Pat Louque
12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Pray for our sick...

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Sasha Orbino, Bill Ward, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, John Rodgers, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Ed Matos, Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron, Richard Cangelosi, Robert Bland, Al LeBlanc, George Yantis, Tony Zarra, Liz Riordan, Nick Maselli, LeAnne Milian, Kathy Rush, Vic Stabile, Judy & Jim Britain, Joanne Sakal, Beverly Zadroga, Frank Howland.

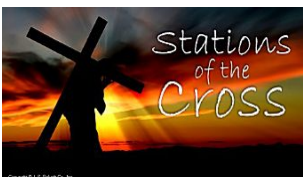
**ALTAR FLOWERS**

February 2024

In Memory of
KRIS YONG LEE

By Family

Join us in praying the rosary at 8:00 AM before the Mass starts, Monday-Friday.

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

@ 3:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY
@12:00 PM



**Discipleship *through* Stewardship
and
Sacrificial Giving**

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son."

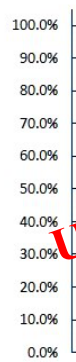
Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

February 18, 2024

Offertory	\$7,200.74
Online Giving	\$1,024.00
Ash Wednesday- 2/14	\$2,821.00



Next week's second collection
will be for our Catholic School Support.



DIocese of ST. PETERSBURG
**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

Updates available next week

As of 02/12/2024

Goal: \$61,082

Pledged Amt: \$17,998

Pct. Achieved: 29.5%

No. of Families: 847

No. of Pledges: 118

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a letter of contributions for 2023, please place a request in the office. The information needed for the request is your name, address, telephone number & envelope number. A letter of contributions can only be sent to those who are registered parishioners.



It is now time to place your order in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving. Please call the office 746-2144 or stop in the office.

We have the following:

5 Easter Lilies at \$15.00 each
2 Hydrangeas at \$20.00 each
4 Mums at \$13.00 each
4 Calla Lilies at \$17.00 each



Notes from the Nov. 9 Parish Pastoral Council meeting

- * Three more families registered in the parish during September and two in October, bringing the total thus far in 2023 to 41. This exceeds the cumulative total during the same period in 2022 by three.
- * Father Erwin approved and a final report was submitted on the parish's Courageously Living the Gospel action plan. Youth ministry met three of its goals, but many other actions in the parish plan were not completed.
- * With the distribution of the diocesan "Gulf Coast Catholic" magazine to all families, Father Erwin determined that publication of our newsletter, "News from the Pews," would end. A survey of parishioners asking if "News from the Pews" should be continued was disappointing with only 50 responses. Discussion of ways to communicate with all Our Lady of Grace parishioners on a regular basis will continue.
- * The 2024 Catholic Ministry Appeal goal for our parish is \$61,082, which is \$9,832 or 13.9% less than our 2023 goal of \$70,914. The goal is based mainly on revenue from parish Offertory and bequests.
- * Renovation work continues in the church. A future fundraising effort will focus on specific needs published in increments.

(Full reports of Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meetings are available for review in the parish office.)

CCW Our Lady of Grace Community of Catholic Women



Our next meeting will be held on March 4th at 11 AM in Room A/B in the PLC.

Our guest speaker will be Carolyn Pankalla, President of Courageous and Free. This group brings awareness and help for survivors of human trafficking. Carolyn runs a thrift store called Orchard Gift and Thrift on Lecanto Hwy. All parishioners are invited!

We will be having a sale at the Flea Market in April. Donations are appreciated!

Peace and many Blessings,

Cathy 352-501-1468



Pork & Beans, Soup
Canned Veggies, Canned Meat

DROP OFF DAYS
March 12th & 19th A.M. ONLY

SPRING



Saturday is Flea Market Day here! March 2nd is our big "Spring Market". We are open to receive your no longer needed items, keep Easter in mind. Bunnies, baskets, flowers, whatever feels like Spring to you. Of course, we are grateful for anything you donate. Call the office before you leave home on Wed. and Thurs. between 1:30 and 3:30pm and we will have the garage open for you. For reserving your own space for \$15.00 call Rose Mary @ 352-527-6459.

Our Lady of Grace Parish LENTEN PARISH MISSION

*They recognized Him
in the breaking of
the bread*

**THREE PRESENTATIONS
ON THE EUCHARIST**

FR EUGENE O'REILLY
Redemptorist



March 25th to March 27th
Starting at 7:00pm



Coffee & Conversation '23-'24

9:15-10:15 AM—Parish OFFICE Library



(during the Faith Formation Program season)

Adults spending time together in fellowship and conversation about topics important to our faith.

Mar. 3 - Incredible Eucharistic Miracles
with Fr. Spitzer and Chris Stefanik



Please keep in your prayer
our Catechumens Gary,
Hector, Natalisse and Sofia
this Lent.



"You must open a little,
or rather raise on high
you corolla so that the
Bread of Angels may
come as divine dew to
strengthen you, and to give you all that is wanting to
you" (St. Therese).

Baptisms: Registered parishioners should contact the office to make arrangements. If possible, this should be done at least three months before the birth of your baby. Baptisms will be celebrated three times a year.

Marriages: Registered parishioners should contact the office at least one year in advance of making marriage arrangements.

OCIA: This process is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

St. John Paul II Catholic School:

4341 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL 34461
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From Palms to Ashes...
February 11th



Parishioners gathered after the 8:00AM Mass to witness the burning of palms blessed from previous year's Palm Sunday. The ashes was imposed on Ash Wednesday.





Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 25 de Febrero de 2024

Domingo	Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18; Sal 115, 10 y 15. 16-17. 18-19; Rom 8, 31b-34; Mc 9, 2-10
Lunes	Dn 9, 4-10; Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13; Lc 6, 36-38
Martes	Is 1, 10. 16-20; Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mt 23, 1-12
Miércoles	Jer 18, 18-20; Sal 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16; Mt 20, 17-28
Jueves	Jer 17, 5-10; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 16, 19-31
Viernes	Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28; Sal 104, 16 -17. 18-19. 20-21; Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46
Sábado	Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12; Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32
Domingo	Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma Ex 17, 3-7; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8; Jn 4, 5-42 o Jn 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39a. 40-42



ORACIÓN

“Dios, Padre nuestro, ayúdanos a escuchar a tu Hijo. Ilumínanos con tu palabra, para que encontremos el camino a tu gloria.” ¡Amén!

Experiencias en la Cima del Monte

Un himno popular de la Iglesia declara: "Gloria y alabanza a nuestro Dios, el único que alumbra nuestros días. Muchas son las bendiciones que lleva a los que confían en sus caminos". Podemos ver la gloria de Dios reflejada en Sus muchas creaciones.

¿Has visto alguna vez la escena inicial del querido clásico *The Sound of Music* (El Sonido de la Música)? Cuando era niña, siempre lo adelantaba rápidamente. No había líneas habladas, sólo el sonido de los pájaros y el viento junto a las vistas panorámicas de los Alpes suizos. ¿Por qué alguien querría perder el tiempo mirando la vegetación y las rocas puntiagudas?, me preguntaba. Sin embargo, es en el gran paisaje de las montañas donde Dios a menudo se manifiesta.

Ya sea donde Elías escuchó la tranquila voz de Dios en un susurro, o donde Moisés pasó cuarenta días rodeado de fuertes truenos mientras recibía la alianza de Dios, las montañas y otros lugares altos a menudo han sido lugares especiales donde podemos acercarnos a Dios. Quizás en toda la Biblia nadie se acerca físicamente más a observar la gloria de Dios que en el Monte Tabor, donde Pedro, Santiago y Juan se encuentran con la transfiguración de Cristo. Aquí, en un sentido verdaderamente físico, hablan las palabras iniciales del Evangelio de Juan: "Y la luz brilló en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la vencerán".

Esto proporciona una imagen sumamente adecuada para nuestros sentidos humanos. Siguió siendo ser humano y, sin embargo, es, fue y será por siempre divino. Era radiante, mucho más glorioso de lo que ya habían llegado a comprender mientras estaban aquí en la Tierra. Pido que hoy reflexionemos y agradezcamos a Dios por revelarnos un primer vistazo de sí mismo, usando los sentidos de la naturaleza, ya sea a través de las mayores alturas o del calor de Su luz eterna.

Por Alexis Dallara-Marsh



“Debes abrir un poco, o mejor dicho, elevar en alto tu corola para que el Pan de los Ángeles venga como rocío divino para fortalecerte y darte todo lo que te falta” (Santa Teresa).

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30 AM-Exposition 3:00PM-Stations of the Cross	2 Flea Market Gift shop open 2:30PM Confession 3:00PM-Choir Practice 4:00 Grp
3 Gift shop open 9:00AM-PLC- Faith Formation Classes/ Coffee & Conversation	4 11:00AM-PLC-CCW General Meeting	5 3:00PM – PLC Charismatic prayer meeting and Intercessory Prayer Group	6 9:35AM-PLC-Legion of Mary Meeting 11:00AM-PLC-Shawl Ministry Meeting 4:00PM-Choir Practice 10:30 Grp. 7:00PM-PLC-YG Mtg	7 5:00PM-PLC-Grief Support Group	8 9:30AM-Intercessory Prayer Group 3:00PM-Stations of the Cross	9 Gift shop open 2:30PM Confession 3:00PM-Choir Practice 4:00 Grp
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24 	25 PARISH LENTEN MISSION		26 3:00PM – PLC Charismatic prayer meeting and Intercessory Prayer Group	27 9:35AM-PLC-Legion of Mary Meeting 4:00PM-Choir Practice 10:30 Grp. 7:00PM-LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	28  7:00 PM - LORD'S SUPPER	29  3:00PM - LORD'S PASSION PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
31  EASTER MASSES 8:00AM, 10:30AM 12:30PM Spanish Mass	30  8:00PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS Spanish Choir practice is every other Thursdays of the month. ROSARY: Monday to Friday at 8:00 in the morning before the 9:00 AM Mass. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ 3:00PM GOOD FRIDAY @ 12:00NOON					



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