



St. Mary's Catholic Church



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

3/1: Malta - To Be Announced

3/2: Malta - 5:30 PM: Ken Ulrich ^{r/b} Dave & Brenda Rummel

3/3: Malta - 8:30 PM: Foster Children. ^{r/b} Lana Fortin

3/4: Malta - 8:30 AM: Special Intentions ^{r/b} Lana Fortin

3/5: Malta - 8:30 AM: Tom and Jesson LaFond ^{r/b} Knights of Columbus

3/6: Malta - 4:00 PM: Repose of Dick Morrow ^{r/b} Julie & Gary Howell

3/7: Saco - 8:30 AM: Repose Jack Lind & Family ^{r/b} Darlene & Bruce Cummings

Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Repose of Larry L Legare ^{r/b} Brenda Rummel

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**
Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon; and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

2/28: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalms 116:10, 15-19; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

3/1: Monday in the 2nd week of Lent; Daniel 9:4-10; Psalms 79:8, 9 11 and 13; Luke 6:36-38

3/2: Tuesday in the 2nd week of Lent; Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1-12

3/3: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin; Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalms 31:5-6, 14-16; Matthew 20:17-28

3/4: St. Casimir; Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalms 1:1-4 and 6; Luke 16:19-31

3/5: Friday in the 2nd week of Lent; Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13; Psalms 105:16-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

3/7: Saturday in the 2nd week of Lent; Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

3/8: 3rd Sunday of Lent; Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Psalms 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25 or Exodus 17:3-7; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9; /Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Saco - 8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Dodson - 12:30 p.m.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Lary Poulton, Sarine Venerble, Dallas Green, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Ann Clouse, Chayten Pippin, Jim Niebur, Hi-Line Retirement Center, Terry Idler, Marshal Kline, Paul LaBrie, Jacob LaBrie, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Dale Bruckner, David Broadbrooks, Jack Lind, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 or Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this

Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we’re not “passing the basket”, we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

***There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available at Bank of Malta and FSB . Please contact Mariah or Brenda for routing numbers* 301-0936, 654-1311**

Pope Francis’ Intention

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Fr. Felix

LENT II Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today's liturgy describes Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son (revealed at his baptism and Transfiguration) and confront us with the mystery of his death on the cross. Our transformed lives will enable us to radiate the glory of the transfigured Lord around us.

From today's first reading, we know, Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son is prefiguring of God's willingness to offer Jesus as a sacrifice for human sin. The command to Abraham to sacrifice his only child was a real test of Abraham's great Faith. Although Yahweh's it was most painful, Abraham trusted that God was both faithful and powerful to keep His promise. The Lord responded by renewing His promise to Abraham that he would be the father of a great race. His progeny throughout the world would receive the blessing of God – Divine adoption through the Incarnation. In the Divine sparing of Isaac, Israel was to learn that their God was not appeased by human sacrifice but by the sacrifice of a contrite spirit and a humbled heart. There is a clear parallel with Jesus in this story. But the difference is that while Isaac was spared at the last moment, Jesus had to die.

The second reading describes God the father's willingness to give up his son and the son's readiness to accept the father's will wholeheartedly. St. Paul says that it is by the perfect obedience to the will of his Father, expressed in his suffering and death, that Jesus was glorified and made our Heavenly intercessor. St. Paul also affirms that He who gave His Son for us will give us all things with His Son. We have every reason to have confidence in God because it is Christ Jesus at the right hand of the Father who intercedes for us, and nothing can separate us from the love of Christ for us. St. Paul's argument runs like this: "If God is for us, who can be against

us?"

Today's Gospel passage describes that the primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. The Transfiguration also established Jesus' glorious identity as the beloved Son of God and placed his Divine Sonship in the context of Jewish expectations about the kingdom and the resurrection of the dead.

The transfiguration of Jesus also reminds us three transformations in our lives in our journey towards eternity: The first change begins at Baptism, which washes away original sin, transforming us into children of God and heirs of Heaven. The second transformation takes place through our victory over the trials and tribulations of life. Every challenge, every difficulty, every moment of suffering, is an opportunity for transformation and spiritual growth. The third transformation takes place at death. Eternal life in Heaven, perhaps after a period of further transformation in purgatory, is granted to those who have been found worthy. The last transformation or transfiguration will be completed at the Second Coming when our glorified body is reunited with our soul. Amen.

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

A Pro-life Lent

The traditional practice of “giving something up for Lent” is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let’s think of these children. Let’s offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit www.priestsforlife.org.

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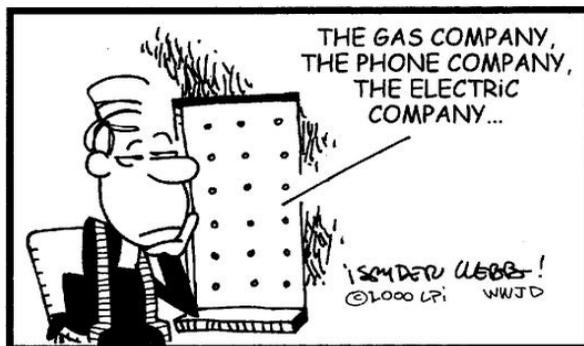
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Gospel Meditation

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

Join us in praying the Rosary before Mass.

Tuesdays at 5:10 p.m.

Wednesday—Friday at 8:10 a.m.

Saturday—3:40 p.m. K of C

Sunday— 10:10 a.m. Volunteers

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry...

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Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



	Goal	Remaining	Past Due
Malta:	\$15,520.00	\$3020.00	\$92,145.91
Dodson:	\$3,204.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$2,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Sacrificial Giving for 2-21-2021

	2-21	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$1068.65	\$3,879.78	\$205.00
Dodson:	\$175.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$388.00	\$470.96	\$100.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday Morning. Thanks!

- **Stations of the Cross** - each Friday during Lent starting at 6:30PM @ St. Mary's Malta
- **Prayer Tree** - located in the back of the church during Lent. Intentions can be left on our Lenten Prayer Tree and will be remembered in prayers and Masses throughout Lent. When you add your intention to the tree, pray also for others and their intentions.
- **Welcome Sunday** - with youth ministers followed by PCCW Brunch will be the 3rd Sunday of each month. All are invited, social distancing is encouraged.
- **PCCW Band lists for 2021 are available in the back of the church** - all ladies are asked to pick one up. Cochairs for March/September are Toni Ziegler and Nancy Ereaux.
- **General Church Cleaning lists in preparation for Easter will be posted soon.** All parishioners are invited to assist in this effort and PCCW will host a



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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

PRAYER

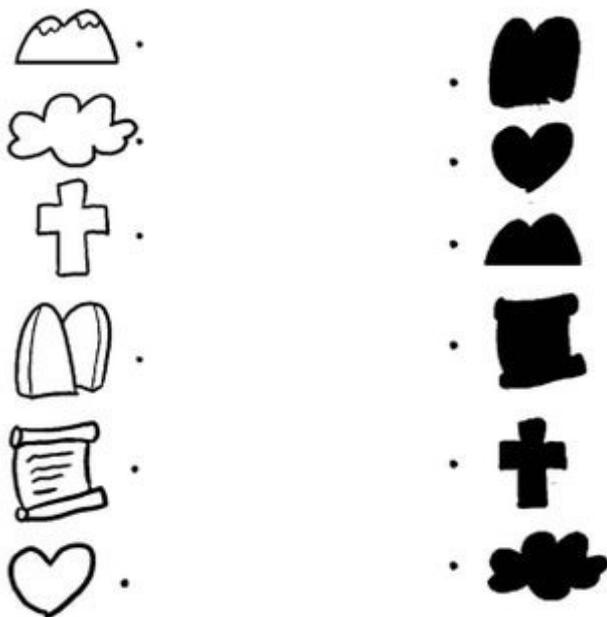
God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Mission for the Week
Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

KIDS CORNER

Find the matching shadow:



LISTEN



“This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.”

MARK 9:7