

Brothers and Sisters: Blessings from your St Mary’s Evangelization Ministry team

I feel moved by the Spirit that I should write about Lent at this time of year, but I am amazed at the recent updates about the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud has mesmerized me since I first became aware of it as a young man, so please forgive me for going off topic and providing this update. On second thought, after you read this, I pray that you will come to agree that the Shroud is a clear picture of how much Jesus suffered for our sins, and I believe this ties directly into our Lenten promises of prayer, fasting and alms giving.

The Shroud is the cloth that covered Jesus’ body in His tomb, and He left it behind after his resurrection. Science has come a long way since the first testing in 1988, which concluded incorrectly that the Shroud dated only to the Middle Ages. Updates from the more recent studies of the Shroud include and conclude that:

1. A Wide-Angle X-Ray Scattering Dating test in 2013, and again in 2022, by Liberato De Caro, a noted scientist, dates the Shroud to about 55 to 74 A.D., which corresponds to the Gospel accounts.

2. The Shourd has 372 blood stains, all of which point to the specific way Jesus was tortured and killed; and corresponds to the crucifixion with Roman weaponry.

3. The image had to have been produced by a strong burst of radiation. Even today, science does not have the technology to duplicate this.

4. The Shroud shows the backbone of the man in 3-dimensions, proportional to the flesh surrounding the body. Again, there is no known technology, even today, to duplicate this.

5. The image resembles an MRI, magnetic resonance imaging, which has three-dimensional data encoded in the actual image. This enables us to tell how far each part of the body was from the Shroud itself.

What does Father Robert Spiter S.J., host of EWTN’s Father Spitzer’s Universe, conclude regarding the meaning of the Shroud for us as Holy Week approaches? “*The Shroud gives an almost exact account with much more anatomical detail than the Gospel narratives on the Passion of Jesus. And so, you can tell by looking at those bloodstains just how much He suffered. I think we should be inspired. He left evidence both of His Passion and the grueling and terrible nature of that Passion, as well as the glory and the power and the spirit of His Resurrection.*”

I then asked myself, if Christ did this for me, what more can I do for him?

If you would like to read more about the Shroud of Turin, please go to ewtn.com/shroud. I think you will find it as fascinating, enlightening, and supportive of our belief in the Passion of Christ as I do! Thank you for reading today.

May God bless you for all you do in His name! Duane Wolter

Office Hours at St Mary:
Erin Denny is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday
Monday 9AM-3:00 PM Fr Tom only
Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00).
Thursday 9Am-4 PM

Fr Tom’s office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.

Building and Grounds Committee:
Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Tim Chubb, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin and Thom Boyne

Choir/Cantors- Tom Cozzy Jr., Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter
Worship/Liturgy Committee: Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), Tom Cozzy Jr. and Patti Hood

Administration & Finance Committee
Meets 3rd Thursday @ 6:00 PM
Chairman- Duane Wolter
Vice-Chairman- Tim Chubb, Patti Hood, and Darrell Fenley

Parish Pastoral Council:
Normally Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 PM
Chairperson: Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chairman- Julius Foncha
Secretary- Abbey Pais, Ken Bracy, Sandra Bracy, and Josue Cabrera.

Evangelization Ministry:
Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair), LTC John Wargo, Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, Robert Loza and Killian Baptiste

Please remember Owensboro Seminarian Wes Wheatley in prayer in March. Cards or notes of support can be sent to: Wes Wheatley, St. Meinard School of Theology, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577.

Water with Blessings *Water with Blessings* provides clean drinking water for the poor through a special filtering system. Fill water bottles available in parish hall with loose change. Return Holy Week. \$ 295 was collected last year. “I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink.” (Matthew 25:42)

St. Mary Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 15-16, 2025

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
Pastor/Párroco Fr. Tom Buckman tom.buckman@pastoral.org
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To include information in any weekly bulletin please submit by Wednesday of the preceding week.
The deadline for the March Calendar Bulletin is February 19

The Season of Lent

Mission Statement

We, the people of St Mary Catholic Church, are a welcoming Catholic community called to live our faith by celebrating Mass, Sacraments, and Prayers; proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ; seeking life-long faith and formation; sharing our time, talents and reaching out in compassionate service to others.

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| Saturday, March 15 | 5:00 PM | 2 nd Sunday of Lent - Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker |
| Sunday, March 16 | 8:30 AM | 2 nd Sunday of Lent - Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett |
| Sunday, Marzo 16 | 6:00 PM | 2 nd Domingo el Cuaresma- Por el alma de de Parroquia |
| Monday, March 17 | 8:00 AM | Intentions-For the Soul of Angela Berry Maynard |
| Tuesday, March 18 | Noon | Intentions: For the Soul of Pat Zimmerman |
| Wednesday, March 19 | 6:00 PM | Intentions: For the Soul of Joe C Mason |
| Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM | | |
| Thursday, March 20 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Peter Kaapcke |
| Friday, March 21 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Sr. Marietta Murphy IHM |
| Saturday, March 22 | 5:00 PM | 3 rd Sunday of Lent - Intentions: For the Special Intentions of Avery Embry |
| Sunday, March 23 | 8:30 AM | 3 rd Sunday of Lent - Intentions: For the Soul of Gracie Helen Scott |
| Sunday, Marzo 23 | 6:00 PM | 3 rd Domingo el Cuaresma- Por el alma de Parroquia |

If you have Mass intentions, please contact Fr. Tom or Erin in the office.

Mass Ministers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass. When/if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled Mass Ministry, please find a replacement Thank You, Fr. Tom

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270) 586-7425 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1).
The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the Church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese’s efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church, can be found in the back of the church on the parish bulletin board and on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

If you are sick, or know someone who is ill, we want to include them in our prayers. Please contact Erin in the parish office on 270-586-4515 or by email so our parish can pray for you and your caregivers.
Please Remember in Your Prayers the Following Parishioners, Family and Friends: Daniel Murphy, Carol Ritter, Nicholas Pandzich, Barbara Ferguson, Darrell Fenley, Alice Kummer, Gail Briley, Savanna Carillon, David Choate, , Bill and Mary Sloan, Margaret Berry, Freddy Coward, Cindy Janicek, John Janicek, The Sheahan Family, Jason Lee, Don and Diane Blocker, Tojo Lewis, Sherry, Tom, Ed, Jamie, Helen, and Ben Berry, David & Marcie Caruthers, Pete Stoll, Ray Russell, Lewis Garst, Robert, Megan, and Matthew Maynard, Dewayne, Susie, Kennidie, Kassidie & Katie Kirkham, Tom & Doris Cozzy Jr., Regina & Tom Cozzy Sr., Delores Monroe, William York, Tesia Wooten, Gail & Darryl Hall, Mae King, , Sr. Donna Schlaff, Joann Bradford, Major Bradford Scot Duckworth, and Wesley Nugent,
Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers:
Gracie Scott, Charles Andrew Yanov, Jason W. Bracy, Mary Barnes, Conner Sheahan, Marie Watson, Debbie Head, Crystal Becker, Andrew & Michael Garrett, Angela Berry Maynard, Sarah Drake, Basil Trouten Sr., Hilda Trouten, Dorthy O’Bryan, Joseph Hagan, Susie Wyatt, Miriam Harbin, Roger Farley, Dr A.V. Wilwayco, Frank & Marie Farmer, Keith Obriskie, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Ellie Mirgaux and Rose Vogt.

Pilgrimage Bus Trip to St. Joseph Basilica Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown for St. Mary and Christ the King is scheduled for Monday June 9. Your only cost is lunch in Bardstown. The bus is filling quickly; we have room for just a few more. The deadline to sign up is March 13. For more info contact Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter or Maria Molina.



You are invited to join us on Sunday March 23 at 4:00 pm for a Seder Meal. Everyone is invited to come and participate in this re-enactment of God’s saving actions from the Book of Exodus in which the Jewish people still celebrate as their Passover Meal today. Please sign up by March 16. For more information contact Fr. Tom Buckman.

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:30 in English. Please contact Margaret Wolter for more information. Spanish stations will be at 7:00 PM on Fridays.



The St Mary Library has many books appropriate for Lenten reading including the newest book “*HOPE - an autobiography by Pope Francis.*”

Walk-With-One

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH 6:30 PM

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR TWO POWERFUL PRESENTATIONS

Sr. Josephine Garrett: Repentance and Revival

Sr. Josephine, in a powerful keynote about healing, invites us to seek God’s mercy in areas where we have fallen short and need healing, and to experience the love and mercy of Jesus through the Eucharist.

Curtis Martin: the Long Game of Evangelization (bringing loved ones back to the church) Curtis Martin challenges us to recognize the “long game” of evangelization and trust in the grace of God working through our efforts while seeking to keep the goal of their sanctification primary



Good News!

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1 / Luke 9:28b-36

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling.

As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

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| As of 03/011/2025 | | | | | | |
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| Budget Needs 2024-25 | | Weekly | \$ 3,462 | Budget YTD Needs | | \$ 145,323 |
| Received Last Week | | | \$ 2,752 | Received YTD | | \$ 155,535 |
| Difference | | | \$ (-708) | | | \$ 10,212 |
| On Going Projects | | Last Week | \$ 90 | YTD | | \$ 4,274 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 16 ^{2nd} Sunday of Lent 7:30 Confessions 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa | 17 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Walk with One | 18 10:30-2 SVDP Noon Mass 1:00 PM Exodus Bible Study | 19 6:00 PM Mass Religious Ed | 20 8:00 AM Mass 9AM-10PM Adoration 5:00 PM Admin Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM OCIA | 21 8:00 AM Mass 2:30 Stations of the Cross | 22 Noon- Baptisms Bucket Shake SVDP 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Ladies Guild Bingo Night |
| Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 3/8 91 8:30 AM Mass 3/9 87 6:00 PM Mass 3/9 105 | | | | | | |

Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022

UNSPPLASH



| Monday | Thursday | Saturday |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| March 17 | March 20 | March 22 |
| Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday |
| Dn 9:4b–10 | Jer 17:5–10 | Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 |
| Lk 6:36–38 | Lk 16:19–31 | Lk 15:1–3, 11–32 |
| Tuesday | Friday | Sunday |
| March 18 | March 21 | March 23 |
| Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Third Sunday of Lent |
| Is 1:10, 16–20 | Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a | Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15 |
| Mt 23:1–12 | Mt 21:33–43, 45–46 | 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12 |
| Wednesday | | Lk 13:1–9 |
| March 19 | | |
| St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | |
| 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 | | |
| Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 | | |
| Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a | | |

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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