

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,347.00	\$3,501.00
Number of Families contributing	131	104
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$23,260.00	\$25,906.00
Received to Date	\$18,857.80	\$15,898.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,402.20	\$10,007.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$210.00	\$1,482.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$450.00
Amount Outstanding	

Three people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$440.00	\$1,850.00

Eight people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

POOR BOX \$127.00.

21 **CHILDREN** contributed \$113.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 250, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 70, and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A trapped rattlesnake can become so angry it will bite itself. That's a good image of what happens when we let anger control us. We end up biting ourselves, not our enemy. We end up destroying ourselves more than we destroy our enemy. More and more doctors are becoming increasingly aware that the root of many illnesses is unresolved anger. Until the ill person learns to deal with this anger, no medicine will help.

How do I try to get a handle on anger when I feel it seething up inside me?

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the high cost of hatred, and the waste of energy.

Jesus said, "People were told in the past, 'Do not commit murder; anyone who does will be brought to trial.' But now I tell you: whoever is angry with his brother or sister will be brought to trial." —MATTHEW 5:21-22

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Petie Rabbit Carroll and Winnie Black Eyes Riley in loving memory of them on their Birthdays;
2. Faro in loving memory of Mary "O'Malley" Carroll on their 54th Wedding Anniversary;
3. The Family of Pete George Carroll in loving memory of him on the 39th Anniversary of his death;
4. The Wife and Family of Big Joe Riley in loving memory of him on his 63rd Birthday;
5. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be for **Black and Indian Home Missions**. Please be generous.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday: **February 26: Religious Education Teachers**

March 4: Lectors

March 11: Youth Group & Young Girls Group

March 18: Society of Mary Immaculate

March 25: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent.

MORNING PRAYER

Mon. thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER

Monday & Friday 6:30 p.m.
Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 4:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

are held Monday thru Thursday from 4:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes will still be held even if there is a School Holiday. There will be notification if Religious Education Classes are canceled on certain days. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child attends classes on appointed day.

HOLY WEEK Fr. Cherian requests that no parties be scheduled during Holy Week beginning Monday, March 21st until after the Easter Vigil Mass, March 26th.

MASTER’S TABLE Jaqueline’s Legion Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master’s Table in Augusta on Thursday, March 3rd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jaqueline.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A cannibal was walking through the jungle and came upon a restaurant opened by a fellow cannibal. Feeling somewhat hungry he sat down and looked over the menu.

Broiled Missionary: \$10.00
Fried Explorer: \$15.00
Baked Politician: \$100.00

The cannibal called the waiter over and asked, “Why such a price difference for the politician?” The cooked replied, “Have you ever tried to clean one of them?”

ENERGIZING WORDS

The caliber of a person is not how well he prepares for everything to go right. But, how he stands up and moves on After everything has gone wrong.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Expedite for a favor received; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, Jesus of Nino and Moses; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Joseph and St. Theresa; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In loving memory of Eddie Big Shot and Bibbie Sherlock.
Tuesday: In loving memory of Betty McGuire and Huey Sherlock on their Birthdays.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: For Bryan Jude Gorman on his 44th Birthday.
Friday: For Michael Jude O’Hara on his 32nd Birthday.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Tuesday: St. Polycarp
Friday: Abstinence

THE PERFECT PATTERN

**God can take the twisted threads of our tangled lives,
And weave them into beautiful patterns of glory.
He can make all our lonely and unfulfilled lives,
Tell a wonderful and inspiring story.**

**Touched by the power of His tender, loving hand,
The broken pieces of each shattered plan and dream,
Can all be fashioned back together once again,
Until with wondrous beauty and grace, they all gleam.**

**For God is the Master designer of each life,
And knows just what is needed to perfect His plan,
And when we bring all the broken pieces of life to Him,
They’ll be made whole by the touch of His hand.**

READERS

Sat. Feb. 20th, 4:00 P.M. Mary Theresa & Bridget Ann
Sat. Feb. 20th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Melissa & Carolyn

Sun. Feb. 21st, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

Sat. Feb. 27th, 4:00 P.M. Kathy Boo & Ann T.
Sat. Feb. 27th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Melissa & Carolyn

Sun. Feb. 28th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Stephanie Boo
Tuesday Grace
Wednesday Rose Marie
Thursday Christina
Friday Dayna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **February 20th**
Front Bridget Ann
Front Left Mary Regina
Left Cup Catherine Ann
Front Right Rose Melissa
Right Cup Ann T.
Sick Rita Weaver

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **February 20th**
Front Sharon
Cup Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

February 21st **February 28th**
Pete Man’s Nora Pete Man’s Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man’s Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday Bridget Ann

ONE LINE HUMOR

- I believe we should all pay our tax with a smile. I tried – but they wanted cash.
- You can’t buy love, but you pay heavily for it.
- Vote – Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.

PRAYER CORNER

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.