



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1–4a

2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9

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?

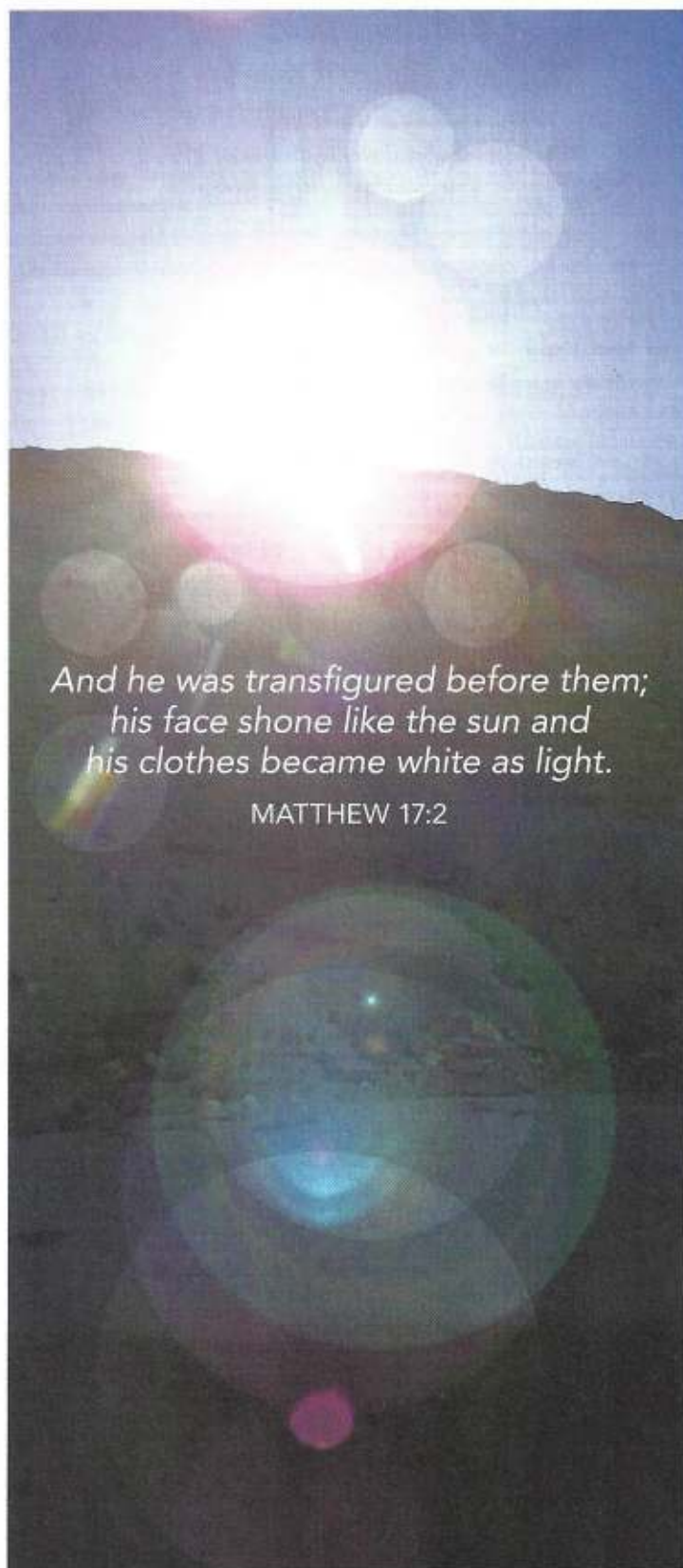
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open 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

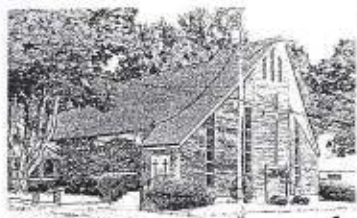
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- ★ Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?



*And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and
his clothes became white as light.*

MATTHEW 17:2



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) (Holy Days - See Schedule)

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions By Appointment

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

****Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of March 9, 2020

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† For Peace

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† No Mass - Father in Peoria

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6pm

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† For The Sick

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 14-15, 2020

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Thomas & Rheta Jeppson

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Richard Guerrini

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† K Coughlin & McNally Fam

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Julie Taliani

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kathy Bonucchi & Linda Black

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

? & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

March 11 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

March 5 - Thursday Evening Lent Mass/Stations - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6pm

March 15 - St. Patrick's Sausage Breakfast - Bp. Franz Hall - 8am-1pm

March 16 - Mass of Reparation/Rosary - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

March 19 - Thursday Evening Lent Mass/Stations - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1256.00

St. Patrick - \$544.00

St. Thomas More - \$1038.00

St. Patrick's Pancake/Sausage Breakfast

On Sunday, March 15th, St. Patrick's will be having their Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 8am until 1pm. The breakfast includes the hotcakes, delicious sausage, eggs and a drink. Plus a lot of great company to enjoy! There is also a 50/50 with a raffle for fun too! We hope you can join us!

Mass Changes During Coronavirus Situation

With the time we are living in of the flu season plus the coronavirus around us. Our Bishop, as well as many Bishops, have asked us to make the following changes:

1. Holy Communion to be received on the hand. If people insist on the tongue, please stick out your tongue for Jesus to be placed on it. This is how Jesus should be received normally too!
2. At the Sign of Peace, just smile or wave, instead of the handshake.
3. If you are ill, stay home because you are dispensed if you are sick.
4. On Good Friday, at reverence of Cross instead of kissing the cross just make the sign of the cross.

Thank you for making these changes!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of March in Cherry. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

Needed St. Margarets Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Red Coats, Gift Shop, Surgical Waiting Room and Hospice. Besides the blessing of helping people, a free meal is given for each shift completed. Call Cindy at (815) 878-1409 for more information.

Special Event In Area

None

For The Week

God has always been good to us. For us, and this is why we have Lent, we stop or we get distracted from doing what God wants from us. And so we are given this sacred time to look into the depths of our hearts to make changes in our lives to be closer to Jesus Christ and our Father in Heaven.

Many people don't pray today as they ought too! We get consumed with sports, entertainment, school activities, all which take us away from our God time. So during this time of Lent, we will have the extra Thursday evening Masses at 6pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at one of our three churches. Plus Friday Stations too! We still will continue to pray the rosary on Wednesday evenings at 6pm which our Blessed Mother calls our greatest help during the end times we are now living. Praying and staying close to Christ brings us great peace in our lives, so please join us! May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$17589.00 (100%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$9989.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$12554.00 (100%)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

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
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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

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20

Mt 20:17–28

Thursday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,
17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday

MARCH 15

Third Sunday
of Lent

Ex 17:3–7

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,
19b–26, 39a, 40–42