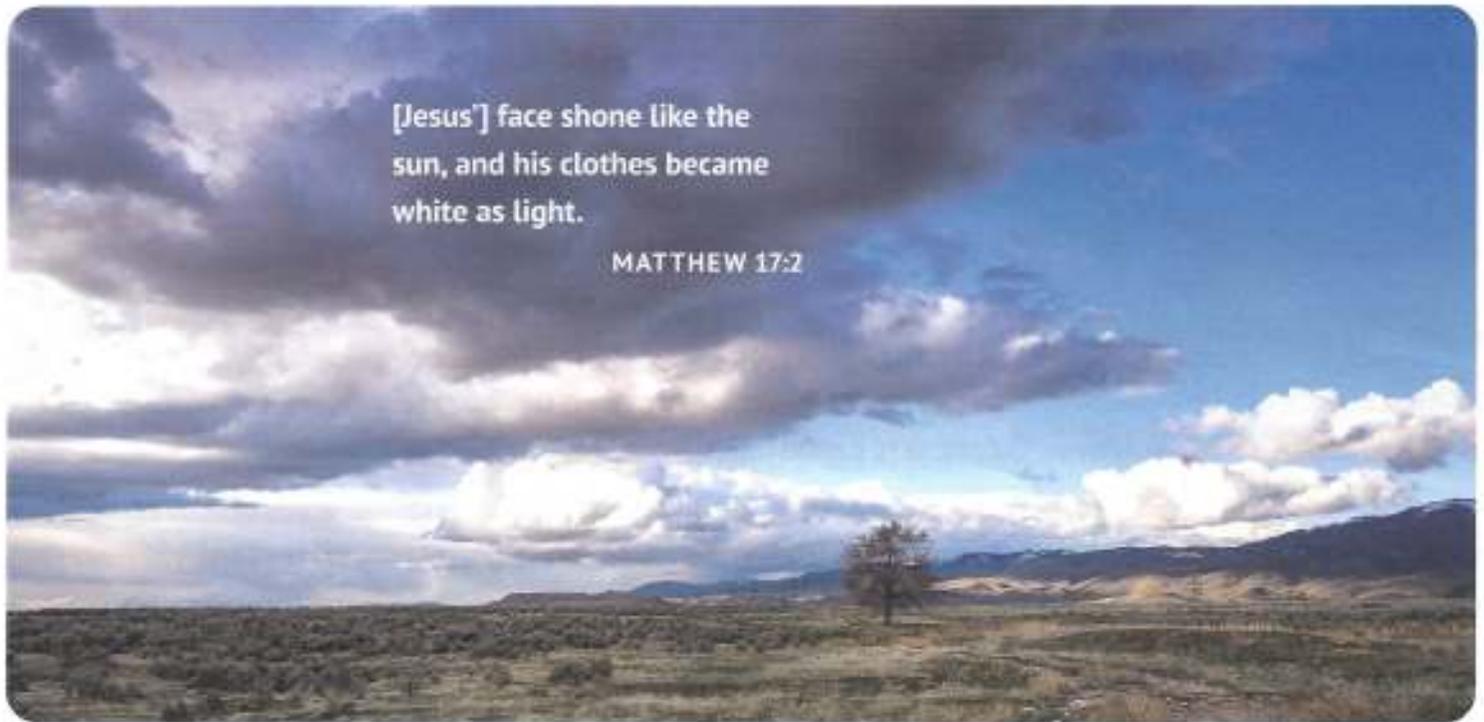




[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2



Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



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Reflect

What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?

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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

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Saturday morning, alternating
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CCD Classes

Sunday, March 1st — Children's Mass 9am at HT site
6th-8th Grade CCD Class

Sunday, March 8th — K- 5th Grade CCD Class

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of March 2, 2026

Monday	03/02			† No Mass
Tuesday	03/03	9:00 am	STM Site	† Michelle Shiplet
Wednesday	03/04	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Ron & Joyce Hoscheid
Thursday	03/05	9:00 am	HT Site	† Ivan & Gladys Hassler
Friday	03/06	9:00 am	STM Site	† Minni & Dan Cattini
		6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross / STM	

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of March 7- 8, 2026

Saturday	03/07	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	03/08	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Lois(Castello)Glasser/Kathy

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JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION: GOD'S PROMISED FUTURE

Sometimes, without knowing it or even being aware of it, we can get locked into our own world and our particular situation. We can forget about or lose sight of the fact that we are part of a much bigger world.

In today's gospel, Jesus takes three of His friends away from the business of the village and market place. He invites them to travel with Him as He makes his way up the mountain. This is not unusual. We know from the gospels that Jesus often went off by Himself to the mountains to pray. However, this time, while they were there praying something wild and wonderful happened. Jesus was *transfigured*; He was changed; *His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as light*. Imagine how surprised, shocked and taken aback those with Jesus were. Once composed, Peter utters the famous words, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here". But more importantly than what he said, is what they heard; "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him".

These words are as much meant for us nowadays as they were for those who first heard them. Today, we are surrounded if not bombarded by news all the time. We now have twenty-four hour news on our televisions; news from around the world arrives in seconds to us through the internet, and there is no end to magazines and newspaper we can buy. They are a filled with news, but not all of it good news; some of it may even be fake news.

The word and message that Jesus speaks to us is life-giving and life-changing. The words of Jesus nourish, nurture, and sustain us, if we open our hearts and lives to hearing it. As John's gospel reminds us, *Lord, you have the message of eternal life*.

The Transfigurations gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all His glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to us encouragement, and challenges us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter of getting through the day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The Transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all His glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom.

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Church Announcements

The Vatican News Widget: is an embeddable web component that displays the latest news about the Pope, the Holy See, and the Church directly on partner websites. The widget enriches users' information experience by sharing constantly-updated videos and multimedia content. Please visit our website to get the link to the Vatican News.

STM Rav Group: The Rav/Tort Fundraiser will be ending for the year at the end of March. Please place your order by March 23rd to be filled by March 31st.

Teens Encounter Christ: Prayer, Adoration and Friendship, sign up at www.peterstowntec.com

Girls TEC - February 28-March 2

Boys TEC - March 14-16

Latest Offering's

February 22th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections:

\$2,452.50



Next Confessions

Confessions on

Sat. March 7th

10:30am-11:15am

STM in the Confessional

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Lincoln Statue
Illinois State Capitol
401 S.2nd St. Springfield, IL

DAY SCHEDULE

1:00 PM - Rally
2:00 PM - March
3:00 PM - Lobbying

Council of Catholic Women in Illinois
Join in and participate in the Illinois
Pro-Life March on March 19th.

Our Illinois NCCW Province of Chicago and
diocesan CCW's are looking to connect
with other CCW groups and women across the state of Illinois.
Bring your flag or banner if you have one.

To find us at the March - look for
umbrellas with an NCCW scarf tied to them
at the top of the Capitol by the steps.

To meet up at the March, contact:

Vanessa Lopatka 630-336-5414
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April Adams 309-369-5110
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REGISTER individually at:
www.illinoisprolifemarch.com/rsvp

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025