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**'And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses,
who were talking with Jesus'**

Mark 9:4

Parish Pastoral Team

Alison Coort / Office Administrator
Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse
Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)
Jan Sirek / Deacon / jsirek54@gmail.com
Fr. Dominick Mbah/
FrDominickMbah@peterboroughdiocese.org

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday / 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Parish Office: 705-789-2348

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Week of Feb. 26th – Mar. 1st

Tuesday, February 27th / 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, February 28th /

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SI Eleanor Wolfle

(Req. By: Walter Gryz)

Thursday, February 29th/ 9:00 AM

+Helen Hatch

(Req. By: Sheila & Ian Bruce)

Friday, March 1st 12:00 Noon

+Johann Ertler

(Req. By Walter Gryz)

Saturday, March 2nd / 4:00PM

SI For Spiritual Mothers and their Priest-Sons

(Req. By: Kirsten Harty)

Sunday, March 3rd / 9:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 3rd / 11:00AM

+Cathy Majeau

(Req by: Members of the SVDP)

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Wayne Arbeau, and Dallas Clarke

Sunday Offertory

February 18, 2024 \$4,138.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

SUFFERING AND GLORY

The Transfiguration of Jesus is best seen as a navigation in suffering and glory. Central to the Christian faith it is the belief that glory can only be achieved through the cross. Yet Christians often react negatively to suffering. They want happiness without the cross whereas God has entered into the human suffering in order to transform it into glory. The Transfiguration of Jesus is God's response to human suffering that we are not alone.

In the transfiguration, Mark relates how Jesus shares with his three closest disciples a glimpse of the glory he enjoys with the Father. It is a spellbinding event. Two of the most revered figures in the Old Testament-Moses and Elijah-appear before their sight. With this vision Jesus gives encouragement to the three, that they may not succumb to fear and discouragement when they see him arrested and condemned. But as the Gospel will show, Peter, James, and John fail as they all flee when Jesus is arrested in Gethsemane.

Mark's account of the passion is stark and relentless. Little by little, Jesus is separated from his disciples until they all abandon him. He dies the death of a lonely man, experiencing abandonment by God. But Mark says that it is in this manner of suffering and death that Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. Jesus teaches with authority and works miracles in the Gospel; but it is not so much by these, as by his suffering and death, that he reaches his glory.

We may recall that among the Jews, the predominant image of the Messiah hoped for is of a royal leader in the manner of King David, who will reestablish the former glory of Israel through political power and military might. Jesus distances himself from expectations of an invincible political Messiah, and instead, foretells his passion and death. Instead of assuring his disciples places of honour, he asks them whether they are capable of drinking the cup of suffering that awaits him. God is certainly not a lover of suffering. In fact, misery and suffering remain to be evil. But through Jesus' passion and death, pain can become an "acceptable sacrifice," a way of loving God and neighbor. And this refers not only to the death of martyrs, but also to the sufferings which we cannot escape. Nothing is wasted if only we join our suffering to that of Jesus. Jesus' Transfiguration shows that suffering and glory go together. There is no shortcut to genuine happiness and glory that lasts. So, the Transfiguration of Jesus is the occasion for him to speak about his death. Before he ascends to the glory of the Father, he first has to climb mount Calvary. May we draw strength from Jesus as we go through our own daily sufferings and crucibles. He who allows this to come to me is with me and will never let me down. May the good Lord grant us all the encouragement we need in our trials and tribulations of this life. Amen.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - March 2nd / 3rd, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Michelle Haskin	Helen Hebb	Diane Poling
EMC	Linda Moore	Gisele Neigel	Diane Poling
Ushers	Ben Boivin Walter Gryz	Lou Luvison Andre Lamy Natasha Aben Urszula Lewgowd	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tues., February 27, 2024	Wanda Roberts &	Jo Ann Giesler

St. Vincent de Paul / Thank you to all who donated to the SVDP Monthly Food Drive. Through your generous donations we received 504 pounds of food. Thank you again for your generosity.

St. Mary's 2023 Tax Receipts / This is the last week-end that the tax receipts will be available at the entrance to the Church. They will be mailed the following week. Please pick up your tax receipt to save us the cost of postage. Thank you for your continuing support.

Exposition & Adoration / Starting on Friday, March 1, 2024, Exposition and Adoration will only be held on the first Friday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be no Exposition and Adoration on February 28, 2024.

Hot Lunch / We would like to thank the family that donated the food for the Hot Lunch that was provided on February 13, 2024. Thank you for your generous donation.

Parish Nurse News / There will be no clinic on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The clinic will resume on March 5, 2024.

The **"Let's Get Physical" Exercise Class** / Classes are cancelled on February 28th. Exercise class will resume on March 6, 2024.

Kindergarten Registration at SMCDSB

Is your child turning 4 in 2024? If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten! There is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. It is a blessing that the youngest members of our parish have the opportunity to grow in spirit and faith within a Catholic school community. Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith. We encourage parents who want to register their child for Kindergarten to visit the website at smcdsb.on.ca for welcome videos and registration information.



The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

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Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

SVDP SOCIETY

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In advance, we thank you for whatever you have been able to share with us in the way of monetary donations. The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. *Shalom*

On **FRIDAY, MARCH 1st** at 1:30 p.m. our parish is hosting the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**. We will have guests from various Christian Churches of Huntsville. Please come to welcome them and pray for peace in our world. The prayer service was prepared by the WDP Committee of Palestine. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the prayer service. Please see the posted flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

Stations of the Cross / There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent following the 12:00 p.m. Mass.

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Parish Group Meetings /Events

Tuesdays	11:30AM -1:00 PM	Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room –cancelled February 27th
Tuesdays	12:00 PM - 1:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30 AM	Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall—cancelled February 28th
Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Choir Practice / Choir Loft
Thursdays	6:00 PM	Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall
Wednesday	February 28th	Parish Council Meeting / Parish Hall / 7:00 p.m.
Friday	March 1st	Confirmation Class / Parish Hall / 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 2nd	First Communion Class / Parish Hall / 2:45 p.m.