

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! ●



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Monday MARCH 2	Tuesday MARCH 3	Wednesday MARCH 4	Thursday MARCH 5	Friday MARCH 6	Saturday MARCH 7	Sunday MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
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	Mi 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 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

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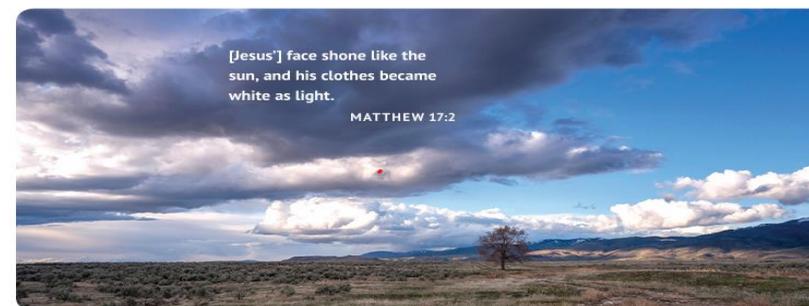
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Where Heaven and Earth Meet

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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?

Second Sunday in Lent (A) March 1, 2026

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of March 2, 2025

Mon.	Mar.	02	No Mass		
Tues.	Mar.	03	7:00 AM	SJ	Rex Walz
Wed.	Mar.	04	5:30 PM	SA	No Mass Rosary
Thurs.	Mar.	05	5:30 PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Mar.	06	7:00 PM	SJ	Souls in Purgatory †
Sat.	Mar.	07	5:30 PM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Mar.	08	9:30 AM	SA	Maurice Andre †
Sun.	Mar.	08	11:00 AM	SB	Fr Mike's Birthday

Congratulations on your 1st Reconciliation!

Garrett Arensdorf - Bria Boeser -
Corbin Walz



Duane Kimball Mar. 2nd
Gregory Walz. Mar. 3rd
Fr. Michael Pampara Mar. 5th
Mary Ridder Mar. 7th
Teresa Smith Mar. 8th
Jacqueline Owen's Mar. 8th



Mr. & Mrs. Gary Mills
Mar. 7th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Mar 7-8	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Hospitality	Jason & Jenny J.	Conrad & Aleta P.	Bartley & Kaylee B.
Lector	Molly W,	Mary A.	Tristan P,
Server	Leo W, & Wyatt D.		Wyatt B. & Amelia P.
EMHC	Rex & Kristie W.	Conrad & Aleta P.	Lana P. & Hannah P.
	Music: Dailey		Communion to shut ins Verla B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
February 22, 2026
Total Collection: \$412.25

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal \$4150 of \$5179
with 11 of 15 Donors
CCD Wed, Mar 4
PreK to 5th 3:40 PM
6th -12th Supper 6:30
Class Begins 7:00 PM

All Night Adoration March 6-7. First
Friday Mass Mar. 6th 7 PM then adoration
until 5:30 Mass Mar. 7th. Sign up is in the
back of Church.

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
February 22, 2026
Total Collection: \$223.00

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!
Thrift Store
Open March 13 9AM to 4PM
CCD Wed Mar 4
Elementary 3:40 PM
High School 7:30 PM I
Coffee and Rolls Mar 15

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
February 22, 2026
Total Collection: \$862.00

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal \$7000 of \$7452
with 15 of 17 Donors
CCD Wed, Mar 4
PreK to 2nd 4-5 PM
Supper 6:10
Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Fish Fry March 6th at the
Community Center.

Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)

Feast Day March 3rd

"You have no time to occupy your thoughts with...
consideration of what others will think. Your
business is simply, 'What will my Father in heaven
think?'"

**Eternal Rest Grant unto her
O'Lord.**

We remember **Betty Larson** who
recently passed away. May the
hope of resurrection bring peace
to her.