

Daily Readings

Week of March 13, 2022

Sunday, 3/13: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Ps 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/

Phil 3: 17; 4: 1/Lk 9: 28b-36

Monday, 3/14: Dn 9: 4b-10/Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 & 13/Lk 6: 36-38

Tuesday, 3/15: Is 1: 10, 16-20/Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23/Mt 23: 1-12

Wednesday, 3/16: Jer 18: 18-20/Ps 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20: 17-28

Thursday, 3/17: Jer 17: 5-10/Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6/Lk 16: 19-31

Friday, 3/18: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28/Ps 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday, 3/19: 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24



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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent



Schedule for March 20, 2022

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Greeters/Gifts: Ruley Family

Servers: Eli/Kevin

Money Counters: Mary Ann K/Mary Ann M

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention:

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Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Second Week of Lent—"... fully awake, they saw His glory."

The gospel event for this weekend is a familiar one; it is the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain in full view of His apostles, Peter, James, and John. Everyone can readily appreciate the imaginative details of the event that manifested Jesus as the fulfillment of "the Law" and "the Prophet."

However, from a spiritual perspective, it is when we permit the details of the narrative to capture our hearts, minds, and souls that it realizes its purpose. Then we can also speak like Peter and say, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." For Peter, this experience became one of the transforming moments in his life as he bore witness to it later in these words, "And we heard this voice from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. We also have the word of the prophets as confirmed beyond doubt...."(2 Peter 1:18-19).

We must discover one fundamental truth about the transfiguration; it is critical for any movement of the heart or action the event is intended to induce in us.

Notice the strong word Luke deploys to describe the initial attitude of the apostles. They were "overcome by sleep," he tells us. In other words, sleep had paralyzed them. Once they became "fully awake," the apostles realized they nearly missed a glorious sight.

The idea here is that sleep is for the body as the wakeful state is for the soul. Several times in the Bible, Jesus tells his disciples, "Stay awake!" The soul of the Christian misses its mysterious and magnificent contact with the Lord when it enters spiritual slumber.

Admittedly, spiritual slumber can catch all of us; we are not immune to it without the alarm of the Holy Spirit. But, as in the Second Reading, St. Paul urges us to stand firm. We must allow the Holy Spirit to refresh us with His fragrance of hope, faith, and love, remembering to keep our spiritual eyes open and fixed on Jesus.

That's what our Lenten sacrifices of prayer, abstinence, and charity are designed to accomplish in us, if we commit ourselves to them. We have just begun Lent; an opportunity to listen to the Son of the Father, and even see and receive Him in the Eucharist, if we truly believe.

Happy Lent!

- Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm followed by Mass. Please join us!
- BREAKING NEWS! Beginning April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday), our Mass time is changing to 10:30am!
- The Holy Week Schedule has been set: Holy Thursday Mass 4/14 @ 7:00pm, Good Friday Service 4/15 @ 3:00pm, Easter Sunday Mass 4/17 @ 10:30am.
- Please consider donating Easter flowers to help decorate our altar during the Easter season. More information will be coming.
- THANK YOU to the CCD kids and their teachers for helping with Mass last Sunday. Everyone did such a great job!
- The next CCD class is Sunday, March 20th at 9:45am.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months--please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.



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