



[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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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



Mass Intentions

Saturday/ February 28th – Lenten Weekday

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Gary Pospisil

by: Linda Pospisil

2nd Collection – Saint Vincent de Paul Society

*Food Pantry collection

Sunday/ March 1st /First Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Issac O'Donnell

by : Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

2nd collection – Saint Vincent de Paul Society

*Food Pantry collection

*Bingo 1 pm doors open at noon

Monday/March 2nd – Lenten Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bernie Brandenburg

by: Rose Brandenburg

Tuesday/March 3rd – St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday/ March 4th– St. Casimir

6 p.m. Holy Mass: Nina Bohl

by: Dean Beardslee

Thursday / March 5th – Lenten Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass :Ariela Wege †

by: Jim Wege

*BINGO at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/ March 6th – World Day of Prayer

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Molly O'Donnell

by: Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

Stations of the Cross 5 pm

*Parish Life Soup Supper after Stations

Saturday/March 7th – St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

9 a.m. Holy Mass: John Stute

by: Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Garry and Cathy Raikes

by: People of the Parish

2nd Collection – Easter Flowers

Sunday/ March 8th – Third Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Amy Anderson

by : Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

2nd collection – Easter Flowers

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Thought

for the week

**Lent
2nd Sun-A**

**God
Choose
Imperfect
People
To Show
That
Salvation
Comes,
From Grace,
Not by
Human
Strength**



**The Call of Abraham
Gen.12:1-4ff**

God did not choose Abraham because he was special. 🤔

Abraham became special because he promptly responded with Trust in God .

**May God Strengthen
Our Faith in Him**

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



February 21st and 22nd, 2026

Main collection : \$1945.75

Ash Wednesday : \$ 725.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

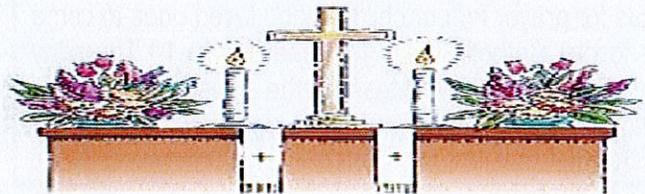
Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration .

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God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided by:

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Parish Life Lenten Soup Supper

Please, join us Friday March 6th, after Stations of the Cross in the parish hall. The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for what you will be bringing to the supper. Come join us.

Thank you !

**Thank you to the Knights for the Fish Fry last Friday after Stations of the Cross.
We appreciate all of you.**

CASA

Don't forget to make your CASA donation. If you need a postage paid envelope they are available on the table in the vestibule. Please, remember to write our church number on your check #7215. **Our parish goal is \$14,900.00.**

Food Pantry Collection

Collection is this weekend. They are in need of canned tuna and chicken along with any of the canned pasta with sauces. Also, any of the cereal and shelf stable foods. Thank you for helping those in need.

Magnificat Luncheon

Magnificat ladies will be hosting their upcoming luncheon on Saturday March 21st. **Fr. Jon Miskin from St. Mary's in Batesville will be our speaker.** Tickets are \$15 each. Flyers are available in the vestibule. For more information contact Lori Templet at cell 225-717-0238 or ltemplet2507@yahoo.com.

St Monica's prayer group

Join us for prayer for our children and loved ones to come back to our Catholic faith. We meet every 1st Thursday right after 9 a.m. Holy Mass in the church library. For additional information or questions, please contact Anne Kootz.

Lenten Penance Services

**St. Michael's will be having Penance Service on Thursday March 12, from 4 pm to 6 pm.
St. Mary's at HSB will be having Penance Service on Friday March 13th from 1 pm to 3 pm.**



**Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Michael Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, Chuck Wolff and KayLynn Rodenbeck**

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- 🕯 February 28th – Larry Allen
- 🕯 February 28th – Conner Sandefer
- 🕯 February 29th – Gary Pospisil (born in a leap year)
- 🕯 March 3rd – Bernard (Bernie) Brandenburg
- 🕯 March 3rd – Dan Munroe
- 🕯 March 5th – Teri Taylor
- 🕯 March 6th – Jeanne Bushey



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

♡ No Anniversaries this week

If we miss your birthday or anniversary please contact the church office. It is possible you didn't give us all the information when you registered with the church or our records need to be updated

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Social and Potluck Meeting

2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree of the order

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Quarterly Business Meeting

2nd Saturday of the month

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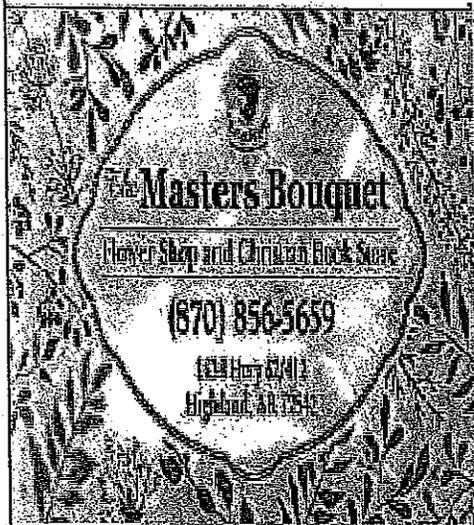
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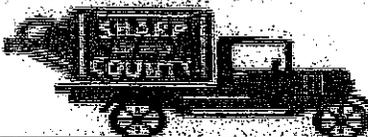


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Dear Padre,

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! ●



PROFESSANT / CATHOPIC

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
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent				
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	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?

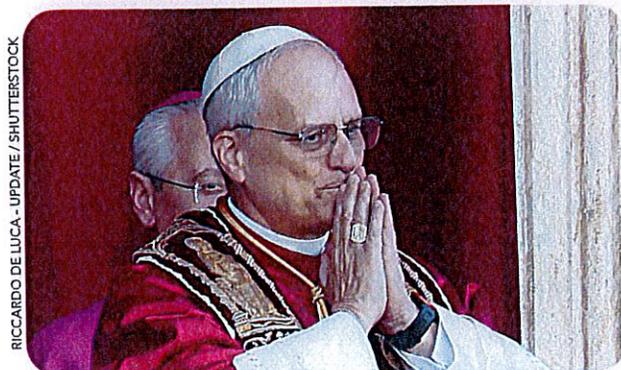
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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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