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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Tue - Fri): 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 6:30p.m.

Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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SAT.	03/15/2025	5:00PM
<i>Alesha Hooks (D) – Stephanie Hooks</i>		
SUN.	03/16/2025	7:30AM
<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>		
	Family & Friends	
SUN.	03/16/2025	10:00AM
<i>Dorothy Ivy (D) – Tywanna Navy</i>		
TUE.	03/18/2025	7:00AM
<i>Helen Foreman Orsot (D)</i>		
	The Family	
WED.	03/19/2025	7:00AM
<i>St. Joseph's Feast Day</i>		
<i>Thu Nhi Nguyen Birthday Blessing –</i>		
<i>Pray for Healing (L) – Kieunhi Nguyen</i>		
THUR	03/20/2025	7:00AM
<i>Tommy Reed (L) – Tommy Reed</i>		
FRI	03/21/2025	7:00AM
<i>Unella Baber (L) – Special Intention</i>		
SAT	03/22/2025	5:00PM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		



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Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.

Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, Geraldine Guillory, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

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Air Force: Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander

Marines: Reginald Ward

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Two dramatic scenes are narrated to us today. First, God seals the covenant with Abram by appearing as smoke and fire and passing between the animals Abram had sacrificed

as a sign of his covenant with God. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured in glory, his face and clothing changing in appearance and dazzling the three apostles who witnessed it. Adding to the drama, God the Father speaks from the cloud that envelops them all, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Let us now listen to the word of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday – March 16**

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalms 27:1, 7-9, 13-14

Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Luke 9:28-36

Monday – March 17

Saint Patrick, Bishop

Daniel 9:4-10

Psalms 79:8-9, 11, 13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday – March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday – March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24 or

Luke 2:41-51

Thursday – March 20

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4, 6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday March 21

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday March 22

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12

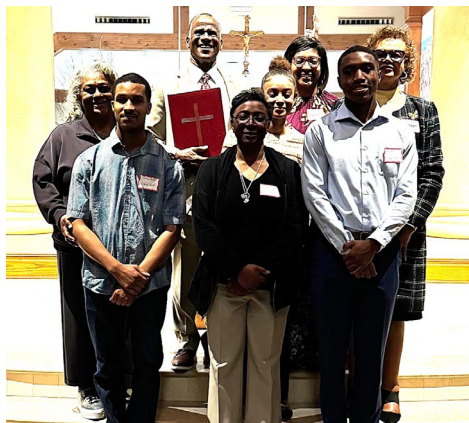
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



March 17.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE Classes
March 22.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE Classes
March 24.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE Classes
March 29.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE Classes
March 31.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE Classes



March 31 – 9th & 10th Grades Jeremiah Training in the Harris Center
April 12 – 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat in the Harris Center Auditorium 9:00am-3:00pm



OCIA RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election was held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 7:00pm at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood, TX. Auxiliary Bishop Italo declared that our Catechumens (1st Row L-R) **Terance Griffin, Shanel Alsander and Regis Penn**, were now members of the Elect and could be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors are (2nd Row L-R) **Kim Charles-Salinas, Taia Perrodin and JoAnn Burbridge-Jones**. OCIA Instructors are (3rd Row) **Deacon Michael Jenkins and Tierra Ledet**.



The Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturday, **March 22nd** from **11:30am to 12:30pm** in the Harris Center Room 125.



Outdoor Stations of the Cross (In the Prayer Garden)

Every Friday during Lent
5:30pm

Laetare Sunday (Wear Rose/Pink)
March 30

Palm Sunday – April 13

CCE Passion Play.....10:00am

Holy Thursday – April 17

Mass6:00pm

(No Morning Mass)

Good Friday – April 18

Outdoor Stations..... 3:00pm

Good Friday Service.....4:00pm
(No Mass)

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 19

Mass.....8:00pm

(No 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 20

Regular Mass Schedules

7:30am and 10:00am

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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th was **432** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **45** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



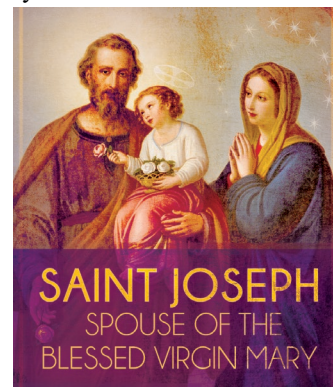
Carolyn E. Citizen passed away on January 31, 2025 at the age of 74 yrs. Carolyn is the wife of William J. Citizen. A Funeral Service was held on February 15, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.

Joseph Mundine passed away on March 7, 2025 at the age of 80 yrs. Joseph is the Brother of Nancy Mitchell. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

Patsy LeBlanc passed away on March 8, 2025 at the age of 75 yrs. Patsy is the Sister of Adline Arceneaux and Norris LeBlanc. Funeral arrangements are pending. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.

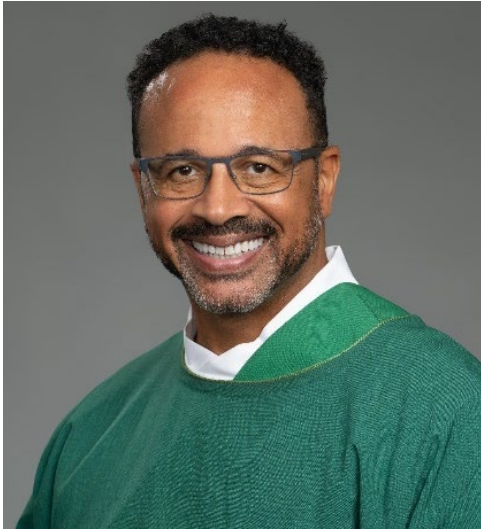
Stewardship Reflection

That we invest in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home. "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7 Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The Church celebrates the Solemnity **St. Joseph**, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin **Mary** and the foster-father of Jesus on Wednesday, **March 19th**. He is the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage, including our own Josephite Priests and Brothers.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT(c)

March 16, 2025

Please Don't Keep Jesus in the Tent, Let Him Go Out to Love and Serve Others

Happy Sunday! On this Second Sunday of Lent, we encounter the Transfiguration of Jesus. He leads Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor, where His face changes in appearance, His clothes become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear with Him. In awe, Peter offers to build three tents, hoping to preserve this divine moment. But Jesus cannot stay on the mountain, He must continue His journey to Jerusalem, where He will suffer, die, and rise for our salvation.

Like Peter, we sometimes want to keep Jesus “in the tent,” confining Him to sacred moments instead of carrying Him into the world. But our faith calls us to action. **We are the hands and feet of Christ today.** Lent is a time for retreat and reflection, but it must also be a season of service.

How are you loving and serving others this Lent? Jesus showed us how...He touched lepers, welcomed sinners, healed the sick, and lifted the marginalized. His entire life was a demonstration of mercy.

A few years ago, I served at a homeless shelter, where I asked the men about their God-given gifts. One realized he could help others by fixing bicycles. Another had a gift for cleaning and saw how he could serve through it. A third, once an usher at church, recognized the call to return. These men, despite their struggles, understood that following Jesus means leaving the tent and using their gifts for others.

Brothers and sisters, God calls each of us to do the same. Whether it's visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, or sharing our resources...when we serve others, we serve Jesus. As He tells us in Matthew 25:40, **“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”**

Let us not keep Jesus in the tent. Let us go out and love and serve others.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, the miracle of love is all around us. You have formed us by Your love to be the vehicles through which love can serve. Please bless us with the ability to use our gifts to love and serve others. Let us move to the core of what You've made us to be, Your body, hands, and eyes in this world. Amen.

Deacon Darryl

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75th Jubilee Lenten Revival

March 16-18, 2025



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Sunday, March 16

9am Mass

Monday & Tuesday,

March 17-18

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6:50 PM Musical Preparation

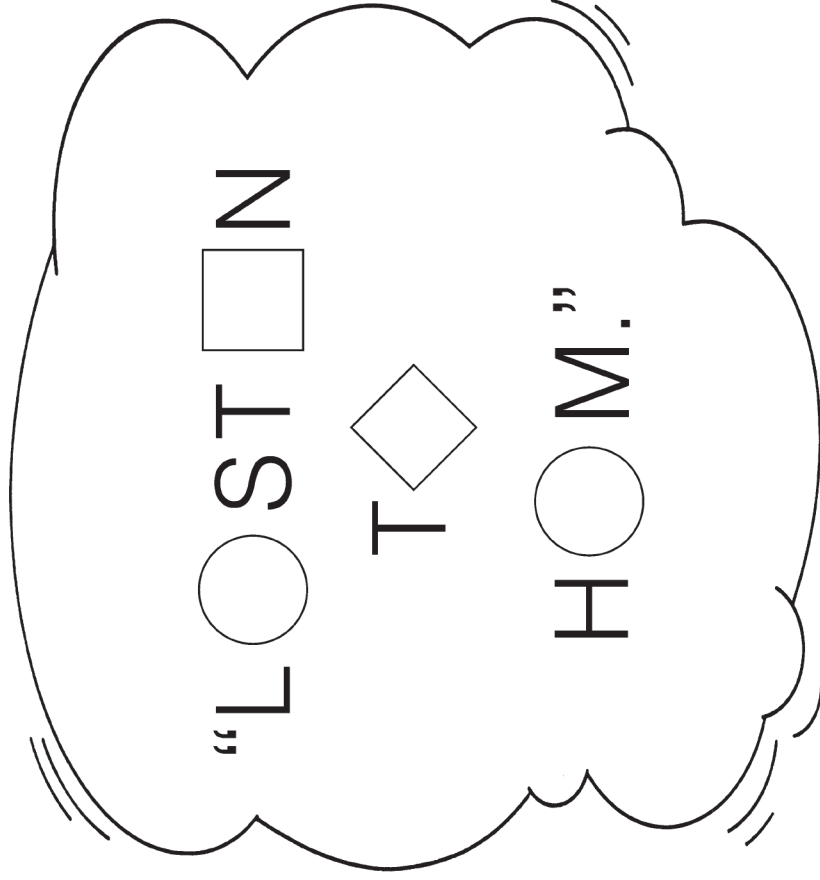
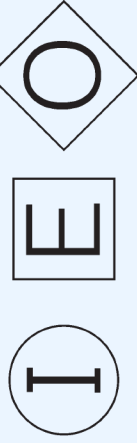
7 PM Revival Starts

We will have a free will offering each night.



While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them ... A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him."

Use the code below to fill in the missing letters.



Jesus Is Transfigured

Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

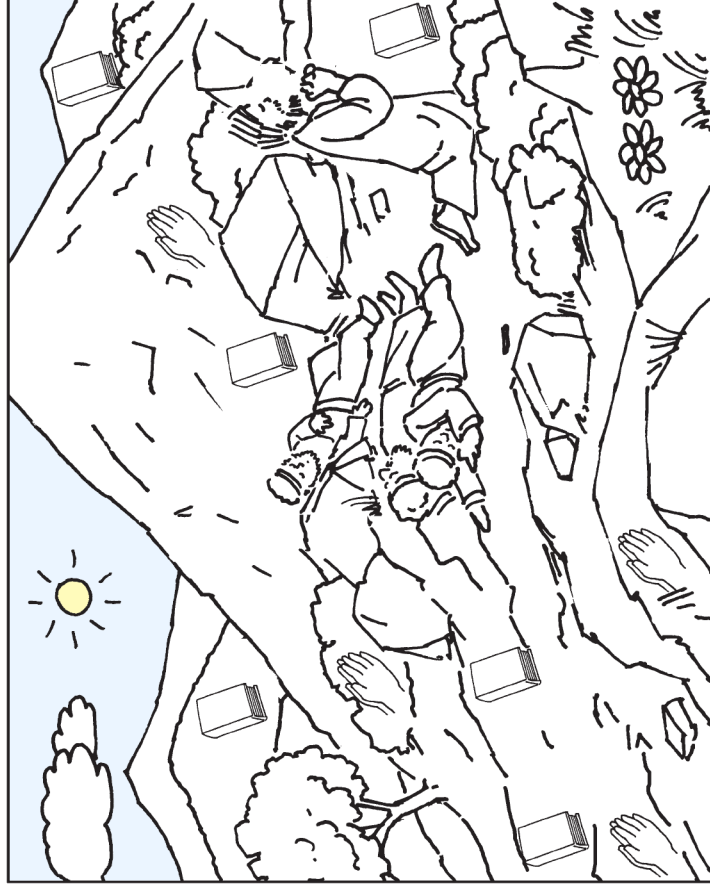
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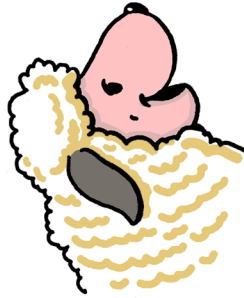


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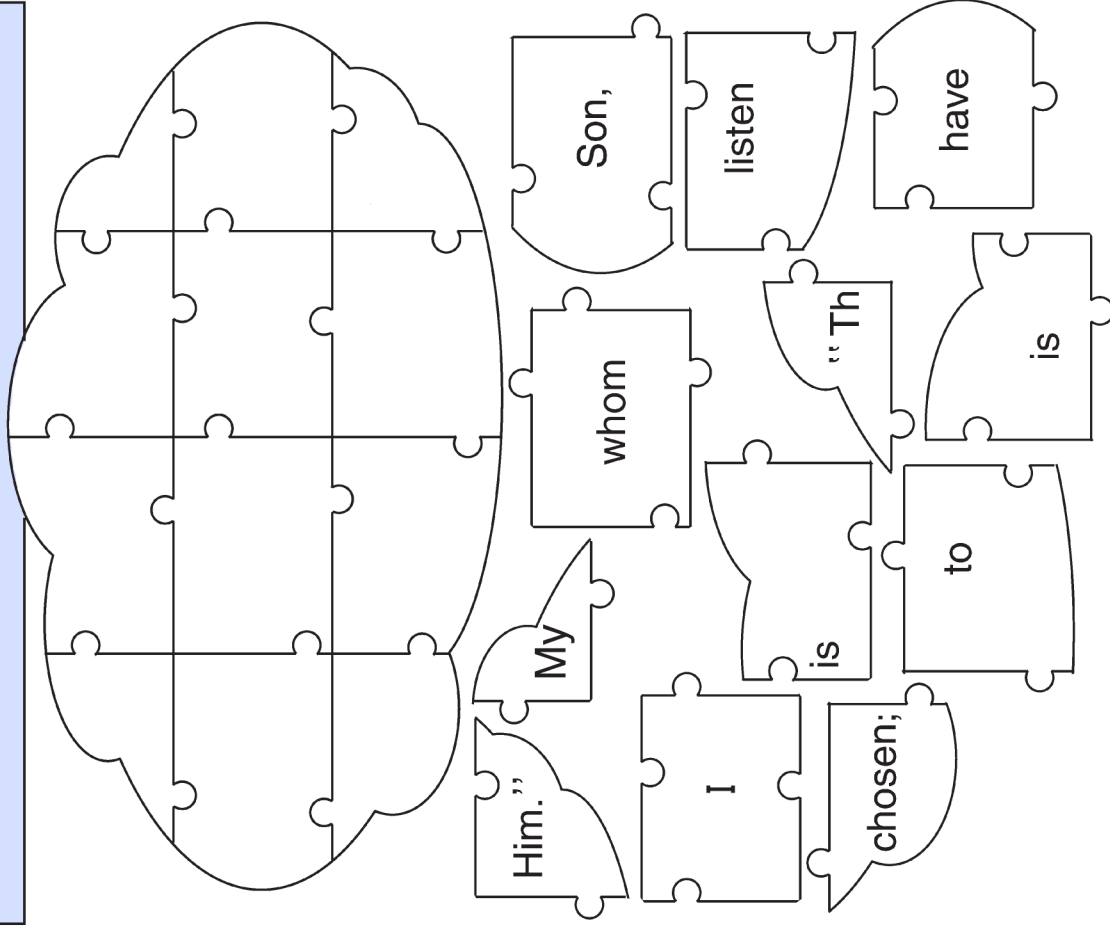
5 or 6 ?





While He was speaking, a cloud
appeared and covered them ...
A voice came from the cloud.

Fit the pieces in the puzzle to find out what the voice said.



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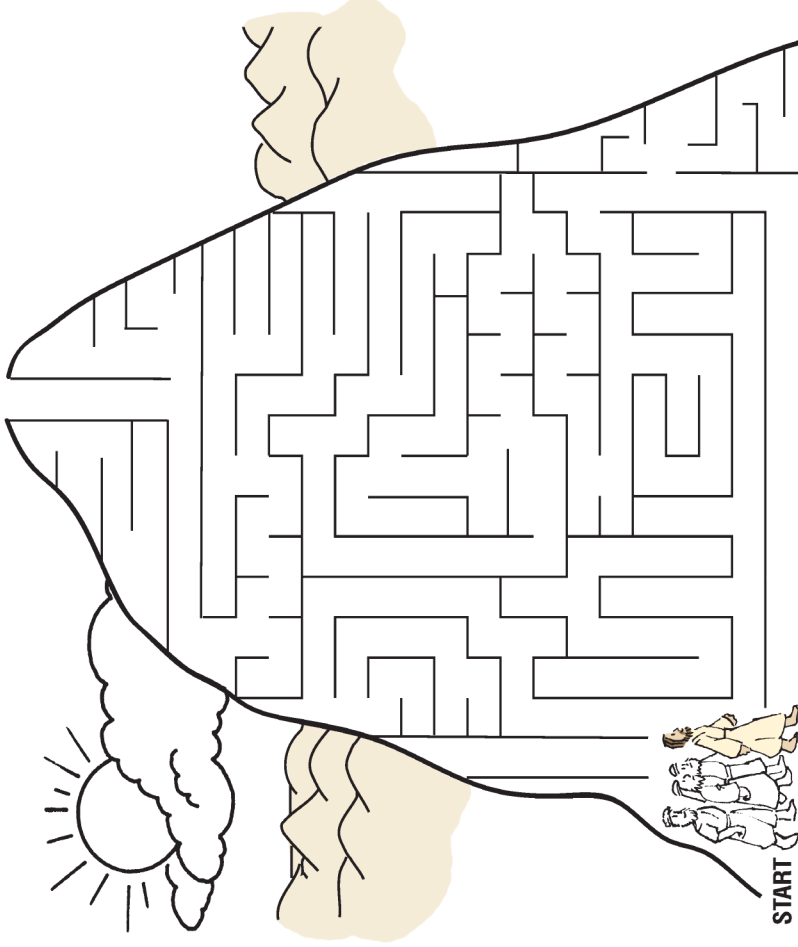
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Jesus Is Transfigured

Jesus took Peter, James and
John with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

Find the route to the top of the mountain.

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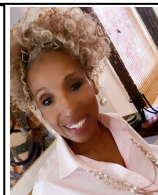


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