

February 25, 2024: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Background on the Gospel Reading

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

10a.m. - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday*.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

***Lohnes Complex**

First Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

***Note: No mass at the church on this day.**

Bible Study:

Thursday February 29nd at 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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February 7, 10 & 11, 2024

Regular Sunday	1677.00
Loose Offering	173.30
Parish Dues	70.00
Building Fund	25.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Indian Res. School Healing Fund	10.00
Lenten Folders	165.00
Votive Candles	23.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	400.00

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 27-Mar. 3, 2024

Tues. 10am	Late Gertrude Dowden
Wed. 10am	Parish Community
Thurs. 10am	Parish Community
Fri. 10am	The Lohnes Complex The Late Joseph & Sylvia Hickey
Sat. 4:30pm	Parish Community
Sun. 11am	Late Gary Wells

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 2	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Art Hall	John Carroll
March 3	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Victoria Murphy	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

SACRED HEART BINGO: Our next bingo will be today **February 25, 2024**. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo will start at 2pm.

ALL HALLOWS WINTER CARNIVAL BRUNCH:

Will be served on **Sunday, February 25th**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost Adults \$12 and Children \$8. Brunch will be homemade baked beans, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Poor Box Collection: we will be collecting at the entrances of the church after the Feb 24-25 Masses. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

LENTEN ENVELOPES: Are available at the back of the church during Lent.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on March 21st at 7pm. There will be no Bible Study on this evening.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT GATHERINGS/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Archbishop Howley Council # 2581 of Corner Brook will be holding a series of these gatherings during Lent 2024. These will take place on designated Saturdays, 10am., at the lower level of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer. This is for all Knights and men of our neighboring parishes from Deer Lake to Benoit’s Cove. Come along and share our Faith, coffee and doughnuts. Our gatherings during Lent will be Saturday, February 24th. March 2nd., 16th., and 23rd.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This service will be hosted by the ladies of The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 25 Main Street, Corner Brook on Friday, March 1st at 2 pm. A lunch will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER’S SYNOD DISCUSSIONS IN ROME

(Follow-up): - In order to provide more discussion on the local and diocesan level, you are invited to a Synod Discussion Night at All Hallows’ (downstairs) on Thursday, February 29th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. In order to prepare for the discussion:

- 1.View Sr. Elizabeth Davis presentation on the Synod:
https://vimeo.com/890302889/415e1f4a7c?s_hare=copy.
- 2.Take some time to reflect on your experience of Church in the light of what you heard, especially at the parish and diocesan level.
- 3.Be prepared to share your thoughts on:
 - a) Participation in ministry and decision making.
 - b) Overcoming barriers to communion.
 - c) Our call to service and mission in the world.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - SHARE LENT 2024:

The upcoming campaign is: *Create Hope for a world of peace and justice by Reaping Our Rights*. You can donate online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday Collection on March 17th, your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world. You can find information on this campaign at the back of the church.

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN – WORKSHOP:

There will be a workshop with guest speaker Patricia Walsh-Warren of the Share Lent Campaign on Thursday March 7th at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Parish. All are invited to attend. There will be no Bible Study at this time.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 12 at 6pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church Meeting Room.

THE SEARCH: This is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening from 7pm – 8:15pm, February 28th at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

Reflection

Mountains

Jesus often went into the hills to pray.
He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.
He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, died on Mount Calvary, and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

It seems that he loved hills and mountains.
Why was this?
Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?
Or was it because heights enlarge our vision and cause our spirit to soar?

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.

And when the valley closes us in, help us to remember the view from the hilltop.