

March 5, 2023: 2nd Sunday of Lent

“While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them.....”
Matthew 17:01

On this the second week of Lent, we are given the hopeful image of Jesus being transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John. They witness a small glimpse of His eternal glory and radiance as the Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. They are stunned, in awe, amazed and filled with the greatest joy. Jesus’ face shines like the sun and His clothing is so white, so pure, so radiant that they shine as the brightest and most pure light imaginable.

Why did this happen? Why did Jesus do this and why did He permit these three Apostles to see this glorious event? And to ponder further, why do we reflect upon this scene in the beginning of Lent?

Simply put, Lent is a time to examine our lives and to see our sins most clearly. It’s a time we are given each year to pause from the confusion of life and to re-examine the road we are on. Looking at our sins can be hard. It can be depressing and can tempt us to depression, hopelessness and even despair. But the temptation to despair must be overcome. And it is not overcome by ignoring our sin, rather, it is overcome by turning our eyes to the power and glory of God.

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 Transfiguration is an event given to these three Apostles to give them hope as they prepare to face the suffering and death of Jesus. They are given this glimpse of glory and hope as they prepare to see Jesus embrace their sins and endure the consequences.

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.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

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

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned 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 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

February 25th – February 26th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1375.50
Building Fund	10.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	5.00
In Memorium	75.00
Ash Wednesday	458.25
Residential School	5.00
In Memorium (Annie Griffin)	650.00
(Fr. Jim Robertson)	1345.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Wed. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Thu. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Fri 7 pm	Late Fr. Jim Robertson
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Annie Griffin
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 11	
Jerome Dicks	John Carroll Donna Mitchell
March 12	
Anna House	Elizabeth Carew Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin	

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study on Sunday is cancelled for this week.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

LENT: The season of Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During this time, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as we recall our Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lent shows us how baptism and penitential themes are related. We are encouraged to make the most of this season of preparation.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISER: Our ladies are selling tickets on \$1000 cash. The draw will take place on March 31st at Sacred Heart Church after mass. If you wish to purchase ticket, please contact members of the ladies group.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate to Easter Flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you can put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one, please include your name as well and put it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The Courage to Create Hope: To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, “...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion.” These are the words that inspired the choice of “Create Hope” as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org

BINGO: The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their contribution towards the February Draw: Michelle Brake, Karen Buckle, Eileen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Nora Burton, Linda Corbett, Gertrude Daye, Barbara Dicks, Theresa Dobbin, Alvina George, Maureen George, Sheila George, Tom George, Tony Griffin, Isabelle Gillis, Margaret Gillis, Linda Green, Patsy Hall, John Hancock, Bob Hearn, Veronica Hickey, Joan Hutchings, Kay Hynes, Pat Jones, Clara Joyce, Eddie Joyce, Judy Joyce, Gail Leggo, Elaine Lynch, Helen McCarthy, Margaret McCarthy, Patricia Meade, Marie Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Julia Hackett Myles, Margie Pennell, Marie Pennell, Mary Jo Perrett and Rita Pye. The winner for February was **Patricia Meade**. March month bingo draw will begin with last names from N to the end. If any name is omitted, please call Veronica Stone or Pat Jones.

TICKETS: The date for the ticket draw is fast approaching. Anyone who still has tickets out are asked to return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Ladies group will be leading the stations of the cross each Wednesday throughout lent beginning at 6:30 this March 8th, 2023. We encourage all the parishioners to join us.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: The time will move ahead one hour on Saturday, March 12th at 2:00 am. The evenings will have an extra hour of daylight.

MARRIAGE COURSE - FOR 2023: will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Free 8 week in-person or online program is being offered on Tuesdays, beginning April 18th 10:00 am to noon at 110 Healthcare Crescent - Western Long Term Care. Preregistration is required by April 12. Call Sandra at 784-2700 Extension 2669. Grief and bereavement is a normal part of life but can also be a difficult journey to navigate. To learn more - visit <https://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/grief-and-bereavement/>

HUMOR: Why did the groom have cold feet? **He went brrr-foot to the wedding!** What do mountains wear to stay warm? **Snowcaps.**