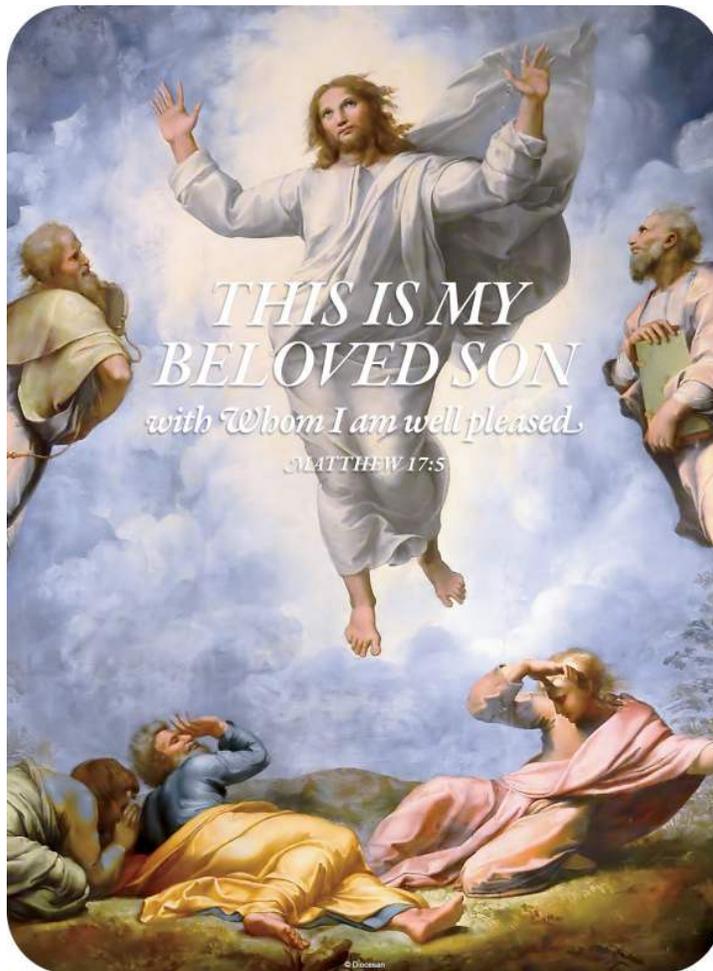


For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The 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



the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

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

Holy Mass Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM
Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

“Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.”

Psalm 33:22

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Parick Nemeč by Bob & Joan Black
 5:30 PM: **Stations of the Cross and Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Eric and Hali Tajchman (Wedding Anniversary)
 by Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle and Stations of the Cross
 8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *Caroline Steffek (Birthday)* by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Ann Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *†Geneva Strmiska (AOD)* by Susie Tajchman

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Rodrigo R. Gonzalez (AOD)* by Rosario Gonzalez

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†All Souls in Purgatory* by Jerry Knesek

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Parick Nemeč by Bob & Joan Black
 5:30 PM: **Stations of the Cross and Mass @ St. Thomas**
†David Tajchman, Sr. by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle and Stations of the Cross
 8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
†James E. Smith by Owen & Kim Gallagher
†JoAnn Dominguez by Karen Vaughan

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin; **Wednesday:** St. Casimir;
First Friday; Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs.

Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us to pray for them.



Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemeč, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina, John Bowman, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Jeanette Respondek, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Ruthie Weathersby, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Delia Moya, Beckie Ranly, Cindy Cleavelin, Tyler Skidmore.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.

LECTORS for MARCH 7-8, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Agnes Flores
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - MARCH 7-8, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel, Fred Ramos
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Bill Kelly, Jesse Garcia

ALTAR SERVERS for MARCH 7-8, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Miles Shimek, Joseph Hess, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for MARCH 7-8, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, T. Brown, D. Brown



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent is the penitential season of the Church year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. In addition to fasting, various elements support us during Lent: penance, confession, prayer, almsgiving, and service. The Easter Duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting binds all Catholics 18 to 59 years of age. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken in accordance to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Abstinence binds all older than 14. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Pastor



FIRST AID TRAINING

A First Aid Training Course will be offered in our parish on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the I.C. Hall. The courses offered are: the American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support CPR/AED Course, Basic First Aid Medical, and the "Stop the Bleed" certification course.

The courses are offered to our parishioners. Please call the parish office to reserve your spot in the class for the class size is limited to 20. For questions please contact the parish office.

Matt Kimmel

THE RADIATION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Last Sunday, we heard of Jesus being tempted in the desert to doubt his sonship: *If you are the Son of God....* Today, we hear the voice of the Father utter the primordial and eternal affirmation *This is my beloved Son.*

The Church tells us that through the Transfiguration Jesus is preparing the Apostles for his coming suffering and death. The source of the divine light coming through Jesus is always and ever the Father, whose love is enduring and unconquerable, even at Calvary, as Jesus witnesses as he prays to the Father from the cross.

The risen Christ will tell these same Apostles, who will themselves face persecution even to the point of exile and death. *As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* As the Father was with Jesus through his temptations, his suffering, and his death, so Jesus promises to be with us in all of the trials he knows we will face.

Every time absolution is offered to a penitent who has suffered the isolation of sin, every time a frightened patient receives the grace of the Sacrament of Anointing, every time a disciple facing death receives Viaticum, the last earthly Communion, in which Jesus promises to accompany us even through death, the assurance of the Transfiguration is echoed. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit invite each of us up that mountain.

Courtesy of the Magnificat Lenten Companion

From the desk of the Pastor

NEW PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

The St. Thomas the Apostle Liturgy Committee members are as follows:

- Jerry Knesek, Director
- Cindy Garcia
- Everardo Sanchez
- Ann Clarke
- Tom Schumacher

Pastor

CONFESSION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

Confession for the Religious Education Students will be held on the first and third **Wednesday** of every month from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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MOTTO

Caritas Dei diffusa est in cordibus nostris
(The love of God has been poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5))

By tradition in the Roman Catholic Church, the heraldic achievement the arms of bishops contain:

- A shield with its charges (symbols) of family, geographic, religious, or historical importance;
- A golden processional cross with one traversal bar indicating the rank of bishop which is impaled (displayed vertically) behind the shield;
- A green galero with twelve tassels (six on each side, ordained 1-2-3 from the top);
- And a motto written in black, displayed on a scroll below everything.

A bishop of a diocese exercises ordinary jurisdiction which is connected with their office. In this case, the personal arms of the Ordinary are marshalled with the arms of their diocese. (to be continued)

Courtesy of Diocese of Corpus Christi

From the Pastor's desk

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ADULT CONFIRMATION SPRING 2026

The Adult Confirmation Mass will be held on **Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 AM** at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Please note that this Adult Confirmation celebration is only for catechized adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but have received Baptism and First Holy Communion. The sacramental catechesis of the candidate for Confirmation is the responsibility of the parish of the candidate.

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