

## THE RECTOR'S REFLECTION

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us. In another place he says: You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified. What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

*(from The Liturgy of the Hours)*

## CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

### Saturday, February 28

9:15 AM – Meeting of Fellowship Committee in Conference Room (Re: St. Patrick Day)

### Thursday, March 5

7:00 PM – Dante Reading Group (Canto 11)

### Friday, March 6 – First Friday

8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) followed by Exposition

9:00 AM – 8:00PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:15–5:45 PM – Confessions

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

7:00 PM – Holy Mass (1962) *Coram Sanctissimo* (in the presence of the exposed Sacrament) concluding with the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart and Benediction

### Saturday, March 7 – St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) – Mass will be sung followed by First Saturday devotions

### Friday, March 13

4:45–5:45 PM – Adoration

5:15–5:45 PM – Confessions

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

### Sunday, March 15

2:00-5:00PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner (more info forthcoming)

## MASS INTENTIONS

February 28 – March 8

### Saturday, February 28

8:30 AM – Int. of Dorothy Calio

4:00 PM – Rev. Lawrence F. Carew +

### Sunday, March 1

9:00 AM – Members of the Georgetown Oratory

10:30 AM – John T. McDonnell +

12:00 PM – Felipe Aguilar Vizcarra +

### Tuesday, March 3

8:30 AM – OPEN

### Wednesday, March 4

6:00 PM – Int. of Dr. Nalini Rajamannan

### Thursday, March 5

8:30 AM – Robert Kaufman +

### Friday, March 6

8:30 AM – Int. of Jim Jagodzinski

7:00 PM - OPEN

### Saturday, March 7

8:30 AM – OPEN

4:00 PM – Int. of Santiago and Daniel Calderon

### Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM – OPEN

10:30 AM – Mary Ann Murtha +

12:00 PM – Victor Luis Quispe +

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Kathy Romano, Joe and Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Timothy Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Gerald Owczarczak, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jogodinski, David Whitehead, Sr.

Repose of the souls of Nancy Define, Michael Peloso, Ryan Yannalfo, Lucy Procaccini, Gabriella Patterson, Michelle Leigh Gray, Edith Wald, Michael Rossi, Michael Tejada, Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar

## OFFERTORY

### • February 21-2

- Sunday Offertory \$1,605.00
- Ash Wednesday \$419.00
- Online Giving \$601.62
- Total \$2,625.62

## ORATORY NEWS

### FRIDAYS IN LENT – STATIONS & SOUP

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays in Lent at 6 PM. All are invited to gather in Pryor-Hubbard Hall after Stations for soup and bread, provided by the generosity of our members. Please signup in the hall to bring a large container of soup and/or bread to share. Confessions will be heard prior to Stations from 5:15-5:45 PM. Special Masses will be offered on Friday, February 27 (Ember Friday) and March 6 (First Friday) at 7 PM.

### ST PATRICK'S DINNER TICKETS

Tickets will be sold at Friday Soup & Bread, after all weekend Masses in the vestibule, and in the Parish Office. \$25 for ages 17 & UP; \$15 Ages 8-16 and Free for Ages 7 & under. Cash or check only. No Tickets at the door and cutoff for tickets is March 11.

### ST. PATRICK'S VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to bring a dessert, set-up, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule, church hall and parish office.

### WEBSITE & ONLINE GIVING

The website is up and running: [georgetownoratory.org](http://georgetownoratory.org)  
Check it out. It's a work in progress. You can also signup for online giving on the website by following the GIVING link at the top of the page of the picture closer to the bottom. You can also scan the QR code below.



## PROCESSIONAL

**Refrain: *Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
For we have sinned against thee.***

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
Listen O Jesu, to our supplications.**
- 2 O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:  
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls all defilement.**
- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.**
- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.**
- 5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.**

Words: Lent Prose  
Tune: ATTENDE, DOMINE

Mass Readings:  
Glory & Praise #811  
RCDM pg. 330

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of the Couey Family as requested by Marge Hansen.

The Sacred Heart Votive Candle burns for Maureen Gilmartin as requested by Sherry Morris.



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**Dominica II in Quadragesima  
/ Second Sunday of Lent  
March 1, 2026**

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### MASS SCHEDULE Sunday

4 PM (Saturday Vigil) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
8:30 AM

**Wednesday**  
6 PM (1962)

**Friday & Saturday**  
8:30 AM (1962)

**ADORATION**  
First Friday 9 AM – 8 PM

**CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)**

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

By request at any convenient time

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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