

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15/16, 2025



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
 Wed 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
 Fri Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sun Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9



Pray like the devil is at your heels, guess what, he will never catch you as long as you have faith, love and trust in the Lord!

REFLECTIONS

We must keep in mind, for the gospel's sake, that there is a real difference between *transformation* and *transfiguration*. We heard about the latter this weekend. What St. Luke recounts for us was a truly marvelous incident. For good reason, Jesus let some of His glory shine through His glorified body. Peter, James and John get to witness it. So, we have one trio gazing in wonder at another one: Our Lord with Moses and Elijah.

We naturally must wonder what this incident means for us here and now. For one thing, we get proof that heaven exists. The presence of the Holy Trinity by way of the Father's voice, and the cloud signifying the presence of the Holy Spirit tells us that there is a world beyond this one. St. Paul, in the Second Reading, tells us that's where we are destined to dwell someday if we live as we ought.

A further meaning emerges for us in this scene, which is something we tend to forget: that Jesus really is God. That everything He said or did while here on earth is always valid. So, when we tend to downgrade His commands to be mere suggestions, for instance on any given Sunday, we are defying God.


Be careful not to relegate Jesus to the status of being just "a good guy." Or just an historical figure totally irrelevant in a world of cyberspace and "AI." He is the same yesterday, today and always.

Another plus derived from this story is the encouragement we can derive about the Lenten sacrifices we have decided to make. We do it all for God. We do it to honor Him for all He does for us.

One wise man observed the situation this way: "The distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of altitude as it is attitude."

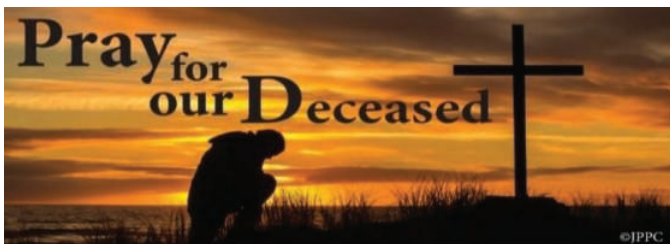
God love you and give you His peace.

source: Rev. Leonard G. Peterson
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**MASS INTENTIONS/
OFFERTORY GIFTS**

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)



Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of our loved ones.. Please keep them and their families in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays, Starting: March 11, 2025 thru April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm



The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar 15 Sat 4:00pm
In Memory of James R. Cosetta (42nd Ann) by Paul, Linda & Bethany &

In Memory of Beatrice Emidy (1st Ann) by her Family &

In Memory of Leo J. Fortin (B'day Rem) by Ann &

In Memory of George Wellington by Teresa, Colleen White & Family

Mar 18 Tue 7:45 am
Puopolo Mass for living and deceased members of St. Joseph Church

Mar 19 Wed 7:45am
In Memory of Ted Lichon by Joe Lavallee

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Mar 22 Sat 4:00pm
In Memory of Philip Sabella (4th Ann) by wife Carol &

In Memory of Rose Carter (28th Ann) by daughter, Sandi & son-in-law Roland &

In Memory of Rita Fidrych (1st Ann) by her Children and Grand-children

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **for James R. Cosetta (42nd Ann)** by Paul, Linda and Bethany



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? Call Pauline Prew 568-5644 and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

		3/8/25
Weekly		\$1856.00
Monthly		\$295.00
Fuel		\$304.00
Mass Stipends		\$115.00
Sanctuary Candle		\$25.00
Dino's		\$70.75
Easter Flowers		\$30.00
All Saints		\$10.00
All Souls		\$10.00
CSR (Rice Bowl)		\$50.00
Easter Offering		\$10.00
Total Operating		\$2775.75

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mar 15	Easter Flowers
Apr 12	CRS – Rice Bowl
Apr 18	Holy Land – Good Friday
Apr 19	Easter Offering for Catholic Charities
Apr 19	Monthly
Apr 26	Fuel

ON-LINE GIVING

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)

MORNING LENTEN PRAYER

How do your best days begin? This Lent, try starting with a simple morning prayer and observe how it impacts the rest of your day!
Heavenly Father,
I offer you the day ahead of me: all of my hopes, fears, conversations, struggles, and blessings. Help me to make myself 100% available to you. Give me the grace to say yes to you in the big things and in the small things of the day. Open my eyes to see the needs of the people around me, the people I will come across in my family, in my work, and in every small interaction. And give me the wisdom to seek you and your dream for my life in every small moment of this day. Amen.

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