



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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PETER SAID TO JESUS,
"MASTER, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE;
LET US MAKE THREE TENTS,
ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES, AND ONE FOR ELIJAH."

LUKE 9:33

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AHA!

We can imagine the splendor of the Transfiguration in our Gospel, and in a manner similar to the Baptism of the Lord, we hear the voice of God booming down announcing Jesus the Son. It is another of the great epiphanies. But if you think about it, each reading this weekend has a sort of "Aha" moment to it. A moment of mutual commitment, of trust. In Genesis, God makes a covenant with Abram, promising him descendants numerous as the stars in the sky. The Psalmist professes his faith and hope: "I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living." Paul's letter to the Philippians lays it out simply in "drop the mic" fashion: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." That's it. Boom.

THE RECAP

When you watch a TV series, they will often provide a quick synopsis of key events from the last couple of shows to set the stage for the current episode. If we do a quick review of the Gospel of Luke, earlier in chapter nine Jesus was sending the disciples out in ministry for the first time, and we had the feeding of the five thousand. Peter realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus gives us the first hint of his own death and tells the disciples to take up their cross and follow him. After all that physical, spiritual, and emotional stress Jesus goes out to pray on the mountain, taking Peter, John, and James with him.

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

Once they were settled on the mountaintop, Jesus began to pray in earnest and, as usual, his wingmen fell asleep. The disciples did not yet have the strength or insights of the Master. Peter, James, and John did not yet have the stamina or the depth to be able to focus during long periods of silent, contemplative prayer, especially after their long hike. One might see visions simply due to exhaustion! As Jesus was transfigured before them, Peter might have bumbled around it in typical Peter fashion, but he realized the significance of what they saw, and he wanted somehow to capture the sacred, to capture the moment, so he asked to build some tents. If we imagined this today, we'd all be there with our phones and selfie sticks trying to get an amazing picture of it, to capture the moment, and to share with everyone on social media. But all the disciples could do was remember it, capture it in their hearts—and tell no one at the time. They were silenced by the sacred. We too must let our busy worlds and minds and hearts enter into the silence. Start out with a few minutes daily and continue to add a minute or two more each day. Listen for the sacred in the silence, and let the voice of God fill your heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]
Luke 9:28b-36

Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

Parish Office

Hours:

Monday through
Thursday
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 13, 2022

"This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." - Luke 9:35

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Mar. 12	Lenten Weekday
4:30 pm	John Perkhiser
Sun., Mar. 13	Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	John, Missy & Dominic Cafazza
Mon., Mar. 14	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Dale Johnson
Tues., Mar. 15	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Helen Stalcup
Wed., Mar. 16	Lenten Weekday
6:30 pm	Jill Lefringhouse
Thur., Mar. 17	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Don Beste
Fri., Mar. 18	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Ed Pilgrim
Sat., Mar. 19	Lenten Weekday
4:30 pm	Noah Rogers (L)
Sun., Mar. 20	Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	Don Beste
10:30 am	For the Parishioners



Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a time for all of us to set aside time to practice our faith. It is not just a time to embrace penance but it is a time for all of us to grow in our faith. During Lent we do many practices on our own, which is fantastic. However, I would like to invite all of you to an evening of prayer and reflection. This will take place on March 23rd. We will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:30pm. Then we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For the next holy hour we will have a time of silence, a short reflection, the rosary, and finally Benediction. I hope that many of you will make the effort to join us for this time of prayer and reflection. We will also have Adoration and Benediction for the school children on April 5th. This will go from the end of mass to 10:30am. Naturally this is also open to all parishioners. May the Spirit of God be with us during these holy days of Lent.



Father Tom

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Peggy Ruhmann, Mike Byers, Bea Albarado, Lyla Ross, Debra Walker, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Pam Kaizer, Karen Simpson, Tina Fleigle Evan. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to the email prayer chain, send to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



Stations of the Cross

Held on the Fridays of Lent at 2:25 pm with the school kids and also at 6:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend at either time.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Juanita Thompson**, mother of **Fr. Steve Thompson**, and former member of OLQP.

Tuition Assistance—2022-2023

Parish families who wish to apply for financial assistance for the upcoming school year are asked to do so as soon as possible. Go to the following web address to submit your application:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GLYJ/landing-page>

Applications will be reviewed in March. Please note that all applications are kept in the strictest of confidence. If you have questions/need assistance, call parish office, 377-6519. (Tuition assistance is offered to active, contributing members of the parish.)

Opportunity for Lent

40 Days For Life March 2 - April 10. Please join us for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for one hour outside the Hope clinic for women in Granite City. OLQP has adopted Tues. April 5, 7am-1pm. Contact Mary Terry at 618-830-0104 to sign up. Thank you!

2022/2023 OLQP School Registration

Open registration is ongoing for new Preschool through 8th grade students for next school year. Please call the school office at 377-6401 for information or to start the registration process. Come join our school family that provides a Christ-centered Catholic education with a focus on academic excellence.

Fish Fry

Please join us on the Fridays of Lent in our school gym for the Fish Frys, sponsored by our parish school and our Knights of Columbus. Dinner is served 4—7 pm and is an all you can eat meal. The cost is \$13 for adults dining in. This includes your choice of fish, sides, dessert and drink. We do not offer a la carte options for those dining in. There are carry out options available.

Sunday Offerings

Week 36	March 5-6, 2022	Total to Date
Loose	\$422.00	\$15,387.62
Envelopes	\$7,790.00	\$402,545.83
On Line Giving	\$3,794.00	\$100,473.00
Young People	\$6.00	\$235.20
Total	\$12,012.00	\$518,641.65
Operating Budget	\$14,477.83	\$521,201.88
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$49,846.32
Difference	(\$3,850.45)	(\$52,406.55)
Total Envelopes received: 159 of 754 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$125.00 Other Charitable Donations: \$1,260.00		

March 13, 2022

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm	Saturday, March 19
Lector	Liz Laurent
E. Ministers	Rosemary Dorsey, Bob Sulsberger
Ushers	Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers Carmen Graham, Mary Gulash
Music	Craig/Kathy/Tami
Rosary	Jim Albarado
8:30 am	Sunday, March 20
Lector	Joe Grabowski
E. Ministers	Rick Rose, Andy Kerkemeyer
Ushers	Dan & Johnny Stutz Cindy & Paul Stutz
Music	Adult Choir
Rosary	Marce Tebbe
10:30 am	Sunday, March 20
Lector	Lee Gonterman
E. Ministers	Justin Wilhite, Marci Stein
Ushers	Lee & Janet Friedel Brad & Teri Fulk
Music	Praise Team

Attention All Ladies

"A Life's Journey—Why is God so important?"
S.D.C.C.W. Lenten Retreat, March 29—March 30, Villa Maria, Springfield. This retreat includes, spiritual presentations, prayer, Mass, Rosary, Confession, Fellowship and more! \$70/Commuters, additional costs for overnight stays. Email to register: ninevogt@yahoo.com

KC Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 20, 11:30 am—2 pm. Dine in, all you can eat, \$12 adults, \$6 children ages 5-10. Drive through or carryout also available.

Kickin' It for Ukraine'

The Youth Group is sponsoring a fundraiser for Ukraine on April 10, 12:30—9:00 pm. We will play kickball nonstop for 500 minutes in hopes of getting sponsors who will sponsor us one penny a minute or \$5.00. All proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services of Poland to support families that are taking in the Ukrainian refugees. Get a team together for up to 10 people who can play for 30 minutes. More info to come. Any youth that would like to be designated fill-ins for the day, contact Kateri Dance, 618-530-5652 or Norm/Amy Frisch, 618-363-3020 or 618-444-7715.

Day of Reflection

We will be having a day of reflection on Mercy Sunday, April 24th. We are looking for people interested in helping create the day. We will need a food team, speakers, table leaders and team members. Anyone interested in being on team, call Norm Frisch, 618-363-3020.

Youth Group Activities

Crazy Bowling Sunday: 3/20, 6:30—8 pm, meet at OLQP and carpool to Airport Bowl (drivers needed)

Open Gym: Sunday, 3/27, 6:30—8 pm, sports and fun games. Contact Kateri Dance, 618-530-5652.

Longtime member of our parish, **Marguerite Hufker**, will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 16, 2022. To commemorate this milestone her family would like to shower her with 100 cards (more would be wonderful). Include in your card any memory you might have of Marguerite. Please send your cards to:



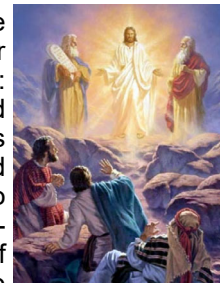
Marguerite Hufker
201 N. Main Street, Box 3
Moro, IL 62067

Kathy Hufker and M. Jayne Prior

A Reflection on the Readings

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Stay awake spiritually—Don't miss God's glory and action Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.



Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence? "Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your presence in my life, and to your life-giving word that nourishes me daily. Let me see your glory."



Prayer: Jesus, may I experience what the apostles did on Transfiguration Mountain. Prepare me for the rest of Lent and life.

Promise: "He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of His glorified body." —Phil 3:21

Praise: As we journey through the Lenten desert, we are not abandoned. Lord Jesus, You are the beacon for all who "worship in Spirit and truth" (see Jn 4:24). All praise to You!

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