

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5th, 2023

Like the story of Jesus' baptism, the Transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories are powerful manifestation of Jesus as He is, or as He will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine manifestation. The cloud is a sign of the presence of God Most High. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets. In the transfigured Jesus the Apostles got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. They needed it! It benefited them; even so, they would not fully understand until Jesus had risen from the dead. In the First Reading we see the obedience of Abraham, an obedience which brought blessings to many. It also points to the obedience of Jesus (an obedience which took Him to death on a cross) and to the blessings that would flow to the world as a result.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, March 5 th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |
| Monday, March 6 th <i>Lent</i> | - | - | - |
| Tuesday, March 7 st <i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i> | 10:30 am | + <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i> | By the Estate |
| Wednesday, March 8 th <i>St. John of God</i> | 9 am 4 pm | + <i>Marie Lehmann</i> <i>CANCELLED (Linwood)</i> | By the Lehmanns |
| Thursday, March 9 th <i>St. Frances of Rome</i> | 8 am | + <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i> | By the Estate |
| Friday, March 10 th <i>Lent</i> | 8 am 7 pm | + <i>Joseph Canning</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | By John & Christine Dixon |
| Saturday, March 11 th <i>Lent</i> | 5 pm | + <i>Rita Runstedler</i> + <i>Mary McCann</i> | Gilbert Runstedler & family |
| Sunday, March 12 th <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |

Our Saint of the Week – St. John of God (1495-1550) – having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred. He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life. Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor. He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa. Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick

poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order. John became ill after 10 years of service, but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Ossorio. The utter humility of John of God, which led to a totally selfless dedication to others, is most impressive. Here is a man who realized his nothingness in the face of God. The Lord blessed him with the gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to influence and inspire others. He saw that in his early life he had turned away from the Lord, and, moved to receive his mercy, John began his new commitment to love others in openness to God's love. St. John pray for us!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm we will have a potluck dinner for any women who attended the first series on Daughter. Any women who would like to join the next session are welcome to come also!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Consider joining your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Be generous with your time and follow the Lord as he walks for our Salvation.

MASS INTENTIONS – We have run out of current Mass intentions. Please remember that you can offer intentions for both living and deceased loved ones.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION – Mark your calendars! Our Lenten Parish Mission with Bishop Lobsinger runs for four days beginning March 18th. Mass on Monday and Tuesday will be celebrated at 7pm, with confession to follow Tuesday's Mass.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING – The Christian Mothers will be collecting items for Canadian Food for Children each week for the remainder of Lent, according to the following schedule:

- March 12 – Soap (bars or liquid)
- March 19 – Vegetable oil (4L size only)
- March 26 – Large bottles of Shampoo
- April 2 – Spaghetti sauce (no glass) & yarn, wool, sewing notions/material

VOCATION SEEDS – Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Michael Downey, Rev. Pawel Jamroz, Disabled Persons, Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot, Rev. Paglito Labado, & Rev. Duy Van Nguyen.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,730.00. Thank you for your generosity!