

MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

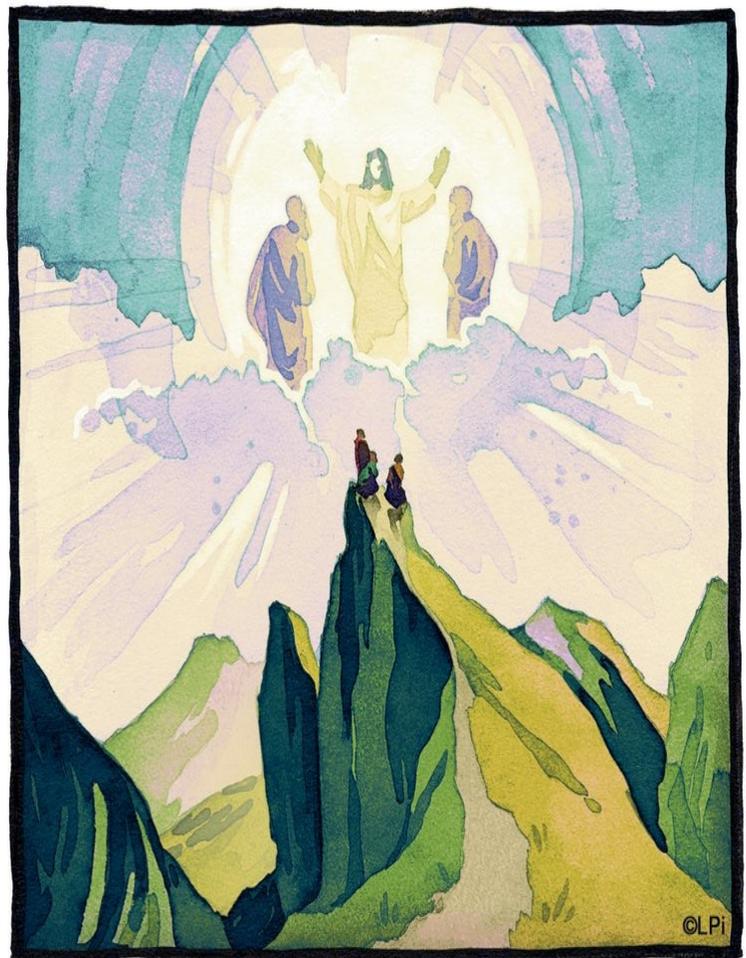
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



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From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

02-22-2025.....\$3,315
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$315
 YTD
 Offertory.....\$112,912
 Budget.....\$99,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$13,912
 Food Pantry\$



GENESIS 12:1-4A
2 TIMOTHY 1:8B-10
MATTHEW 17:1-9

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

Hi everyone!

This week, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel for this weekend is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration. I have always wondered why the Church puts this Gospel right at the beginning of Lent. I think the reason is that the Transfiguration comes after a key moment in the gospel story. Right before the Transfiguration, Jesus tells his disciples that he will die on the cross. If you remember, Peter and the others don't take this news well. In fact, they reject it! Jesus takes them up on the mountain to show them that the cross really is the way to life.

I think this is a great reflection for us in Lent. Do we embrace our cross and our Lenten penance, or do we run away from it? I pray that Jesus will open our eyes as he once opened the eyes of his followers to see the glory that the cross brings.

Fr. Rob

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 28	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Mary Anne McNamee
Sunday, March 1	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Angie Morrison
Monday, March 2	No Mass	
Tuesday, March 3	Noon Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Wednesday, March 4	No Mass	
Thursday, March 5	Noon Mass	+Charles L. Schmidt, Sr.
Friday, March 6	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Saturday, March 7	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Severino Tanael
Sunday, March 8	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 936

Parish Calendar & Announcements

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine. — Father John Muir ©LPi

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at **noon**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Join us each Friday at 6:00 pm for Stations of the Cross. Immediately following, join us in the parish hall for some delicious fish fried up by the Knights of Columbus and enjoy fellowship with our church families.

BOXES OF LOVE - Lisa delivered 12 bags of food to First Christian Church for the monthly community dinner. This contribution helps ensure that community members in need receive a warm meal and support from their neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support in this important ministry.

LAY MINISTRY - 03/01/2026

Lector - Sidney Cline
Lector Fill in Only - Paylin Meade
Gift Bearer Server - MaShawna Jacobs
Coffee & Donuts – Sidney & Valerie Cline
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Theresa Dawahare

LAY MINISTRY - 03/08/2026

Lector - Steve Mischenski
Lector Fill in Only - William Fleniken
Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata
Coffee & Donuts – Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Sidney Cline

LAY MINISTRY - 03/15/2026

Lector - Joe Collins
Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey
Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott
Coffee & Donuts – Todd & Sandra May
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

LAY MINISTRY - 03/22/2026

Lector - Mary Jo Ratliff
Lector Fill in Only - Paylin Meade
Gift Bearer Server - Todd & Sandra May
Coffee & Donuts – Denny Rohrer
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Frank Dawahare

LAY MINISTRY - 03/29/2026

Lector - Joseph Mata
Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff
Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata
Coffee & Donuts – Zach & Jonnica Bryson
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Pia Mata

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us. Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts. Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance. Help us remember what You have done, and look forward to what You will do. Amen.
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- Susie Johnson
- Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby, Kallum
- Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer
- Ray Buchanan
- Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister
- Jimmie Goss
- Chona Curry
- Sharon Collins, cancer
- Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad
- Sister Kathy Avery
- Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad
- Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother
- Wanda Baker
- Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son
- Sandy Lowe, cancer
- Ron Saros
- Helen Altman
- Fran Sykes
- +Peggy Anderson
- +Kenny Blackburn
- +Mary Anne McNamee
- +Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50