

Dear Padre,

Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings
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FORTEZENO/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b–10
Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16–20
Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18–20
Mt 20:17–28

Thursday
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5–10
Lk 16:19–31

Friday
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,
17b–28a
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday
MARCH 15
Third Sunday
of Lent
Ex 17:3–7
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,
19b–26, 39a, 40–42

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1–4a

2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9

What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

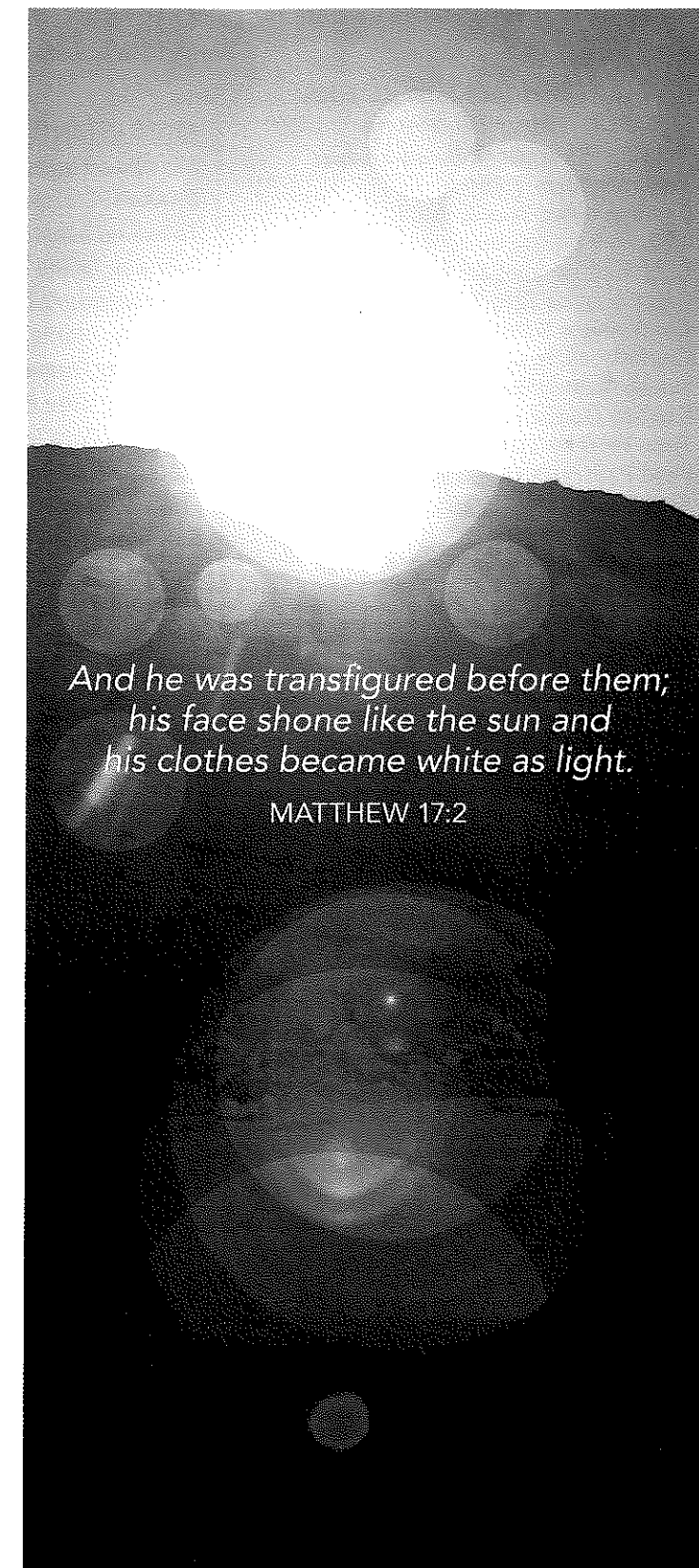
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- * Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?



And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and
his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

ALEXANDER/SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday
 10-2pm & by appointments.
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm
 Confessions: in GS Lometa
 Sunday 7:30-7:55am
 Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:
 Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am
 Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:
 Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am
 Shared Blessing:
 Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm
 Baptismal Class
 Call the office for date.
 Clase de Bautismo
 Llamar la oficina para la fecha.
 Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am
 Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour
 after the 6pm Spanish Mass.
*Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de
 la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los
 jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, March 9
 8:00am: Communion Service
Tuesday/Martes, March 10
 8:00am: Diane Hibbert Birthday
Wednesday/Miércoles, March 11
 8:00am: †Janie Ovalle
Thursday/Jueves, March 12
 8:00am: †Rev. Ralph Brennan
 6:00pm: Para los que sirven en el
 ejercito
Friday/Viernes, March 13
 8:00am: †Nick Hull
Saturday/Sábado, March 14
 5:30pm: †Andres Moreno
Sunday/Domingo, March 15
 8:00am: (GS) †Mary Tschoerner
 10:00am: Wanda Bunting Birthday
 Carlos & Vickie Franco Anniversary
 12:15pm: †Hermino Lopez

Sacrificial Giving: March 1

1st Collection: \$4248.60
 Children's Collection: \$81.10
 Ash Wednesday: \$513.00

Counters: March 10
 Robert & Emily Stluka

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Carlos Franco, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,
Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LECTORS March 7/8

Sat 5:30pm: Jonathan Marks
 Sun 10:00am: KOC
 Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo y
 Rosa Arevalo

LECTORS March 14/15

Sat 5:30pm: Teresa Swift
 Sun 10:00am: Adam Gamez
 Karen DeZarn
 Dom 12:15pm: Estela Montiel
 Kika Romero

Those Who Serve Our Country

Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser, Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall
GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY: Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Divine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.
GRUPO SAN BENITO: Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasillo arriba de la cafetería.
MENS PRAYER GROUP: Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in the upstairs hall.
ROSARY CRUSADE: Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, call Vicki Franco 512-540-1199 for more info
CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO: Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros
RCIA CLASS: Mondays @ 7:00pm
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Meets Sundays @ 9:00am in upper hall
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Meets Mondays @ 6pm in cafeteria

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent @6:00pm

VIACRUCIS: Todos los Viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY MOVIE NIGHT: March 8 @ 5:00pm
 "The Chronicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian"

BREAKFAST: Middle School will be hosting a Fundraiser Breakfast on Sunday March 15th after Mass.

**LENTE MENS PRAYER GROUP MEETING
 EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @7:00am IN THE
 KITCHEN. Contact Bryan Atkinson for more
 information @ 512-461-6838.**

**NO CCE WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, (THE WEEK
 OF SPRING BREAK)**

Good Shepherd Announcements

ALTAR: Nelda DeRuiso
LECTOR: Dianna Furlan.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent @ 6:00pm

NO GREATER LOVE: Thursdays @7:00pm, SESSION 3
 "Trial Before Pilot".

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Please join us for some breakfast and fellowship after Mass, Sunday, March 8th

CCE: Wednesday, March 11, of Spring Break week there will be classes ONLY for the High School Youth Group at 6:00pm

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: March 1

Weekly Offering: \$1397.00
 February Children's Collection: \$75.00
 Ash Wednesday: \$218.00

St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:

EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:

Schedule for Workshops:

St Thomas More/Austin (English) 3/9 @7:00pm
 St Julia/Austin (English) 3/10 @6:30pm
 St John Vianney/Round Rock (English) 3/12 @9:00am
 St Margaret Mary/Cedar Park (Spanish) 3/14 @9:00am
 St Mary Our Lady of the Lake/Lago Vista (English) 3/14 @9:00am
 Emmaus Parish/Lakeway (English) 3/14 @10:00am
 Emmaus Parish/Lakeway (Spanish) 3/14 @10:00am
 St Thomas More/Austin (English) 3/14 @10:00am
 St Paul the Apostle/Horseshoe Bay (English) 3/14 @10:00am
 St Julia/Austin (Spanish) 3/17 @6:30pm
 St Margaret Mary/Cedar Park (English) 3/19 @7:00pm
EIM workshop is for those serving as Lector, EMHC, members of groups like Guadalupanas, KOC, San Benito, Choir, Religious Education, Kitchen, Ushers, any Council, Counters, Pantry, Bereavement, Shared Blessings, Altar Society, etc.

LITURGY OF THE HOUR: Monday through Friday @ 7:30am and 5:30pm at St Mary and @8:00am at Good Shepherd.

CONFESSIONS: During Lent from 5:00-5:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday in the church @ St. Mary and every Friday @ Good Shepherd in Lometa.

CONFESIONES: Todos los Martes y Jueves durante la Cuaresma, comenzando de 5:00-5:30pm en la iglesia

2020 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:

St Charles Borromeo/Kingsland-March 11 @5:30pm (English)
 St Mary/San Saba-March 17 @6:00pm (English/Spanish)
 St Peter/Goldthwaite-March 25 @5:00pm (English/Spanish)
 Our Mother of Sorrow/Burnet-March 25 @5:30pm (English/Spanish)
 St Paul/Horseshoe Bay-March 26 @5:30pm (English/Spanish)
 St Mary/Lampasas-March 31 @10:00am & 6:00pm (English/Spanish)
 Good Shepherd/Lometa-April 1 @6:00pm (English/Spanish)
 St John/Marble Falls-April 1 @7:00pm (English/Spanish)
 St John/Marble Falls-April 2 @10:00am (English/Spanish)

FOOD HANDLERS COURSE: Food Safety "It's in Your Hands" accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered on Friday, March 27 starting at 3:00pm at Lampasas County Annex Conference Room. This course is required for all food service workers to help promote the service of safe food. The course is \$20 and the certificate is good for 2 years, to register please call Karen DeZarn at 512-556-8271.

Lenten Conference for Women: March 27-28, 9:00am-4:00pm, @ St John the Evangelist, Marble Falls. Registration forms at the back of the church or come by the office.

EASTER LILIES: It is time to order Lilies for Easter Sunday. The price is \$15.00, if you would like to order some in memory of someone or just because, the forms are at the back of the church, you can either put it in the offering basket and mark it Easter Lilies or you can come by the office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL FISH FRY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FROM 5:30-8:00PM.