THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Annunciation Catholic Church Bogalusa, Louisiana March 8, 2020

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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.

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks to everyone who purchased Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough. The shipment is scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday.

Students in grades Two and Three will visit the Shrine of Father Seelos in New Orleans on Wednesday. This trip is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the Knights for their continued dedication to ACS.

Bert Burr and the Easter Bunny will be at ACS on Monday, March 23rd for pictures. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this opportunity.

Do not forget to purchase your tickets for the ACS Spring Auction on March 28th.

Loving Father, help me to grow in trust of your direction in my life so that I may always follow you wherever you lead, even up a tall mountain.

Today's suggested penance: Listen to someone you would otherwise pass by.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

That we may be moved to reach out to parents caring for disabled children,
WE PRAY TO THE LORD….

The Hairpin Turns of Tabor

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church always brings us up a mountain to the wonder of the Transfiguration. It is a refreshing reminder of the purpose of Lent—not to test the strength or the weakness of our will, but rather to allow the glory of God to shine forth from us into the world.

Traditionally, this miracle of the Transfiguration took place on Mount Tabor, and if you go to the Holy Land today, you will be driven up to the top in a recklessly driven, tightly packed van with hairpin turns every thirty seconds—or, at least so it seems. In that rapid movement of the ascent, however, you begin to realize that without the hairpin turns it would take a much longer time to arrive at the top of the mountain.

In the spiritual life we can often think of "hairpin turns" as a sign of defeat. We just seem to be going back right to where we started. We are turned around again but we do not notice the ascent we have been making all along. The direction might seem the same but we are rising nonetheless and, before we even realize it, we are at the top. *Lord, it is good that we are here.* How good indeed.

Reflection based on Matthew 17:1-9

Students at Annunciation Catholic School will begin praying the Novena to St. Lucy beginning on March 10th. Parishioners are welcome to offer their intentions at the St. Theresa Altar in Church or by coming to the school.

Please Pray for those on our

Parish Prayer List

Danny Augustine, Patty Bailey, Mary Barber, Rhody Bertoniere, Dale Boler, Ray Bonnette, Thelma Bonnette, Tim Blansett, Buddy Breland, Linda Brennan, James Brignac, Mary D. Brignac, Margie Brown, Teresa Busby, Troy Carney, Peggy Chance, Louise Clocksin, Kelly Chighizola, Charles "Bud" Crain, Alex Diaz, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Stella Dicharry, Gary Duncan, Buddy Green, Ashley Grice, Linda Haaga, Vic Haik, James Hayman, III, Mike Henley, Gary Holloway, Sylvia Hughes, Aline Hymel, David Jarrett, Perry Keen, Walter Landrum, Denise Langston, Scott Lee, Kathleen Lemoine, Richard Lively, Billy Lott, Julie Lott, Ann Martin, Leonard Mayfield, Brittany Mitchell, Marie Mizell, Sarah Mizell, Marty Paige, Ruby Penatallo, Rhonda Penton, Val Perry, Huey Pierce, Tammie Pierce, Pat Pounds, Larry Quinn, Ethel Quirk, Emanuel Rachel, Kathleen Rachel, Tommie Jean Rayburn, Wayne Rhoden, Jeff Russell, McKenna Scroggs, Summer Seals, Sheryl Shelby, Andy Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart, June Stewart, Dudley Talley, Phillip Talley, Diana Thibodeaux, Gloria Tullier, Antoinette Warner, Shirley Wheat, *Chuck Williams, Sharon Williams*

Mass Schedule

Monday	**(March 9, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Comm. Serv. – Chapel
3:00 PM	Rosary
Tuesday	**(March 10, 2020)**
7:30 AM	Mass – Church
Wednesday	**(March 11, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
Thursday	**(March 12, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
Friday	**(March 13, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass - Chapel
Saturday	**(March 14, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass Chapel
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass – Church
Sunday	**(March 15, 2020)**
8:30 AM	Mass – Church
4:30 PM	Confessions *(en Espanol)*
5:00 PM	Mass *(en Espanol)*

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7th **4:00PM**
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, In Memory of Charles Mehle, Sr. Welfare of Millie Underwood, Welfare of Dudley Talley, Welfare of Scott Lee, Welfare of Gloria Tullier, Jeff Dugan

Sunday, March 8th **8:30AM**
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret and Bobby Bush, Cindy Cook, President John F. Kennedy, Welfare of Donna Talley, Mary Haaga, Welfare of James and Mary Brignac, Welfare of Ronnie Trapp, Welfare of Don Spiers, Sheri Brouillette

10:30 AM
Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday, March 10th **8:00 AM**
Welfare of Dudley Talley

Wednesday, March 11th **8:00AM**
Welfare of Julie Lott

Thursday, March 12th **8:00AM**
Welfare of Lloyd Winger

Friday, March 13th **8:00AM**
Welfare of Rita Anderson

Saturday, March 14th **4:00PM**
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Welfare of Dudley Talley, Welfare of Julie Lott, Welfare of Leann Ladner, Welfare of Billy Lott, Welfare of Johnny Johnson, Joe Shirer 90th Birthday

Sunday, March 15th **8:30AM**
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Rodney Capo, President John F. Kennedy, Welfare of Donna Talley, Welfare of Kenna Scroggs, Memory of Don Perkins, Hyacenth Steaes, Aline Sorrell, Vincent Brouillette, Irma Lee Callender

10:30 AM
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Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of:
Irma Lee Callender

Last Week's Collection
February 29th and March 1st, 2020

Loose-Checks & Cash	$3,312.00
Envelopes	$3,133.00
Total:	**$6,445.00**

Budgeted funds needed to operate: $6,445.00

Amount over weekly budget: $ 0.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!!!

Are You Listening???

In this Sunday's gospel we hear the familiar story of the Transfiguration. We have all heard this story before. There is so much that we can dig into, but one of the things I wonder about when I hear this story is, what about the other nine apostles—the other nine who didn't get to go up on the mountaintop?

You hear so many times in the Gospels about Jesus going off with Peter and James and John in particular. It's almost like Jesus was playing favorites or something… I find myself pondering as they are coming down from the mountain, after they have witnessed the amazing transfiguration of Jesus, He tells them, "Now don't tell anybody. Don't tell anyone what you have seen up here." Do you think that included the other nine?

Jesus said, "Do not tell anyone until after I've been raised from the dead." I often wonder; after Jesus rose from the dead, was Peter was like, "Hey, you know, we were on this mountaintop and this happened, and we saw this, and…"

If you were one of the other apostles, what would you think about all that? Would you believe him?

St. Thomas didn't believe his fellow apostles when they said Jesus was raised from the dead—at least, not at first. Do you think they believed what happened on the mountain?

When I was in seminary I was introduced to the concept of being a "holy nobody." A holy nobody is somebody who strives for holiness, yet no one ever notices. They are not some great saint in the sense that everyone knows their name and knows what they did. They are not the head of some big ministry in the parish. They do not get any sort of special attention for what they do. These are just people who strive to live a holy life and rarely get recognition for it.

So, if you are like a St. Bartholomew or St. Jude or one of the other apostles that does not get much attention in the Gospels, take heart. For they were they were the original holy nobodies.

In this week's daily Mass readings, St. Matthew the Evangelist is going to talk about who we are as well as who we are going to become. To a large extent, the theme of his gospel passages over the next week make us reflect upon ***what we really want.*** This Sunday's Gospel gives us an opportunity to ask "What do I really want? What do I really want from God? What does it really mean to me to be the-best-version-of-myself?" Do I really want to be on the mountaintop where everybody can see me? Do I need that? Or would I be okay with just being a ***holy nobody***?

- Fr. Bru