

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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### OUR MISSION

*As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Savior risen.*

*Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.*

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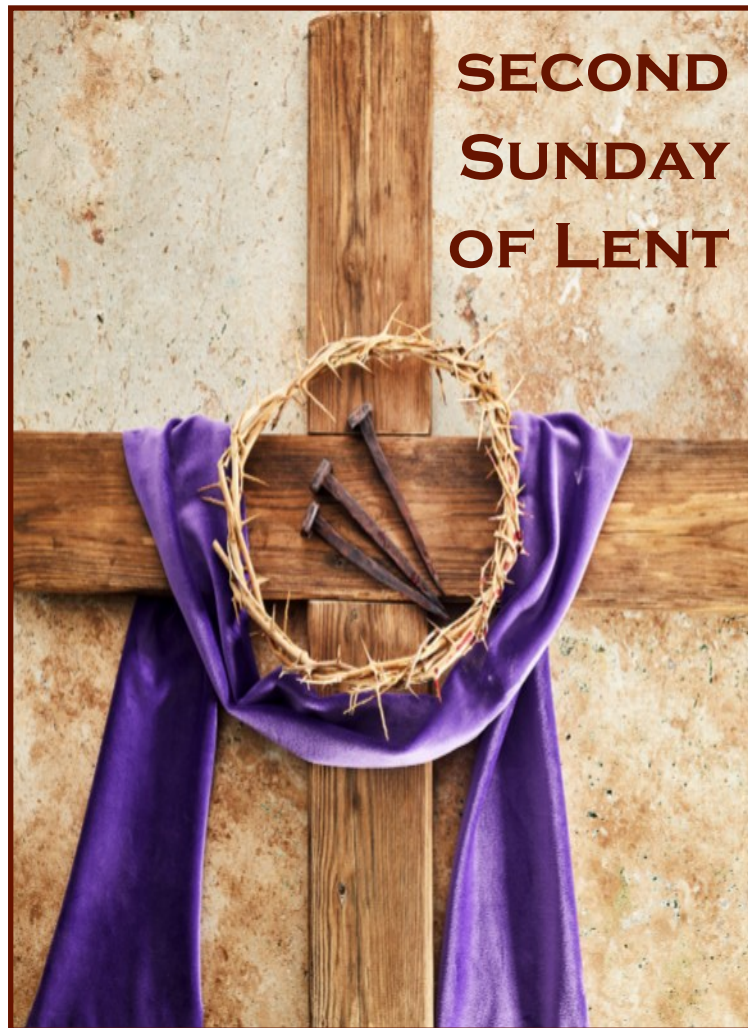
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### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday  
8:00am 9:30am &  
11:30am

Monday & Tuesday  
7:00pm  
Wednesday - Friday  
9:30am

Saturday  
5:00pm



### CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday  
4:00pm - 4:45pm  
(and after our  
Weekday Masses)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 16, 2025

As we continue our Lenten journey, this Second Sunday of Lent brings us to the mountaintop of the Transfiguration. From the darkness of sacrifice to the brilliance of Christ's glory, we see a glimpse of the promise that awaits us if we remain faithful.

### **A Covenant of Faith and Trust**

Our First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18) takes us back to Abraham, our father in faith. God asks him to look at the stars, a vision of the countless generations that will come from him. Yet, Abraham and Sarah are still childless. How could this promise be fulfilled? But Abraham believes, and "the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness" (Gen 15:6). God then seals His promise with a sacred covenant, an unbreakable bond of divine faithfulness.

This passage reminds us that God's promises are not always fulfilled in the ways we expect, but they are always true. When we struggle with uncertainty, when prayers seem unanswered, we are called like Abraham to trust in God's timing. Lent is our time to renew that trust, surrendering our fears to the One who never fails us.

### **Citizens of Heaven: Where Is Our True Home?**

In the Second Reading (Philippians 3:20—4:1), St. Paul reminds us: *"Our citizenship is in heaven."* This is a powerful statement in a world that often defines us by nationality, status, or success. But Paul invites us to lift our eyes beyond the temporary and to anchor our hearts in eternity.

Too often, we become fixated on earthly concerns: finances, careers, social pressures; forgetting that our ultimate calling is to be with God. This is why Lent is so vital: it refocuses us on what truly matters. Paul exhorts us to "stand firm in the Lord" (Phil 4:1), resisting the temptations that pull us away from our heavenly calling.

### **The Transfiguration: A Glimpse of Glory in the Midst of Struggle**

The Gospel (Luke 9:28b-36) brings us to Mount Tabor, where Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shines like the sun, His garments become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear beside Him. Then comes the voice from the cloud: **"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!"**

What is the meaning of this profound moment? Jesus had just told His disciples that He would suffer and die. The Transfiguration, then, is God's reassurance that suffering is not the final word. Before Jesus endures the agony of the Cross, the Father reveals His divine glory.

This is a message for all of us. There are times in life when we face trials, illness, grief, doubt, or failure. But like the disciples, God gives us moments of clarity, glimpses of His love and presence, so that we may press on in faith. We need those "mountaintop moments": times of prayer, grace, and spiritual renewal, to strengthen us for the journey ahead.

### **"Listen to Him!" – A Call to Silence and Prayer**

The Father's command, *"Listen to Him,"* is an urgent Lenten invitation. Do we truly listen to Christ? Or are we too distracted by the noise of our daily lives?

- **In our prayer life:** Do we take time to be still and hear God's voice? Silence is the language of God.
- **In our relationships:** Do we listen with love, or do we react in haste? True listening fosters healing and understanding.
- **In our moral choices:** Do we listen to the voice of Christ in our conscience, or do we follow what is convenient?

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, *"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer."* This Lent, let us cultivate the habit of listening to God, to one another, and to the needs of those around us.

### **Living the Transfiguration in Daily Life**

How do we take the Transfiguration from the mountain into our daily lives?

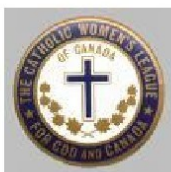
1. **Stay close to Christ in prayer:** Prayer transforms us. Just as Jesus prayed before His Transfiguration, we, too, are changed when we spend time with Him.
2. **See Christ in others:** In the poor, the suffering, the lonely can we recognize the face of Christ shining through them?
3. **Live with hope:** Like Abraham, trust in God's promises. Like Paul, remember that our citizenship is in heaven. Like Peter, James, and John, do not let fear keep you from following Christ.

As we continue through Lent, let us take the Father's words to heart: *"Listen to Him."* May we listen in silence, in Scripture, in the Eucharist, and in the cries of those in need. And may we, through prayer and trust, be transformed into the people God calls us to be.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

*Mass Intentions*  
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm For the <b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am † <b>John Paul Dempsey</b> Requested by: Ursula Dempsey
	8:00 am † <b>George Francisco</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † <b>Pawel &amp; Paula Zorowski</b> Requested by: Andy Fuks
	9:30 am † <b>Elizabeth Haas Ortega</b> Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † <b>Fred Aloise</b> Requested by: Maria Aloise
Monday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>William Hawrish</b> Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
Tuesday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>Conrad Zarzycki</b> Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm † <b>Blazenska Skracic</b> Requested by: Zdenko Skracic
	7:00 pm † <b>Otilie &amp; Deedee Mieschke</b> Requested by: Conrad Mieschke
Wednesday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus</b>
Thursday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Bridget Prior</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Friday March 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Everdina Robinson</b> Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
	9:30 am † <b>Karl Amm</b> Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
	9:30 am † <b>Joseph &amp; Josephine Pace</b> Requested by: Lorriane Pace



General Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. We meet in the Parish Hall after the 7:00pm Mass. New members are always welcome.



**LENEN CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on:  
Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.

All three of our priests will be available to hear confessions on that day.



**WELCOME WEDNESDAY**

Please join us at our Welcome Wednesday Drop-In for videos, activities and plenty of conversation. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**As you know, we are celebrating a Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.** If you are interested in learning more about what that means and how you can participate fully, please join us on **Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** as we welcome long time parishioner, Stephanie Maher to educate us about this very special event.



The CWL Crafters are looking for donations of buttons, metal jar lids, and bits and bobs of jewelry. There will be small collection bins available in the foyer before all the Masses. All adults are welcome to join the Crafters on Tuesdays from 9am-12pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring a snack for themselves or one to share with the group.



**The Stations of the Cross**

Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at **7:00 pm.** during Lent. The *Stations of the Cross* will take place **Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>** and will be led by the Members of the Choir.

**We invite you to join us at 6:00 pm for a simple meal of soup and bread.**



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses for Fellowship. This week's hosts are members of the parish.

**REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

† Elizabeth Haas Ortega † George Francisco  
† Robert Irvine



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

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