

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:40am

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

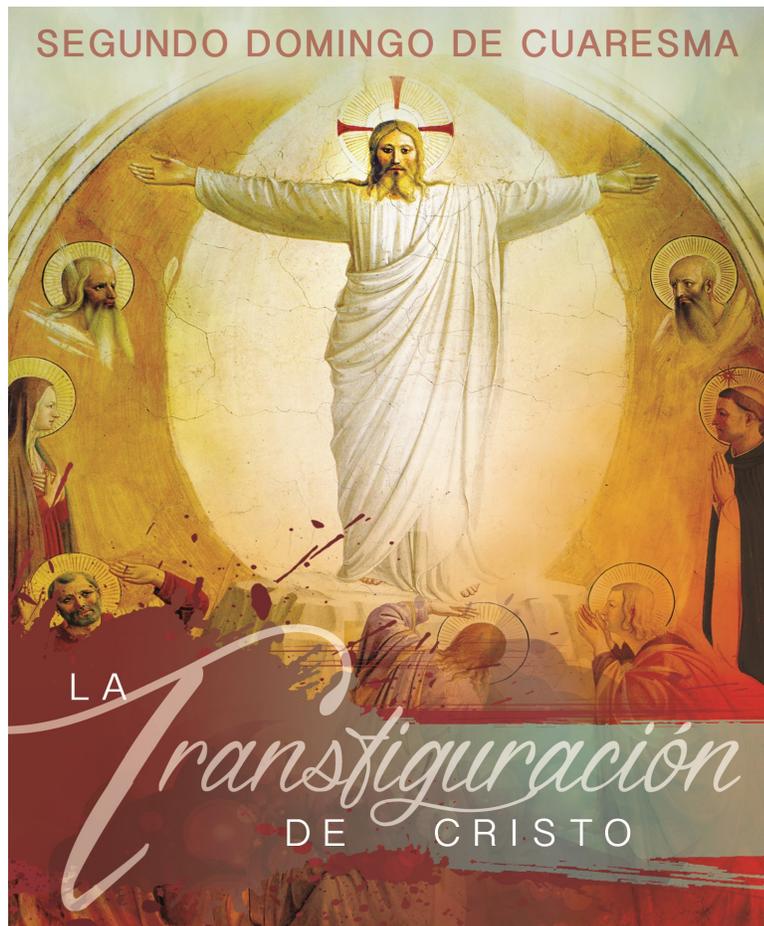
Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:00am y Misa a las 7:30am

Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz con
Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



March 5th, 2023

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Friday: At 6:00pm Rosario of Queen of Peace with
Adoration

Saturday: Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

The Renaissance artist Raphael painted the Transfiguration scene that we hear in the Gospel today. If you have been to the Vatican Museum in Rome, you have seen this painting. If you have been Saint Peter's Basilica, you have seen a mosaic copy of this painting to the left of the baldachin. If you haven't been to Rome, google "transfiguration" and you will see it immediately. Many call this the greatest work of art ever painted!

Raphael's painting is tall. It is twelve and a half feet in height. Since the canvas is so tall, Raphael was able to paint two distinct scenes. On the upper part of the canvas, he shows what happened on the top of the mountain. Jesus is transfigured. His face is bright. He is floating in the air. Everything is light and airy. Moses and Elijah are conversing with him, while Peter, James, and John hide their faces in fear.

On the lower part of the canvas, Raphael shows what was happening at the bottom of the mountain where the other disciples waited. While the scene on top of the mountain is bright, the scene of the bottom of the mountain is dark. While the scene on the top of the mountain is tranquil, the scene of the bottom of the mountain is chaotic. A father has brought his son, who is possessed by a demon to the apostles at the bottom of the mountain. But the disciples are unable to heal the boy. He throws his arms in the air while his father looks on with a mixture of fear and disappointment while persevering in hope. Meanwhile, many of the disciples fling their arms in frenzied confusion. One feverishly scans a book, looking for an answer, while another urgently points to Christ on the mountain. Indeed, we cannot understand what happened on top of the mountain without remembering what was happening at the bottom of the mountain.

Christ has come to save us from the confusion of life. Christ has come to save us from the hardships of life. Christ has called us to a holy life so that we might be forever saved, even from the torments of this life.

Of course, suffering remains in our world. There is no need to look too hard for it. Even this reading from Saint Matthew's Gospel understands this, since it tells of how the disciples could not heal the boy themselves. Even while Christ was being transfigured, suffering remained in the world. But we can say that Jesus was transfigured to offer us hope. Jesus was transfigured to give us a glimpse of the glory that is to come. Christ was transfigured to give his disciples a glimpse of his future resurrection. Christ was transfigured to give his followers a glimpse into how faith in him will transform the world.

I once knew a woman named Mary in a parish where I served. Mary was a very poor woman. She was poor in nearly every respect. She was materially poor. She was poor emotionally since she was abused as a child. She had no family. She had been married for a short time, but he abused her and left her. Yes, Mary was poor in many ways. But Mary's faith erased all of that and made her feel like the richest woman in the world. She was always the first one in church and the last one to leave. She was always the first to volunteer to serve the poor, to visit the sick, to comfort the grieving. Mary's faith gave her a glimpse of the glory that was to come for her! You can say that Mary was transformed in the midst of those who worshiped with her Sunday after Sunday. Seeing Mary transformed in the midst of our brutal and hard world gave each and all hope for our own transfigurations.

During this season of Lent, we undergo penitential practices. We don't undergo these practices simply to suffer. We don't undergo these practices to lose weight or to get healthy. We undergo these practices to make room for the Lord who transforms our lives with his presence. So, on a Friday during Lent when you have just finished a delicious hamburger because you forgot that it was Friday, don't get upset with yourself. Think of it as a tap on your shoulder from Jesus. Think of it as Jesus asking you, "Do you remember me? Will you make time for me?" Because when we make time for Jesus, he transforms our lives!

The Good News is that Christ came to transform us! The Good News of this Gospel is that Christ has called us to a holy life so that we might be forever saved, even from the torments of this life.

Fr. Edward Linton

Fr. Victor's Schedule

Fr. Victor is scheduled
to be at "Our Lady of the Desert"
the 4th Sunday of every month.
(Dates are subject to change)

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
20, 22 (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

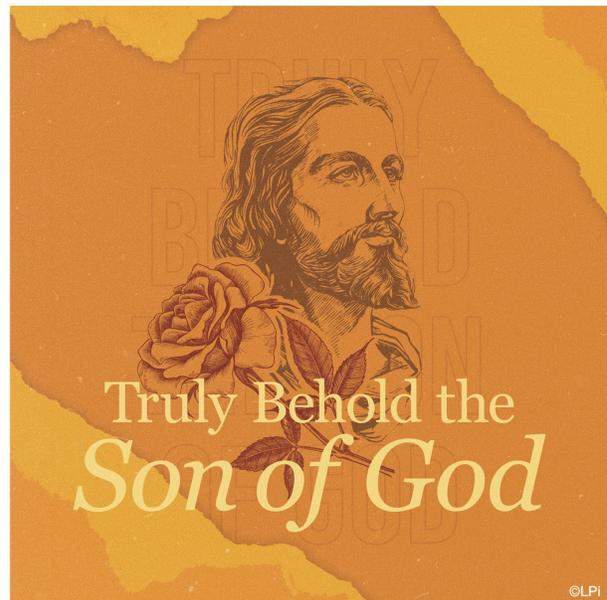
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2,
3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
(8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5
42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42



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Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my *sister!*" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him."** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life.
(2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



Saint of the week

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy though the many institutions that now boast her name.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman's intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!



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