



Second Sunday of Lent

March 15/16, 2025

**Genesis 15.5-12,17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1;
Luke 9.28b-36**

Today, the second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy of the word invariably brings us the Gospel episode of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This year with the nuances proper to St. Luke.

The third evangelist is the one who most intensely emphasizes Jesus in prayer, the Son who is permanently united to the Father through personal prayer, sometimes intimate, hidden; sometimes in the presence of his disciples, filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

Let us note, then, that Luke is the only one of the synoptics who begins the narration of this story thus: "Jesus (...) went up the mountain to pray" (Lk 9:28), and, therefore, he is also the one who specifies that the transfiguration of the Master occurred "while he was praying" (Lk 9:29). This is not a secondary fact.

Prayer is presented as the ideal, natural context for the vision of Christ's glory: when Peter, John and James awoke, "they saw his glory" (Lk 9:32). But not only his glory, but also the glory that God had already manifested in the Law and the Prophets; these - says the evangelist - "appeared in glory" (Lk 9:31). Indeed, they too find their own splendor when the Son speaks to the Father in the love of the Spirit. Thus, at the heart of the Trinity, the Passover of Jesus, "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Lk 9:31) is the sign that manifests God's plan from the beginning, carried out in the heart of Israel's history, until its definitive fulfilment, in the fullness of time, in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the incarnate Son.

It is good for us to remember this Lent and always that only if we allow the Spirit of piety to emerge in our lives, establishing with the Lord a familiar, inseparable relationship, will we be able to enjoy the contemplation of his glory. It is urgent to allow ourselves to be impressed by the vision of the face of the Transfigured One. Perhaps our Christian experience has too many words and lacks the amazement that made Peter and his companions authentic witnesses of the living Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)
10:00 am - OLC (Pl)
10:00 am - St. Mary (It)
10:00 am St. Patrick (En)
12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

SATURDAY

9:00 am - OLC (Pl)
1st Saturday of the month

CONFESSIONS

OL CZESTOCHOWA

Saturday at 4:00 pm
& before weekly Mass

ST. MARY

Saturdays at 4:00 pm
& before weekly Mass

ST. PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Saturday at 4:00 pm

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
beside St. Mary Church

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

March 10 to March 16, 2025	March 17 to March 23, 2025
<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 11 <u>Mary of Perpetual Help</u> <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i> 7:00pm † Dec.d members of St. Patrick CWL <u>Novena Mass</u> † Bruno Sinosic † Ottavio & Phyllis Marino † Catherine Lovett</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 18 <u>Mary of Perpetual Help</u> <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i> 7:00pm Int.of Graeme & Annegret Hunter <u>Novena Mass</u> † Jack & Betty Henderson † Richard Rodrigues † Catherine Lovett</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 9:00am † DeWit Family † Patricia Arthur</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 <u>St. Joseph</u> 9:00 am Int.of Jonathan, wife & son † Marie Smith</p>
<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 13 9:00am Int.of John & Yvette MacLeod † Eugene Labossiere</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 20 9:00am † Olga Dias † Maria Coutinho</p>
<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 15 <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u> 5:00 pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Jozef & Wladyslawa Kazmierczyk</p>	<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 22 <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u> 5:00pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> For Souls in Purgatory</p>
<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 16 <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u> 10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 23 <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u> 10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Patricia Proctor</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

ST. PATRICK DAY, Patron of our Parish

On March 17, we are honoring St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland and Patron Saint of our Parish Church. He was an influential Saint - 1500 years ago, brought Christianity to the little country of Ireland. After 15 Centuries, Saint Patrick remains for all Irishmen the great Bishop and the Father in their faith. **St. Patrick, pray for us & protect us all!** Today, we are also celebrating, **73 anniversary** of the Consecration of our present Church building, which was built and consecrated on **March 16, 1952**.

Today, on **March 16, after the 10:00am Mass**, we are all invited to our **Parish Hall** to commemorate the anniversary with a coffee and green cake.

An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 And the rain fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten Season we are meditating the Stations of the Cross, every Tuesday at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm (Novena Mass)

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS - April 9

Confession time: St. Patrick: 9:30 to 12:00;
 O.L.Czestochowa: 1:00 - 4:00; St. Mary: 4:00 - 6:30.

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY-March 19

On Wednesday, March 19, we are celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of B.V.Mary. Patron of Universal Church. Solemn Mass on that day at 9:00am.

"Oh, St. Joseph, watchful Guardian of the Holy Family pray for us & for all the Church! May we all follow your example of faith and trust in the Lord!"

CCODP-for Development & Peace

Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, the Christians express their desire to turn toward God and all God's children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada reserved the Season of Lent for collection to assist the Global South. *"So many people, even today, hope to have enough to eat. The Planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking."*

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Holy Week is the week which proceeds the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday; it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of His life on earth, beginning with His messianic entrance into Jerusalem. (Passion Sunday)

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper: **7:00pm**
Good Friday - Passion of our Lord: **11:00am & 3pm**
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: **7:00pm**
Easter Sunday Mass - **10:00am**