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We open our hearts and doors to our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew's Parish as they go through this time of transition. We are truly blessed to walk this journey of faith with you and we also trust in God's promise that:

*"Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst" (Matthew 18:20).*

As we join together in prayer, worship, and fellowship, may we grow as one family in Christ-sharing our gifts, traditions and our love for the Lord.

Reverend Thomas J. Woodhouse, Pastor  
Deacon Paul M. Shea, Deacon Assistant  
Sister Cristina Gomez, H.M.S.P., Parish Missionary

### Mass Schedule:

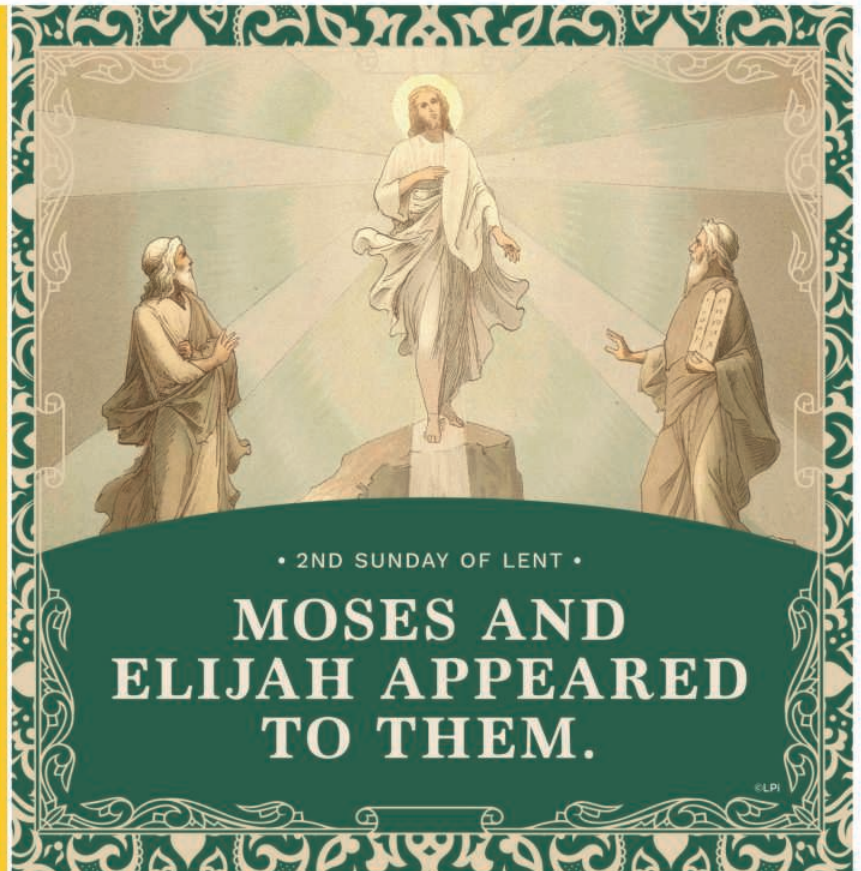
Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM | 9:30AM &  
11:30AM | 1:30PM - Korean Mass  
Weekdays: 12:05PM

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• 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT •

**MOSES AND  
ELIJAH APPEARED  
TO THEM.**

### From the Pastor...

I'm writing this on Monday night, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, as the blizzard seems to be on its way out, (I named this blizzard "Winter Storm Polycarp" since it happened on his feast day, and because he is a great saint with an amazing story - and he has a cool name to boot).

We were fortunate, in the rectory, in that we didn't lose power, and I didn't realize how lucky we were until I heard from some of my friends and parishioners. I understand that many of you lost power during the storm and are still without it as I write this. But I was impressed that the folks I talked to were all taking it in stride, calling it a "minor inconvenience."

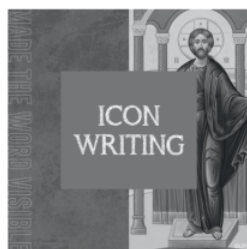
In times like these we may feel a little helpless. When we are deprived of some of the things we take for granted we realize that we are dependent on the power company to repair the problems and the plowing companies to clear the roads. As I was reflecting on this, I was reminded about how we are all helpless without God, "without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Sometimes we may take all the gifts that God gives us for granted, but the reality is that we are totally dependent on God, and when we acknowledge this, we are on the road to holiness.

Reflecting further, with the storm occurring during the first week of Lent, we can use this as a reminder of our dependency to reinforce our Lenten practices so we can experience a deeper conversion during this holy time of year.

I pray that we all emerge from the storm safely and with a greater understanding of God's love and a stronger desire to return it and bring it to others.

*Jr. Woodhouse*

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to man in the flesh.



### Holy Mass This Week

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | Second Sunday of Lent Vigil**  
4:30PM Virginia Neri (Memorial)

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> | Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:00AM Paul F. Habershaw (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
9:30AM The People of St. Paul Parish  
11:30AM Christopher Ferns (Memorial)  
1:30PM Korean Mass

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Second Week of Lent**  
12:05PM Bernard Lovely (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> | St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**  
12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> | St. Casimir**  
12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> of the Second Week of Lent**  
12:05PM Eugene Pius McKenna (Month's Mind)

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> of the Second Week of Lent**  
12:05PM The Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> | Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs; Third Sunday of Lent Vigil**  
4:30PM David White (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> | Third Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins**

8:00AM Mary & Joseph Sullivan (Memorial)  
9:30AM Manuel Pons (Memorial)  
11:30AM William F. Clarkin (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
1:30PM Korean Mass

#### ST. MATTHEW'S - COUNTER SCHEDULE:

MARCH 2, 2026 - Team 1

MARCH 9, 2026 - Team 2



### SOUNDS OF LENT

During the season of Lent, we will sing the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and the Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God") using their traditional Latin texts. Lent is a time of reflection, simplicity, and deeper connection to the Church's heritage. Praying these familiar parts of the Mass in Latin unites us with Catholics around the world and across generations, reminding us of the universality and timelessness of our faith. The **Sanctus response can be found in the Breaking Bread, number 839**, and the **Agnus Dei response can be found in the Breaking Bread, number 843**; both in the back of the book.



Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

## Second Sunday of Lent

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### Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 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/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

#### Collections for February 14 & 15

**Budget: \$5,366.50**

- \$3,878.00 | (envelopes)
- \$1,488.50 | (loose)
- Votive Candles: \$392.00
- Monthly: \$651.00
- Annual: \$100.00
- H.E.L.P.: \$15.00
- Outreach: \$16.00
- Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00
- Easter Flowers: \$5.00
- Ash Wednesday: \$15.00
- Immaculate Conception: \$5.00

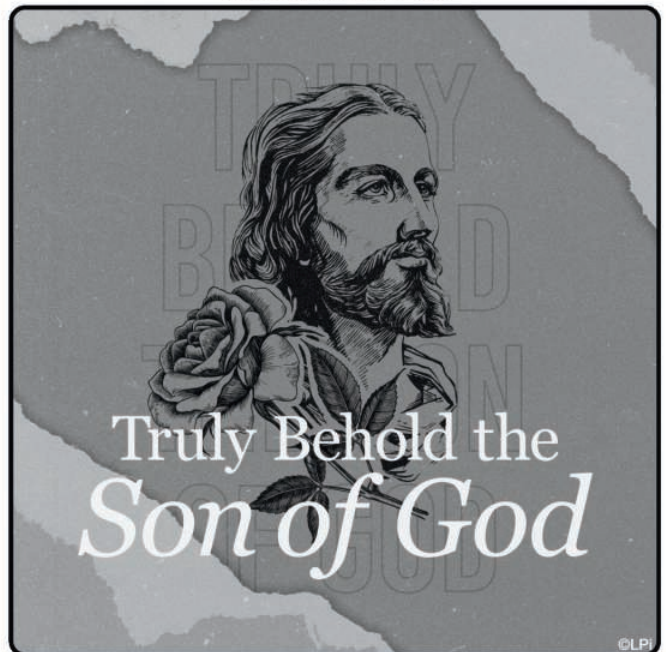
#### ParishSOFT Collections for: Month of December (revised)

- Weekly Budget: \$7,667.50**
- H.E.L.P.: \$210.00
  - Parish Collection: \$450.00
  - Offertory: \$2,325.00
  - Retired Religious: \$1,515.00
  - Christmas: \$2,330.00
  - Immaculate Conception: \$100.00
  - Outreach: \$100.00



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 and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. — Mt 17:1-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD



### Saint Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our longterm sick list: Julie Middleton, Mary, John Petrilli, Silvana Scatena, Mark & Crissy Gangone, Joel Kahn, Denise Att, Annie Powderly, Lou Cimini, Justin Hsu, Steve Colella, Clinton Stayton, Liz Bowman, Albert Thuente, Scott Foley, Diane Woodhouse, Pete Sorci, Carol Osadnick, Rosalia Verrone, Audrey, Fr. Jack Lavin, Jason Li, Linda Vaillant, Michael Conti, Elie Kamara, Cheryl Church, Sheila Raposa, Michael Andrews, Milly Monteiro, David Stenhouse, Dave Suwalski, Lisa Davis, John Caffrey, John K, Daniel K, Mario, Terrence Hogan & Marilyn Rodriguez and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals and living in nursing facilities.

*Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer Chain.*

Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health  
of those who believe in You.  
Hear us for Your sick servants  
for whom we implore the aid of  
Your tender mercy, that being restored  
to bodily health, they may give thanks to  
You in Your Church. Through Christ our  
Lord. Amen

### Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces...

- BMI Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Guard
- AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard
- CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army
- MSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army
- SFC Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army
- SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army
- SGT Alex Brant, U.S. Army
- LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy
- 2nd LT Tristan Henthorne, U.S. Air Force
- SSGT Lena Lau, U.S. Air Force
- SSGT Stephen J. Colella, U.S. Air Force AMN
- Sean Drumm, U.S. Air Force
- Major John O'Gorman, U.S. Marine Corps
- PFC Andrew Clermont, U.S. Marine Corps
- SPC Jaireal Rodriguez, U.S. Army National Guard
- MA3 Pamela Castillo Diaz, U.S. Navy
- PFC Alex Usher, U.S. Marine Corps
- ITE2 Jesse Allen, U.S. Navy
- LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard

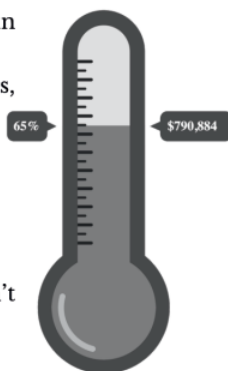


## Campaign Updates

Thanks be to God we have met our pledge goal for our Repair, Restore, Rejoice Capital Campaign.

GOAL: \$1,225,505

We will now be showing our progress in receiving the funds to meet the pledge goal. Our thermometer shows the current pledges, and the “mercury” shows the money we have received to meet our pledge goal.



### As of February 20, 2026:

Pledges received: \$790,844.95

Outstanding to be received: \$434,660.05

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office!

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## WHEN IS GIFT?



Please note that there **will not be** any Growing in Faith Together sessions held in March so that everyone will be able to attend the Mission.

**See you there!**

*Please check out our Lenten Mission Flyer on page 5 of this bulletin for Mission dates and times!*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross devotion takes place in the church on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00PM.

If you are new to this devotion, simply come to the church a few minutes early, pick up a booklet from the baskets located at the entrances to the church and be seated. According to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Study Group meets this **Monday, March 2nd, at 7:10PM** in Saint Paul School Auditorium. The session immediately follows Monday Evening Devotions, which begin with recitation of the Rosary at 6:15 and end with Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM. The group is currently reading "Come to Me: Living the Nine First Fridays" by Sister Anne Flanagan FSP. The group is open to all women – new members welcome anytime.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 2nd Sunday of Lent Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, “his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.


We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

**Lenten Challenge:** Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir* | ©LPi






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# LENTEN MISSION



WITH: FR. PETER GROVER, OMV

Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place:

\*Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> | 7PM

Topics will be about:

~ Prayer, Eucharist & Made in God's Image ~

\*Adoration & Confession will be held each of the Mission nights.

Fr. Peter Grover, OMV will also be preaching at all the Masses on the weekend of

**February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>**

leading into the Mission Week.



## "LET'S BE CHRIST'S

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**MARCH 10-14** WE FINISH WITH 4:30 SATURDAY MASS IN THANKSGIVING

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12:30PM ROSARY  
3:00PM MERCY CHAPLET  
7:00PM VESPERS

EXCEPT FRIDAY WE'LL DO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Contact Sr. Cristina to sign up and/or receive more info

401-601-8906, sistercristina@hmosp.org



St. Katharine Drexel (Nov. 26, 1858 – Mar. 3, 1955), is one of the first American-born saints. Giving up her inheritance, she founded a religious order which established 63 schools and 50 missions for African and Native Americans, including Xavier University of Louisiana.

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### BLESSING OF HOPE



In Your goodness Lord, bless us. Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts.

Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance.

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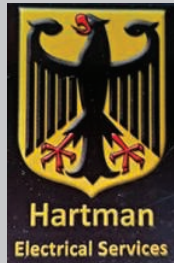
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