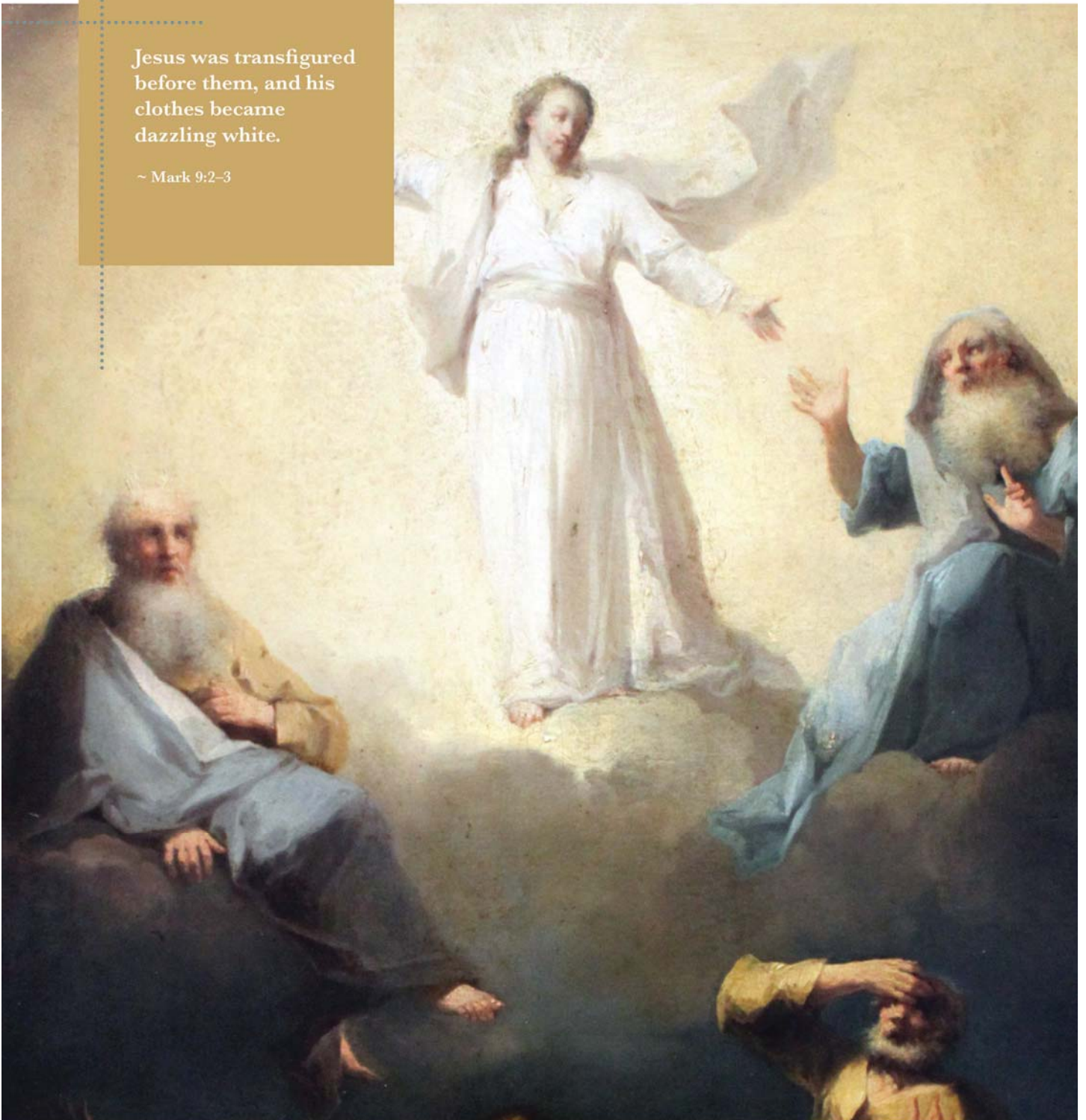


FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured
before them, and his
clothes became
dazzling white.

~ Mark 9:2-3



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Lent 2021

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All Fridays in Lent (Except Good Friday) 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Stations will begin at 7pm

Reservations need to be made a minimum of 30 minutes prior to Stations.

NO Booklets for Stations will be provided but you may visit our website and print your own, please be sure to bring it home with you.

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*

Diocese of Joliet

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Dr. David Castronovo, JD, JCD
Chancellor

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn’t you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Patricia Coleman

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Sunday YTD July-December 2020

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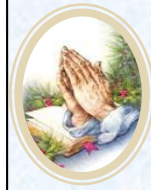
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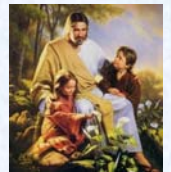


Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiarres,
Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian
Andy Shreckengost



Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$95,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.



LIFE IN ACTION | MIRACLE OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2021



"I might have to change my mind..."

When Amber first arrived at Waterleaf, she stated that she was looking for an abortion. A college student, with two part-time jobs and living at home with her parents, she felt she could not afford to have a child at this time. She said that the baby's father, Don, seemed to initially panic at the thought of her pregnancy but told her that if she wanted to keep the baby, he would be there for her.

At her first appointment, she asked about the abortion pill and how it worked. After she was provided the information, her cousin, Teri, who came to the appointment as a support, hugged her and said that while pregnancy might be an additional stressor on an already stressful situation, she would be there throughout for Amber. During her initial ultrasound, both Amber and Teri cried when they saw the baby.

Amber said, "I might have to change my mind and not do the abortion after seeing that", as she pointed to the ultrasound on the screen.

At a follow-up visit, Amber and Don arrived together, and both seemed awed at the sight of the baby during the subsequent ultrasound. Afterward she told the staff she has changed her mind and "we have decided to go through with the pregnancy." She stated she had some concerns about telling her parents, but the Waterleaf staff reassured her that they could help her find the right words to say.

At her last visit, Amber came with her mom! She had told both hers and Don's parents and all stated they are happy for them and will support them. "I'm very happy with my decision. Even after seeing the first ultrasound, I was torn, but in speaking with my mom, I realized I want to keep my baby."

Amber has met with a resource specialist in our Aspire Education and Resource Center and is getting the additional support she needs for health insurance.



Truth about the Equality Act

The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith, threatens unborn life, and undermines the common good.

Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

The Equality Act:

- exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith

- forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities

- requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys

- forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down

- jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives

- hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

Take Action

The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life. Tell your elected officials to oppose it!



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