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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & Noon

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

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**FEBRUARY 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Christ's light dazzles in the darkness

We are getting to know different perspectives of Jesus this Lent. In last week's gospel Jesus is tempted in the desert prior to the start of his public ministry. We read Jesus displaying his humanity: alone, famished, suffering, and tempted.

In stark contrast today's passage profiles the Transfiguration: Jesus is not on the flat plain of a desert, but up a high mountain with Peter, James and John. Jesus displays not the lowliness of his humanity, but the greatness of his divinity: as he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Lastly, Jesus is not alone as he was last week: this week two men talked to Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

We missed one verse in today's gospel. Had we read the first part of v. 2, it would say "Now six days later". What happened 6 days before? Jesus speaks about the conditions of discipleship: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it" (Mk 8:34-35).

Jesus gives his disciples bad news that the Transfiguration is transitory when he says: "'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' (9:10)" It's not the Transfiguration that reveals the fullness of Jesus' glory, it's the Resurrection. Ultimately, the dazzling light of the Transfiguration serves as a source of encouragement to Peter, James and John to give them hope, as the reality and the darkness and horror of the Cross draws near.

The Transfiguration of Jesus took place 2000 years ago, but does it still happen today? Have you encountered the Transfiguration in your life: a moment of glory in the midst of the daily grind or even great trials?

By virtue of our faith in Jesus and the experience of his death and Resurrection beginning in Baptism, we can. Our celebration of Lent focuses on fasting, prayer and almsgiving. By going beyond ourselves, we become lights of faith in the darkness of those who are undergoing great struggles or even those who don't know Jesus.

Let us bear witness to Jesus' Transfiguration where there is darkness in the world, through our fasting, prayer and works of charity.

Readings for March 7 — Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: (Exodus 20:1-17) The Law was given through Moses.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25++) We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some, but to those who are the called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel: (John 2:13-25) Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Stewardship of Treasure — Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, 2021

General Collections	Last Week
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$3,435.
Other Income	\$ 615.
Total	\$4,050.

Thank you for your financial support to St Mary's Cathedral during this difficult time. It is now possible to make a donation through a variety of means: by phone or in person at the **parish office**, by using the **drop-box locations** or by making a debit/credit donation at the **Gift Booth** before and after Masses. You can also visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an **online** donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact: Lillian at 403 228-4170.

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. Throughout Lent:

Eucharistic Adoration: every Friday (8:00 am–4:30 pm). **Confession** available throughout the day.

Stations of the Cross: Please consider taking thirty minutes of time each week to reflect on the final hours of Jesus' life by taking part in the Stations of the Cross which will begin after the 5:00 pm Mass. This Friday the Stations will be lead by members of the RCIA program.

Mass Registration Update

Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation to ensure the Cathedral's health and wellbeing during the COVID pandemic. With the nice weather and lower COVID infections, more people want to come to Mass. Here are a few ways to make it easy to attend:

- the Cathedral's 15% COVID-restricted capacity right now is 165. Once the Cathedral reaches its capacity it must lock its door, as well as once Mass begins.
- Your pre-registered spot will be held until 10 minutes before the start of Mass. We encourage you to arrive early. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass
- Bring your own mask & wear your own mask upon entering
- Sanitize hands upon entering and exiting
- An usher will direct you to your seat; remain in the seat for the duration of the mass while practicing the required 2 meter social distancing
- Exit through side doors
- Receive communion in the hand and consume it OFF TO THE SIDE where RED SQUARE markers are found on the carpet
- You are welcome to drop off your offering donation into the black donation boxes before sanitizing hands

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Mar. 1

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory (INT)

5:00 pm Rev. Stan Henke (RIP)

Tuesday, Mar. 2

7:30 am Clara Kohlman (RIP)

5:00 pm Anne & Stanley Judd (RIP)

Wednesday, Mar. 3

7:30 am Jason Bickert (INT)

5:00 pm Gerard Roy (RIP)

Thursday, Mar. 4

7:30 am Antonio Berthe (INT)

5:00 pm Dorothy & Rosa Owens (RIP)

Friday, Mar. 5

7:30 am Lily Illescas (INT)

5:00 pm Andrew Harnett (RIP)

Saturday, Mar. 6

9:00 am Katherine Hayward (INT)

5:00 pm Agnes Eby (RIP)

Sunday, Mar. 7

8:00 am Agnes Bermingham (RIP)

10:00 am Maria Mileta (RIP)

12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them. In particular, let us remember *Irene Glackin, Peter McGourty, Bob & Leslie Choquette, Helen Duncan, Lorne Elward, Maria Fraser, and James Lipowy*. For those who have died in Christ, especially the victims of the COVID-19 Virus, that they be resurrected with Him into eternal life.



The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy for university students and young adults in the Diocese of Calgary is now headquartered at St. Mary's Cathedral under the direction of Fr. Cristino Bouvette, Vicar for Vocations and Young Adults. They host a regular Sunday 4:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral, open to all Cathedral parishioners.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – The Society is **expanding our service** to the needy! We are launching a **new Buddy Call** program. If you would like a friendly phone call, call the SSVP at (403-397-6028), select option 3, and leave a message requesting a Buddy Call. **Volunteers are much appreciated and needed.** If you require assistance or can help, please contact us at 403-397-6028.