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Second Sunday of Lent

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. March 1	7:30am	Vicky Real
Tue. March 2	7:30am	Luke LaPonte
Wed. March 3	7:30am	†Sr Patricia Ostdick
Thu. March 4	7:30am	†Triana Quinones
Fri. March 5	7:30am	†Andrew & Verna Buchholz
Sat. March 6	8:00am	†Tran Thi Van
	5:00pm	†Mary Pat Mahoney †Rev. Joseph Lutz
Sun. March 7	7:30am	†Richard DeBoer †Van Thi Van
	11:15am	†Thomas McKeown †Rita Meder

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Contributions for the Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$7,028.75
Online Giving.....	\$5,204.46



Lent Is Here!

This Lent, consider spending some time with Jesus.

Adoration is every Tuesday evening from 5:45pm - 7:00pm.

Please use the parking lot doors to enter.

Weekday Mass (Live streamed)

Monday - Saturday morning 7:30am,
En Espanol: 9:00am

Sunday Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation (Espanol)

† 7:30 am
† 11:15 am
† 1:00 pm (Espanol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call the Rectory.

Holy Day Masses

Times will be posted in the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 5:45—7:00pm

Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently open by appointment only

Casa Roja (114 Gifford St.)

1:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)

Virtual Baby Bottles For TLC

This year due to the Pandemic, TLC Pregnancy is offering a virtual "Baby Bottle Campaign." To participate go to <https://tlcpregnancyservices.com>, click on the Baby Bottle Campaign, click "Give" scroll down to find St Mary church, click "Give and Fill" and add your donation amount, you can do this anytime during the year.

If you prefer to mail a check, send it to TLC Pregnancy Services 825 Dundee Ave Elgin, IL 60120, put St Mary-Baby Bottle in memo section.

Please pray on this and support the women that decided to have their baby and not have an **ABORTION**. The Knights of Columbus proudly supports this program

MASS SCHEDULE

- Daily Mass, Monday - Friday, is livestreamed & in person at 7:30am & **Saturday morning at 8:00am**. Weekend Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 5:00pm, Sunday morning at 7:30am & 11:15am.
- Due to the limited capacity for our weekend Masses, we are asking you to sign up online for a Mass time. To register visit our website: stmaryelgin.org, scroll down to the "signup.com button." Click and register! Please sign up before Noon on Saturday. If you are not able to register online, please call the Parish Office. For the Daily Masses we will be taking information at the door.

Masses Are Live Streamed Daily!

St. Mary Mass will continue to be livestreamed. There are a couple of ways to watch;



Saint Mary Church Elgin IL

https://youtube.com/channel/UCkg_JNvMUEIE26zgF9kfA

Facebook

www.facebook.com/stmarychurchelginil

Website: www.stmaryelgin.org

St. Vincent DePaul - Occasional Volunteers

Besides those who volunteer on an on-going basis we rely on those who answer our pleas from time to time. Our food pantry gets low and you provide. We have a fund-raiser and you help with set-up and serving and attendance. During our Clothing Drives you donate an hour or more to assist unloading cars and stuffing the truck with bags and boxes of donations. Occasionally, if we have furniture, you help deliver to someone who has finally been able to secure an apartment. You support us financially and with your prayers. Please continue to respond to our requests in the bulletin. We need you. We appreciate you.

If you would like to know more about the SvdP Conference at St. Mary, please contact Marge LaBrot at 630-414-1115 or margelabrot@gmail.com

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the church. Please enter through the parking lot doors. Reservations are not necessary.

St. Mary School Fundraiser

On Friday, April 16, St. Mary Home & School Association will be our annual Titan Tribute. This year the event will be completely virtual. The goal is to raise funds for our school curriculum & enrichment and to develop the resources that teachers need to educate the students.

Community support is crucial to the success of our event. We would like to invite you to donate an item for our raffle or auctions, or to consider make a monetary donation. Anything you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information or donate an item, please contact the fundraising committee chairperson, Barbara Kaminski at 773-230-8807 or email barbaramc123@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

God put Abraham to the test.
(Gn 22:1)



PSALM

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



SECOND READING

If God is for us, who can be against us?
(Rom 8:31)



GOSPEL

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
(Mk 9:7)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parish Families,

I was reading some news about a vote in Congress that might have happened before you read this, or soon after, on the "Equality Act". I have not seen very much on this in mainline media but mostly from Catholic media sources.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) [has this to say of the legislation](#):

"The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities...[It would] force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a 'public' place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs."

If all this isn't bad enough, last year the bishops [gave a more detailed critique of the legislation](#) listing some of the following issues:

"The Equality Act would impose sweeping regulations to the detriment of society as a whole. The Act's definitions alone would remove women and girls from protected legal existence. ... We treasure the First Amendment freedoms of speech, association, conscience, and religious exercise. The Equality Act puts these at risk by requiring uniform assent to new beliefs about human identity that are contrary to those held by many — believers of diverse faiths and non-believers alike."

These quotes come from a Msgr. Charles Pope who had an article appear in the National Catholic Register on February 22, 2021.

Also appearing in *The National Catholic Register* was an article reporting that Amazon de-listed Ryan Anderson's book: *When Harry Became Sally: responding to the Transgender Movement*. This can still be purchased at Barnes and Noble's website. Mr. Ryan is President of "The Ethics and Public Policy Center". *Harry Becomes Sally* is described as an important work exploring the biological, psychological and philosophical areas of the transgender debate. In his book, *The National Catholic Register* states that he talks about such important things as concepts of gender fluidity, purported benefits of gender transition surgery for those with gender dysphoria, and implications of transgender mandates such as single sex bathrooms/locker rooms being based on gender identification rather than on biological sex.

The National Catholic Register says Amazon banned it without notification to the author and that their online policy says they will ban when things are determined to be "hate speech," or are deemed "inappropriate or offensive". Still they state that authors and venders would be notified when works are de-listed which was not done for Mr. Ryan Anderson as of February 22nd. *The National Catholic Register* reports that university professors from universities such as John Hopkins, Boston University, New York University and Columbia University in disciplines of psychiatry, psychology and medical ethics have spoken in favor of Mr. Ryan's book. The power and money involved in the transgender movement is silencing those with differing opinions and Amazon, that convenient source of so many things we want, is taking sides.

This is a further reminder that we need news from more sources than the main line media,
Fr. Chris Kuhn.

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or 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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