**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**And he was transfigured before them: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light………**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, March 4, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor, the sick and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Prayers, Thanksgiving for Guidance and Protection by Patrick Chimezie**

**11:00 a.m. Mass – Pro - Populo**

**Monday, March 6, No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 7, 7: 00 p.m. (Healing Mass)**

**Wednesday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday, March 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Friday, March 10, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 11, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Pro – Populo**

**Sunday, March 12, - Third Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION: On the second Sunday of Lent the gospel of the Transfiguration is always read, from one or other of the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year it is Matthew's account which is read. What is it that makes this story appropriate at this time? The story recounts an experience of Jesus which three disciples shared, but which they are told must remain secret until after he has risen from the dead. The experience astonishes the disciples, for they see Jesus transformed, transfigured, as they have never seen him before. To understand the meaning of this event we should remember that in the gospel story Jesus has just told the disciples that he foresees his own passion and death. They react with horror. The transfiguration serves to put their fear in a broader context. Going to his death, Jesus nevertheless trusts that the Father will raise him from the dead. The experience of the transfiguration, the details of which are quite difficult to grasp, gives these three chosen disciples a glimpse of something beyond suffering and death. The reading from the book of Genesis may seem to have little connection, but here too we are aware of a journey, the journey of Abraham into the unknown as he trusts God to be with him. The journey of Jesus to the cross is similar. If we have trust in God we too can 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News', as the second reading asks. How might the story of the transfiguration gives us hope? Have we ever experienced anything like transfiguration in our own life? We pray that we may persevere in trust, like Jesus and Abraham. We pray for a broader vision, that we may be more aware of the things of God, and of God's goodness.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**: **Children’s Liturgy of the Word is back! Please join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Parents are welcome to participate with their young children. We ask that masks be worn at this time.**

**Remembering Who are we?** **How can we be faithful, how can we be confident, if we do not remember? If we let the dazzle of the passing moment blind us, how shall we get anywhere? Is there some personal memory or understanding that helps you ‘keep your feet on the ground’ or ‘keep your head’ at important or difficult moments? During Lent we take pains to focus on the memory of who we are: God’s children, the Baptized, the Body of Christ, each meant to be his light in the world. God’s children listen to his Word, Jesus Christ. May our hearts be open, that he may lead us on our journey to the fullness of life.**

**LENT: What do you want to change in your life? Your job or appearance, maybe where you live? It’s hard to exist today without creating a list of the alterations we’d like to make. We compare ourselves to people in the news or the neighbourhood, constantly assessing what needs improvement. Yet, even when the changes are complete and successful, something is missing. We just can’t seem to transform ourselves to the people we want to be. That’s where God comes in. Into each of our lives He issues a call to come and be changed. If we will step apart from life’s clamour and climb with Him to solitary heights, we will find true transforming power. Alone on His mountaintop, we can bask in God’s shining presence, ready to be transfigured by divine love and grace. Only then will we find the perfection we seek, the perfection of a heart forgiven, healed and filled by the power of God. Come join Peter, James and John today and see your Saviour in all His revealed glory. And you too will say “Lord, it is good that we are here!”**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** **Reflecting and praying the Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion practiced in the church, especially during the Lenten season. Come and Walk in the 14 steps with Jesus. The Stations of the Cross is held every Friday evening during lent at 6:30pm, here at the parish. Please join us.**

**Tax Receipts for 2022: Your 2022 tax receipts are available for pick - up on the table behind the last pew in the church. If you have any question about your tax receipt, please contact the parish office.**

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WITH THE OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD**: **If your child was born in 2019, it's time to register them for Kindergarten at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. More info, 3D tours, and registration help is available here. Info: (613) 224-2222.**

**TURKEY/ SYRIA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY AID CAMPAIGN:** **With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria. They have pledged the total sum of nearly one million Canadian dollars. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long-term needs to help families go back to a more stable life. To donate or for any inquiries, you can contact the organizations as follows: ACN: bit.ly/acn-donate-syria or 1-800-585-6333 ext. 228 CJI: canadianjesuitsinternational.ca or 1-800-448-2148 CNEWA Canada: www.cnewa.ca or 1-866-322-4441 DPCC: www.devp.org or 1-800-494-1401.**

**By My Side’ –** **A Virtual Program of Spiritual Friendship and Healing for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Non-profit ministry to assist separated and divorced Catholic women to reconnect and build on their faith. Six-week sessions for women begin Sat., Apr. 15, 9-11am via Zoom. Info & registration: www.bymyside.ca, acebook.com/bymysideott, or Mary-Jane Manley at 613-294-1308. Cost: $40**

**RECONCILED TO HIM & TO ONE ANOTHER:** **Just as we are called to confess our sins before we approach His table at Mass each week, let us face this Lent with an attitude of confession, of healing the ills in our hearts and lives before we receive His sacrificial Easter gift. May we seek those relationships which were so easily broken, and mend them. May we bind up our family circle, bruised from daily annoyance and aggravation, soothing the pains with His love. May we pour out the oil of welcome and acceptance in our congregations, bringing all His children into true fellowship. May this Lent truly be a time of reconciliation to him, and each other.**