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Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves  
9:00am - 2:00pm **401-722-9054**

#### Weekend Masses

#### Misas de fin de semana

Saturday: 4:30pm English / Inglés  
Sábado 6:00pm Español / Spanish  
Sunday: 9:30am English / Inglés  
Domingo 11:30am Español / Spanish

#### Daily Masses

#### Misas durante la semana

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés  
Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish  
Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

#### Confessions / Confesiones

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm & 5:30pm

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Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory at least two months in advance.  
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Call one year in advance to begin preparation  
Llamar con un año de anticipación

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#### Unción de los enfermos

Please call the parish  
Por favor llamar a la parroquia

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#### Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes  
9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / Iglesia

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Sunday / Domingo next meeting TBD  
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Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

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Sábado a las 7:00pm en la Capilla

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March / Marzo  
Monday / Lunes 20 & 27  
9:30am to 11:00am - 6:00pm to 7:00pm  
Wednesday / Miércoles 22 & 29  
9:30am to 11:00am

#### Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Open every Tuesday / Martes at 10:30am  
Hot lunch / Almuerzo caliente at 11:30am

#### New Parishioners / Nuevos Miembros

Please call the Rectory to register  
Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse

# **Second Sunday of Lent**

## **March 5, 2023**

Dear Parishioners,  
This weekend at our Masses, we will hear about **the Transfiguration of our Lord**. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, and is transfigured before them. We have the beautiful description of Jesus' Face changing in appearance and his clothing becoming "*dazzling white*". Moses and Elijah appear and begin talking with Jesus. The Voice of God the Father is heard from a cloud: "*This is My Chosen Son; listen to Him*". The disciple's natural reaction is one of fear, to which Jesus reassures them to not be afraid, because He is with them. He tells them to not tell anyone about what they experienced, until He has been raised from the dead. My brothers and sisters, we are now a quarter of the way through our 40 day Lenten journey with the Lord. **During this sacred season of Lent, the Lord desires to transform us, and He will if we allow Him to.** There are many opportunities to draw closer to Jesus, and to experience "Transfiguration moments". First and foremost, there is the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - the center of our Catholic Faith**. We have our weekend Masses, as well as daily Masses (Mon. & Weds. @ 8am; and Tues., Thurs., and Fri. @ 7:30am at St. Mary's; Sat. @ 8am bilingual here at SJB). There is **Eucharistic Adoration** here on Fridays from 9am to 6pm. We have **the Stations of the Cross** every Friday @ 6:15pm (bilingual). There are **Confessions** every Saturday from 3:30-4:20pm & 5:30-5:50pm here at our parish. There will also be a **Bilingual Lenten Retreat** offered here at our parish on Saturday, March 11, from 12-4pm (if interested, please call the Rectory by this Monday). As we allow the Lord to transform us little by little, and we grow in our love for Him, we can then share that Divine Love with others through our almsgiving. We have begun the **2023 Catholic Charity Appeal**, which helps the many good works of our Diocese: providing heat for those less fortunate than ourselves, helping our seminarians financially as they continue their studies for the priesthood, financially aiding our senior priests - many who have served here at our parish, and the Respect Life office that serves both pregnant women and offers the Lord's mercy

through Project Rachel retreats. May we be transformed this Lenten season, so that come Easter Sunday, we will truly rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord. God Bless!

Fr. Sistare

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday March 4</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
+Ray Lagasse, by Joyce Lagasse	
<b>Sunday March 5</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
+Rosa Lobo, by family	
<b>Monday March 6</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
+Souls in Purgatory, by Margarita Zuleta	
<b>Wednesday March 8</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday March 11 Bilingual Mass</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
+Maria de Sena, by Family	
<b>Sunday March 12</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
*In thanksgiving for Elizabeth on her 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, by family	

<b>Collection 2/26</b>	<b>\$3538.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
March 5	Fuel/Maintenance
March 19	Easter Flowers

### **Sanctuary Lamp for March**

For Ray Lagasse  
by Joyce Lagasse

### **Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle**

For Rosa Lobo  
By Jose De Barros  
St. Joseph, pray for us!

### **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

For the following parishioners:

**Jeanne Jugan Residence:** Florence Corneau, Jeannine Rondeau & Annette Tetreault  
**At Home:** Jovina De Barros & Joyce Lagasse  
**St. Antoine:** Georgette Smith  
**The Cedars:** Alicia Echeverry  
**Elmhurst Nursing Home:** Cesar Zuleta Sr.  
**Smithfield Woods:** Thelma La Rose

## A HARD STRENGTH

**“With the strength which comes from God bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails.” —2 Timothy 1:8**

We Christians do not run from hardship; we bear it and embrace it. We walk toward the Cross, not away from it. We do not shrink from trials in fear. Thus, the Lord commands in today’s Gospel reading: “Get up! Do not be afraid” (Mt 17:7).

We bear hardship for the sake of the gospel (2 Tm 1:8) in order to spread the Good News. Our Lenten hardships, indeed all our hardships, are for the up building of the Kingdom of God and we bear them purposefully for the sake of the gospel (Acts 14:22).

We bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Tm 1:8). The joy of the Lord must be our strength (Nm 8:10). In Him Who is the Source of our strength, we have strength for everything (Phil 4:13). We don’t bear hardship in our own stoic strength, or with human strength, for even the strongest of us humans are weak. But His grace is sufficient (2 Cor 12:9).

We walk through the cross, through the hardship, to transfigured glory (Mt 17:2) even while here on earth. “Christ suffered in the flesh; therefore, arm yourselves with His same mentality” (1 Pt 4:1). So bear the hardship (see Col 1:24).

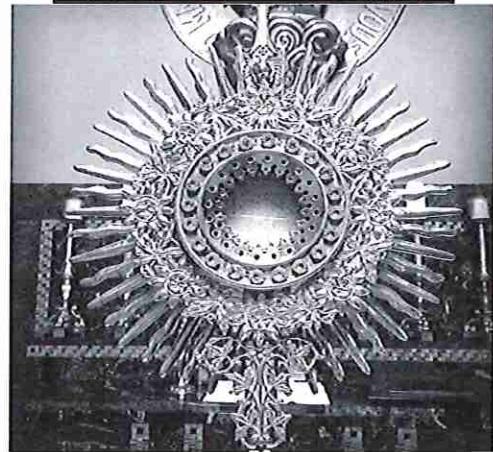
**Prayer:** Father, You are “my Stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all” (Ps 62:3).

**Promise:** “The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him, upon those who hope for His kindness.” —Ps 33:18

**Praise:** “If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!’ ” (1 Cor 15:32) Risen Jesus, purify my heart to live for You and not worldly desires.

Presentation Ministries

### Eucharistic Adoration



**Every Friday Time: 9am to 7pm**

We invite you to be before the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to meditate, reflect, and adore Him with your presence. Everyone is welcome. The hours from **1 to 2pm, and from 2 to 3pm** are in need of an additional person. Please call the rectory if you are able to make this weekly commitment.

**The Saint Challenge** began on All Saint’s Day, November 1st. It is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you’ll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and find ways to sign up at [www.thesaintchallenge.com](http://www.thesaintchallenge.com). Let’s be saints!

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- Talks and rosary will be held separately (in English and Spanish).
- Las charlas y el Rosario serán por separado (inglés y español)

## **RETIRO DE CUARESMA BILINGUE**

"Permanezcan en mi amor" Jn 15,9

## **BILINGUAL LENTEN RETREAT**

"Remain in my love" John 15:9

**Sabado 11 de Marzo de 2023**

**Saturday March 11, 2023**

**From 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Por favor confirme su asistencia llamando a la rectoría o hablando con hermana Adriana  
Please confirm your assistance by calling the rectory or sister Adriana.

### **Faith Formation Schedule**

**March 5, 12, 19, 26 Class**

**Time: 10:15 to 11:20am**

in the Church Hall, please enter thru  
Bullock Street.

### **Calendario Formación de Fe**

**Marzo 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Hora: 10:15am a 11:20am**

en el sótano de la Iglesia, entrar por la  
calle Bullock.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be Bilingual Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:15pm in the Church after the 6:00pm Benediction.

### **VIA CRUCIS**

Las Estaciones de la Cruz seran Bilingües todos los viernes a las 6:15pm en la Iglesia después de la Bendición de las 6:00pm.

# **Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma**

## **5 de Marzo 2023**

Queridos feligreses,

Este fin de semana en nuestras Misas, escucharemos acerca de la **Transfiguración de nuestro Señor**. Jesús lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un monte alto y se transfigura ante ellos. Tenemos la hermosa descripción del rostro de Jesús cambiando de apariencia y “*sus vestidos brillaban de resplandor*”. Moisés y Elías aparecen y comienzan a hablar con Jesús. La Voz de Dios Padre se escucha desde una nube: “*Este es Mi Hijo, el Elegido, escuchadlo*”. La reacción natural del discípulo es de miedo, a lo que Jesús les asegura que no tengan miedo, porque Él está con ellos. Él les dice que no le cuenten a nadie lo que experimentaron, hasta que Él haya resucitado de entre los muertos. Mis hermanos y hermanas, ahora estamos a una cuarta parte del camino a través de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma de 40 días con el Señor. **Durante este santo tiempo de Cuaresma, el Señor desea transformarnos, y lo hará si se lo permitimos.** Hay muchas oportunidades para acercarse a Jesús y experimentar “*momentos de Transfiguración*”. En primer lugar, está el **Santo Sacrificio de la Misa - el centro de nuestra Fe Católica**. Tenemos Misas de fin de semana, así como Misas diarias (lunes y miércoles a las 8am en inglés; martes y viernes a las 7:00pm en español; sábados a las 8am bilingüe). Hay **Adoración Eucarística** aquí los viernes, de 9am a 6pm. Tenemos las **Estaciones de la Cruz** todos los viernes a las 6:15 pm (bilingüe). Hay **Confesiones** todos los sábados de 3:30 a 4:20pm y de 5:30 a 5:50pm aquí en nuestra parroquia. También habrá un **Retiro de Cuaresma Bilingüe** ofrecido aquí en nuestra parroquia el sábado 11 de marzo de 12 a 4:00 pm (si está interesado, llame a la Rectoría este lunes). A medida que permitimos que el Señor nos transforme poco a poco y crecemos en nuestro amor por Él, podemos compartir ese Amor Divino con los demás a través de nuestra limosna. Hemos comenzado la **Campaña de Caridad Católica 2023**, que ayuda a las muchas buenas obras de nuestra Diócesis: proporcionar calor a los menos afortunados que nosotros, ayudar financieramente a nuestros seminaristas mientras continúan sus estudios para el sacerdocio, ayudar financieramente

a nuestros sacerdotes mayores, muchos de los cuales tienen servido aquí en nuestra parroquia, y la oficina de Respeto a la Vida que atiende a mujeres embarazadas y ofrece la misericordia del Señor a través de retiros del Proyecto Raquel. Que seamos transformados en esta temporada de Cuaresma, para que cuando llegue el Domingo de Pascua, nos regocijemos verdaderamente en la Resurrección de nuestro Señor. ¡Dios les bendiga!

Padre Sistare

### **INTENCIÓNES DE LAS MISAS**

<b>Sábado 4 de marzo</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
+En acción de gracias al Espíritu Santo, intención de Marta Santiago	
+Por el descanso eterno de Julio Badillo Santiago, intención de William Rodríguez	
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Santiago	
<b>Domingo 5 de marzo</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
+Por el descanso eterno de Luz Helena Rincón Ruiz y Ángel Luis Caban, intención de Vicente Caban y familia	
+Por el descanso eterno de Fatima Amado, intención de sus compañeras	
<b>Martes 7 de marzo</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Viernes 10 de marzo</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Sábado 11 de marzo (Misa bilingüe)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Vigilia</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
+Por el descanso eterno de Julio Badillo Santiago, intención de William Rodríguez	
+Por el descanso eterno de Marta y Jairo Saldarriaga, intención de Lucia Tamayo	
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Santiago	
<b>Domingo 12 de marzo</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
*En acción de gracias por Gabriela Edén en su primer cumpleaños, intención de sus abuelos	

<b>Colecta 2/26</b>	<b>\$3538.00</b>
<b>Segunda Colecta</b>	
Marzo 5	Gas y Mantenimiento
Marzo 19	Flores de Pascua

## FUERZA QUE VIVE

**“Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos que es necesario padecer por Evangelio, animado con la fortaleza de Dios” (2 Timoteo 1:8).**

Los cristianos no huimos de las dificultades; las llevamos y las abrazamos. Caminamos hacia la Cruz, no alejándonos de ella. No retrocedemos ante las pruebas por miedo. Así, el Señor manda en el Evangelio de hoy: “Levántense, no tengan miedo” (Mt 17:7).

Soportamos sufrimientos por causa del evangelio (2 Timoteo 1:8) para difundir la Buena Nueva. Nuestras penalidades cuaresmales, de hecho, todos nuestros sufrimientos, son para la edificación del Reino de Dios y las soportamos con propósito por causa del evangelio (Hch 14:22).

Soportamos las penalidades con la fortaleza que viene de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8). El gozo del Señor debe ser nuestra fortaleza (Núm 8:10). En Aquel que es fuente de nuestra fortaleza, tenemos fuerza para poder todo (Fil 4:13). No soportamos las dificultades con nuestra propia fuerza estoica, o con la fuerza humana, porque incluso los más fuertes de nosotros, los humanos, somos débiles. Pero su gracia es suficiente (2 Co 12:9).

Caminamos a través de la cruz, a través de las penalidades, a la gloria transfigurada (Mt 17:2) aún estando aquí en la tierra. “Cristo sufrió en su carne, compenérense también ustedes de esta convicción” (1 Pe 4:1). Así que soporta las penalidades (ver Col 1:24).

**Oración:** Padre, Tú eres “mi baluarte: nunca vacilaré” (Sal 62:3).

**Promesa:** “Los ojos del Señor están fijos sobre Sus fieles, sobre los que esperan en Su misericordia” (Sal 33:18).

**Alabanza:** “Si los muertos no resucitan, ‘comamos y bebamos, porque mañana moriremos’” (1 Co 15:32) Jesús resucitado, purifica mi corazón para vivir para Ti y no para los deseos mundanos.

Presentation Ministries



Gracias a Dios que nos busca y nos llama para conocerle y amarle a través de muchos medios, hoy nos invita a través de cursos Bíblicos, que son un medio eficaz para llegar a muchas familias que aún no conocen del amor de Dios, como cada día Dios transforma nuestras vidas a través de decir solo “si quiero conocerte”. Es para toda la familia todos los viernes a las 7:30 en el sótano de la parroquia después de misa, todos son bienvenidos.

### Adoración Eucarística



Todos los viernes de 9am to 7pm

Te invitamos a estar ante la Presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía para meditar, reflexionar y adorarlo con tu presencia. Todos son bienvenidos. El horario de 1:00 a 2:00pm, 2:00pm a 3:00pm se necesita una persona adicional para estas horas. Por favor llame a la rectoría si puede hacer este compromiso semanal.

# Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of this moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

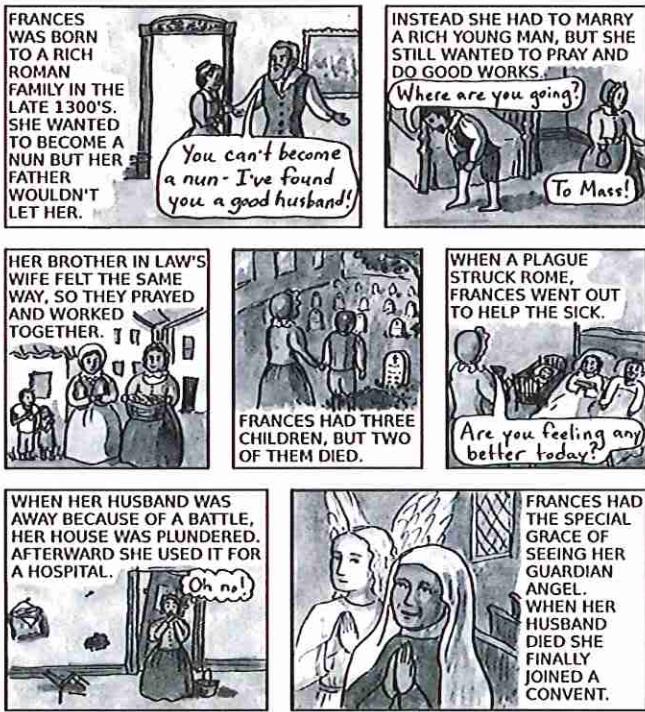
Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



Answer to Word Find: until life had risen.  
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## Saint Frances of Rome

### March 9

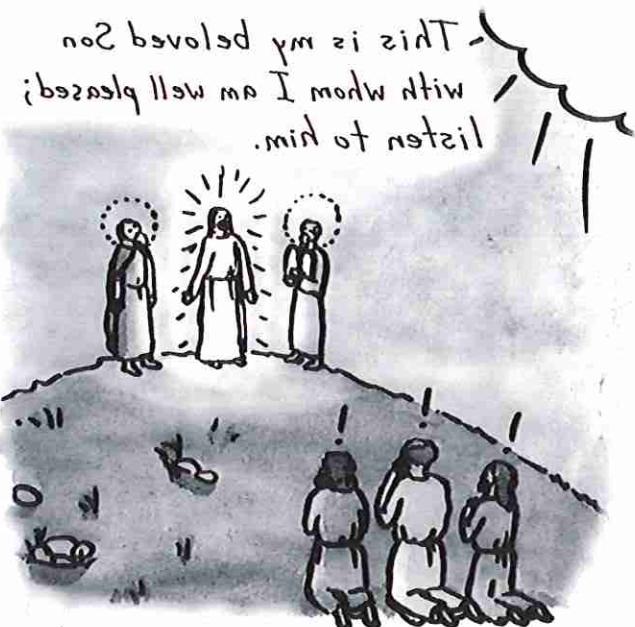


SAINT FRANCES OF ROME WANTED TO PRAY AND HELP THE POOR AS A NUN, BUT GOD WANTED HER TO DO WHAT HER FATHER TOLD HER. BECAUSE SHE WAS RICH SHE WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY POOR PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS AND THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE TO HELP OTHERS.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 5th, 2023



What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

## Word Find

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. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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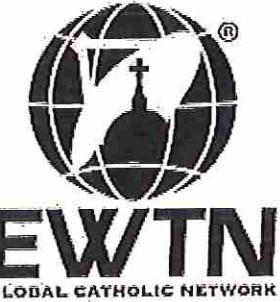
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