

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 1, 2026

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**SACRAMENT OF  
BAPTISM**  
SECOND & FOURTH  
SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date  
of baptism through the  
Rectory office after  
the birth of your child

**SACRAMENT OF  
MARRIAGE**  
Please call the Rectory  
for an appointment at  
least **six months** prior  
to the desired date.

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE  
FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM  
Other times by appointment.

**1<sup>ST</sup> FRI. DEVOTION**  
7:30 to 10 PM

**1<sup>ST</sup> SAT. DEVOTION**  
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS



**LITURGY OF THE  
EUCHARIST**  
WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM,  
10:30 (Polish) 12:00 Noon

**RECTORY HOURS**  
**WEEKDAYS**  
9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

**EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**  
TUES. 12 to 2 PM

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**  
None During Lent

**PL PRAYER GROUP  
W/ ADORATION**  
2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAYS 7 PM

**LAY CARMELITES**  
1<sup>ST</sup> SAT. AFTER  
8 AM MASS

**ALTAR ROSARY**  
1<sup>ST</sup> WED. 6:30 PM  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,  
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

**YOUTH GROUP**  
LAST MONDAY 6 PM

### *Our Mission Statement*

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and You call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for us.*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

#### 2ND SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 1, 2026

8:00 am + Albert Stepnoski

9:15 am + Dariusz Kalicki

10:30 am + Kamil Wnorowski

(PL) + Sylwia Brozio

+ Dariusz Andruszkiewicz

Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja

12 Noon Intentions of the Domitrz Family

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

7:00 am + Jennie Koroleski

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

7:00 am + Robert Kaelin

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

7:00 am + Dana Menser

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

7:00 am + Marie Dunleavy

#### FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

7:00 am + Anna and Jan Gajowski

#### FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

8:00 am God's Blessings on the Merciful Love Lay  
Carmelite Community  
Intentions of the Baltera and Errick Families

5:00 pm + Aram Latour (A)

+ Benjamin R. Densieski (A)

+ Ed and Helen Truskoski

#### 3RD SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 8, 2026

8:00 am + Carol Goodwin

9:15 am + Carolyn Merendino (25th A)

10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

(PL) + Kamil Wnorowski

+ Czesława Zakrzewska i zmarłych z rodziny

Sawickich i Zakrzewskich

+ Monika Baldowska i rodzina

+ Czesław Drozdowska (1st A)

+ Jan i Stanisława Andrychowski

12 Noon + Gale Durney

### IN LOVING MEMORY

#### Sanctuary Lamp

Vincent A. Doroszka, MD

#### Bread & Wine

Jerzy, Irena, Zbigniew, Margaret & Bernard  
Aleksandrowicz and Family

#### Missalettes

Walter and Michael Kielkowski

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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

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

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, March 1:** Sunday & Monthly School

**Next Week, March 8:** Sunday & Debt Reduction

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Today, Sunday, March 1, 2026

Lenten Retreat 7 PM

#### Monday, March 2, 2026

Lenten Retreat 7 PM

#### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Adoration 12 to 2 PM

EM and Lectors Meeting 6 PM

#### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Altar Server Meeting 6 pm

#### Thursday, March 5, 2026

Confessions 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

#### Friday, March 6, 2026

Stations of the Cross

English 6:00 PM Polish 7:00 PM

First Friday Devotion 7:30 PM—10:00 PM

### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*John Karpinski*



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Victoria Weiner \* Frank Stepnoski \* Mary Jane Macarthur \* Bruno Sidor \* Nancy Kruszon Walters \* Joanne DeMarco \* Sandra Kuhlman \* Albert Stepnoski \* Richard Abbott \* Beverly Bullock \* Joseph O'Shea \* Baby John Krepps \* Dottie Bugdin \* Jadwiga Luniewska \* Wanda Tuminska \* Etta Jean Otis \* Richard Anderson \* Eric Frak \* Andrew \* Chris Bonocore \* Ethan Donahue \* Irene Monahan \* Jodi Ponce \* Catherine & Charles J. Sehy \* Ben G. & Elizabeth \* Wm. Snyder \* Nancy McDonald \* Brendan Gallagher \* Kristy West \* Josephine Barker \* Paul Farber \* Nicholas Steinkamp \* Teresa Muenkel \* Ron Danowski \* Peter Kraljic \* Carson Whible \* Dave Zazeski \* Faye Anderson \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina Donovan \* Joan Zaleski \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Jody Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Dakota Harmon \* Cole Faller \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Jeffrey Clark \* Tom Wisniewski III \* James, George & Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest & Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthall \* Michelle Giaccone \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:  
 Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht and Hunter Bahnke

Please keep Deacons,  
**Nicholas Waldron and Patrick O'Brien,**  
 in your prayers.



### GORZKIE ZALE

Every Sunday during Lent  
 After the 10:30 AM Polish Mass

### STATIONS

Every Friday during Lent  
 ENG 6 PM / POL 7 PM

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

By Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA—EWTN

What do you want to do with your life? Many of us were asked that during our high school years, and it is certainly important to assess one's talents and interests with a possible future work and vocation. However, focusing solely on **my** wants each moment of the day can lead to a restlessness that can never be stilled. We become like a rudderless ship that is tossed about by the whims of the moment.

In the First Reading of the Second Sunday of Lent, Abram is told to leave his kinsfolk to go "to a land that I will show you...Abram went as the Lord directed him." Leaving the security of his "father's house," he was to rest in the true security of **The** Father's promises. Abram would go about in tents, never having a permanent residence, "for he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10).

One of the **healings** we can experience this Season of Lent is **the peace that comes from choosing to live in God's will and plan for my life.** The Transfiguration is a prefiguration of where our cooperation with His plan will lead us: to share in His glory forever as we go forth from earthly securities—as the Lord directs us—and so come to the eternal land He will show us.

*Father, we rest secure in Your promises. Amen.*

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**Action: Thank God for a moment when His presence was clear in your life.**

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5. Click the box to read and accept the terms
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7. Create your password

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

### **Lent and New Life in Christ**

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

### **Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**

Catholic Saints Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.

### **The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story**

Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

# SUNDAY & MONDAY... LENTEN RETREAT

**Journey into a deeper relationship with Jesus  
by encountering His Real Presence.**

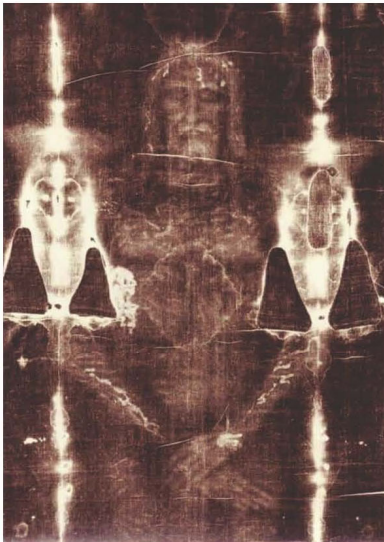
**A Lenten Retreat at  
St Isidore R.C. Church  
22 Pulaski Street  
Riverhead**

**Sunday, March 1 and Monday, March 2, at 7 pm  
presented by Dr. Vince Manzello**

**“Who Do You Say I AM?”**

(Matthew 16:15)

***Does new scientific evidence point  
to the presence of Jesus on the  
Shroud of Turin?***

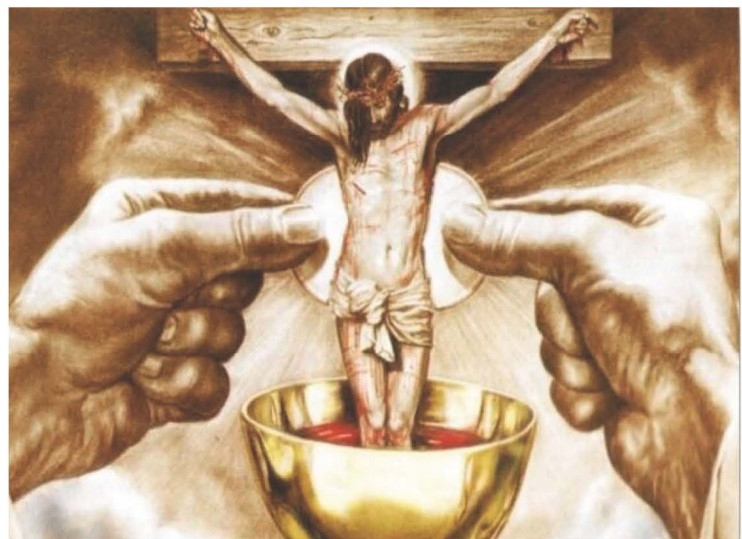


**Sunday  
March 1st  
7 pm**

**“I am the Bread of Life”**

(John 6:35)

***A Scriptural Journey of the Real Presence of  
Jesus in the Eucharist.***



**Monday  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7 pm**

***All are Welcome!***



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In this Lenten season 2026, we offer our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the Light of Christ's peace and justice to heal the many troubled parts of our nation and world.

Amid so many global and national crises, it is essential that we be guided and inspired by the Word of God. This Lent, let us rededicate ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics on fire with the Word of God.<sup>1</sup>

In Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:8-10), the Apostle writes: "The Word of God is not bound," or as another translation renders it, "The Word of God cannot be chained."

The Church of Santa Maria in Via Lata in Rome, near to both the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, is traditionally taken as the site of Saint Paul's imprisonment in the Eternal City. Beneath this holy church stands an ancient, freestanding granite column that I visited and prayed at on May 17, 2024.

Etched into that ancient column is the Latin phrase for "The Word of God is not bound." The column also has rust marks indicating that a chain – possibly the one discovered archaeologically in an adjacent well – was wrapped around it.

How powerful it was to place my hands on that granite column and to touch with my fingers the words of Saint Paul! In my ecclesial mission as the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, that memorable day I asked Saint Paul for his intercession that each one of us in the Diocese of Rockville Centre could be as bold and as audacious in proclaiming that the Word of God cannot be chained!

The Word of God cannot be chained in our own lives and in the lives of our families!

The Word of God bursts through our sin, paralyses, and resistances to change, and ignites our own Road to Damascus conversions!

The Word of God breaks down the self-imposed prison doors of addiction, ego, pride, selfishness, and narcissism, and refocuses our lives on Christ and his call to rejoice!

The Word of God cannot be chained by sin, war, terrorism, racism, injustice, poverty,<sup>2</sup> or disrespect for the sanctity and dignity of human life!

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<sup>1</sup> See Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter *God's Word is Living and Effective* available at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

<sup>2</sup> See Pope Leo XIV's 2025 Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexit Te (On Love of the Poor)* available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

The Word of God cannot be chained by unethical deployments of Artificial Intelligence!<sup>3</sup>

The Word of God cannot be chained in the global mission of the Catholic Church, regardless of the 21st century persecutions and martyrdoms she experiences!<sup>4</sup>

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, and in communion and mission with our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, I thank each of you for the way you “cast fire on the earth” (Luke 12:49) through your daily reading, meditating, praying, contemplating, and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures.

Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



[The Transfiguration](#) by [Raphael](#),  
c. 1520

## Feast of the Transfiguration

The transfiguration is one of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels. Thomas Aquinas considers the transfiguration "the greatest miracle", in that it complemented baptism and showed the perfection of life in Heaven. The transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries in the rosary, which include the transfiguration.

In Christian teachings, the transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus, as both true man and true God, serving the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Moreover, Christians consider the transfiguration to fulfill an Old Testament messianic prophecy that Elijah would return again after his ascension (Malachi 4:5–6). Gardner (2015, p. 218) states: The very last of the writing prophets, Malachi, promised a return of Elijah to hold out hope for repentance before judgment (*Mal. 4:5–6*). ... Elijah himself would reappear in the Transfiguration. There he would appear alongside Moses as a

representative of all the prophets who looked forward to the coming of the Messiah (*Matt. 17:2–9; Mark 9:2–10; Luke 9:28–36*). ... Christ's redemptive sacrifice was the purpose for which Elijah had ministered. ... And it was the goal about which Elijah spoke to Jesus in the Transfiguration.

Christian theology assigns a great deal of significance to the transfiguration, based on multiple elements of the narrative. In Christian teachings, the transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

The transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the Son of God (as in his baptism), but the statement "listen to him", identifies him as the messenger and mouth-piece of God.<sup>[21]</sup> The significance of this identification is enhanced by the presence of Elijah and Moses, for it indicates to the apostles that Jesus is the voice of God "par excellence", and instead of Moses or Elijah (representing the Law and the prophets) he should be listened to, surpassing the laws of Moses by virtue of his divinity and filial relationship with God. 2 Peter 1:16–18 echoes the same message: at the Transfiguration God assigns to Jesus a special "honor and glory" and it is the turning point at which God exalts Jesus above all other powers in creation, and positions him as ruler and judge.

The transfiguration also echoes the teaching by Jesus (as in Matthew 22:32) that God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living".