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March 16, 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent



PASTOR:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Weekday Mass on M, W, TH & F
 at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Pope Francis, Lynn Stein and her 4 grandchildren, Cynthia Sinn, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Mary Reynolds, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, Jan Berghout, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcarra, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy birthday to Jerome Bader, Fred Wright, Mariana Cota, and Gladys Jacobsen.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	March 15
Mass 5:00 pm	Declan McGillivray
Sunday	March 16
Mass 8:30 am	Penny Cheek & Ronald Palm
Mass 10:30 am	Steve Press and Dee Albee
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass	
Monday	March 17
Mass 9:30 am	Debbie Kirk and + Pauline Byrne
Tuesday	March 18
NO Mass and the Office is Closed	
Wednesday	March 19
Mass 9:30 am	+ Mary Wurdinger
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30	
Thursday	March 20
Mass 9:30 am	People of the Parish
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring at 10 am	
Friday	March 21
Mass 9:30 am	Gladys Jacobsen
Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper at 5:45 pm.	

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Every Friday in Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper around 5:45.

PLEASE KEEP POPE FRANCIS IN YOUR PRAYERS Archbishop Sample invites all of you to join him in praying the Rosary for the health and strength of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Let us ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to surround him with healing and grace during this time. May our prayers unite us as a Church in support of our beloved pope.

PARISH EXAMEN: We will have a Parish Meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 6pm in the Parish Hall to talk about and discuss our parish practices that help us witness to the Gospel and fulfill our mission. All parishioners should take home a copy of the Parish Examen document you will find on the table in the Vestibule. Please read, reflect, write notes and bring it with you to the meeting. We hope that all our Parishioners will participate.

CIRCLE OF CARING; If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

MESSAGE FROM MOROTO UGANDA: Receive warm and cordial greetings from the Apostles of Jesus seminary, Moroto Uganda. This message comes with great joy and happiness of the outcome of the national results of our Lower secondary students. They were **37** in number and all of them scored result one. It means that all of them qualified to receive the certificates from the Uganda National examination Board. These wonderful results were possible because of your support to these candidates. The students were able to concentrate in the final term without much stress of tuitions and requirements. We have great hope that the Senior Six results will be even better. **We still appreciate and thank you for your support to these students and request you, if possible, to support also the candidates of this year 2025. The candidates are: senior four 51 and Senior six 22.** (Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kaggwa Henry, AJ) See the test score summary below for 2024.

Grade	Achievement Level	No. per subject												TOTAL	PROJECT
		ENG	CRE	HIST	GEOG	MATH	PHY	CHEM	BIO	AGRI	ICT	ENT	ART		
A	Exceptional	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	
B	Outstanding	4	4	12	12	3	4	4	7	6	-	3	1	60	9
C	Satisfactory	23	33	22	21	9	7	14	24	-	4	9	-	166	28
D	Basic	10	-	-	3	25	25	19	6	-	1	8	-	97	-

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

God on the mountain, God in the valley

Our lives are a mixture of a 'mountain-top' and a 'valley experience.' Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death followed by the transfiguration experience reveals this truth in clear terms. You can see thorns in a bush full of roses or roses in a bush full of thorns, no matter how you look at it you can't change the truth that both, thorns and roses are before you. Life's journey is through thorns and roses, mountains and valleys.

Interpreted in our own life-context, the mountain-top experience is that of peace, happiness, prosperity, fame, success, physical well-being, stable relationships and a general feeling of fulfillment and contentment.

The valley experience is that when things don't seem going right in our lives, when failures and losses befall us, when we are fallen and forsaken, misunderstood and betrayed by others, when relationships threaten to break, when 'tomorrow' scares us in the face, when loneliness stalks us, when grief overwhelms us and life seems at its edge.

In our human experience, we are tempted just like Peter, James and John to desire the mountaintop experience and avoid the valley experience. But we really must live the valley experience if we want to see the glory of God in our lives. It is in the valley experience that we discover our frailties and the follies of our intelligence, when inflated egos are punctured and we discover our great need for God.

When we find it hard to trust God in the valley experience of life, we could think of little chickens under the wings of a hen. There is darkness under its wings, the little chicks cannot see anything, yet they feel the warm, reassuring protection of their mother.

Whether in the valley or on the mountain-top, we need the affirmation of God, for the God in the valley is the same God on the mountains.

TAKEAWAYS

(1) The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us a message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our own transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words to Jesus: "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased — listen to Him!" and so share the glory of His transfiguration.

(2) We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives: We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: On April 5th at 3pm at Our Lady of Victory in Seaside, there will be a required training for all current EMs and those who would like to become one. Parishioners must register with the Office of Divine Worship. To Register Email: amvandyke@archdpdx.org or call: **503-233-8321**

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