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March 5, 2023

The Second Sunday of Lent

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



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 4

Confession Available at 4:00 pm

Mass 5:00 pm Maryann Rizzo and Family
and Nina DiFrancisco

RCIA First Scrutiny

Sunday March 5

Mass 8:30 am Mary Griffin & Donna Molendyke

Mass 10:30 am Loretta Schutten

Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass

Rite of Election in Portland at 4:30pm

Monday March 6

Mass 9:30 am Johnny and Jim Sullivan and
Jonah Broswick

Tuesday March 7

No Mass - Office is Closed

Book Club on Zoom at 10 am

Grief Share Ministry 10 am in Parish Office

Wednesday March 8

Mass 9:30 am LaDonna Sullivan & Hannah Jones
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday March 9

Mass 9:30 Edith Nachajka & Eli Jones

Adoration after Mass until Noon

Circle of Caring 10 am RCIA Class 3:00 pm

Friday March 10

Mass 9:30 am Jack Bloom & Marissa Glover

First Communion Class 5 pm

Confessions Available at 4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm

No Greater Love video series & soup supper 6 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Gwen
Medina, Mark Wustenberg, Robert
Fulks, Ron and Marie Patterson, Al
and Dorothy Giacchero, Dorence
and Sharon Cote, Diane Gant,
Donna Molendyke, Jill Mulvey,
Harold Stern, and all those who are
sick or who need healing. Also pray
for Nancy McGillis, Brixton, Pope
Emeritus Benedict XVI!, Art Pieretti,
Marilou Bowman, and all those
who have died recently and for
those who have asked for our
prayers.

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 Phyllis Scott, Lionel
Leon, Manuel Cota and Fernando
Silveira.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The main theme of today's readings is transformation. We are invited to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to renew our lives during Lent, that we may radiate the glory of the transfigured Lord which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The first reading from Genesis shares the good example of Abraham, who was known as Abram before God covenanted with him. God called to Abram, asking him to leave his home and to follow Him. Then He gave Abram a little insight about the purpose for that journey. Abram did not have all the details he might have wanted. But the call from God was sufficient. He obeyed by following him in faith, not only right then but for many years afterward as he waited for a promised child, which did not come until he and his wife Sarah were very old.

In the second reading, St. Paul explains; we are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing, and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain, and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel.

In the Transfiguration story, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah, and might be strengthened in their time of trial. Therefore, Jesus' Transfiguration, gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting our own temptations and a source of grace for renewing our lives everyday. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day.

Through our life journey, we will encounter mysteries that we do not understand. Some will involve pain, hardship, or injustice. We may be tempted to reach conclusions about them, perhaps even complaining or grumbling. But like Peter, James, and John, listening, trusting, and waiting may prove the better course. Let us not forget that God is trustworthy and good. In His good pleasure, the meaning and purpose behind these mysteries may be revealed to us, perhaps as we gain wisdom and walk further with God.

An encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: *"This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."* Our 'Lenten penance' will lead us to the 'Easter joy.'

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Please join us on our Lenten journey as we increase our faith through traditional prayer and reflection, and then joining together for an instructional video series titled **No Greater Love**. Every Friday in Lent, we begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 5 PM, preceded by the opportunity to go to confession between 4:30 and 5pm. The Stations of the Cross will be followed by a soup supper and video presentation in the parish hall beginning at 6 PM. Join us for all or part of the evening. Let's join together to share God's love and have the best Lent ever!

HEARING LOOPS: If you are hearing impaired or have difficulty understanding Father Akuti's homilies, please try our hearing loops located in the small cabinet next to the bench seating at the back of the church. They work extremely well!

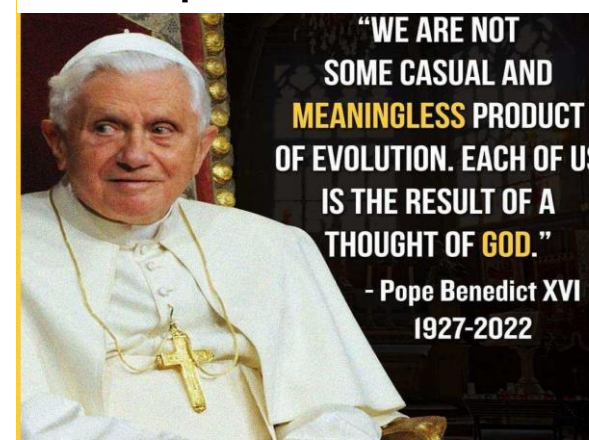
GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd at 10am in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Hennessy at 503-703-6241 to help or for more information.

THANK YOU from Donna Molendyke: I want to thank all of you for the many prayers while I was in and out of the hospital. A special thanks to Father Akuti for his prayers and visits to the hospital. You all hold a special place in my heart and may God bless all of you.

BOOK CLUB: Please join St. Mary's Book Club this Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM, on Zoom. We are no longer meeting in the Church Hall, only on Zoom. It is not necessary to have read the book to join us learning to pray!

Please call Michelle Vinciguerra at 508 878 3538 if you have any issue accessing the meeting. Here is the [Zoom Link](#) for this week's Book Club Meeting: Remember you may need the pass code to enter the meeting, it is 977712.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI



GIVING REPORT

	2/18-19	2/25-26
Offertory Collection	\$1116.00	\$2274.00
Needy	0	\$25.00
Maintenance/Building	\$630.00	\$5025.00
Votive	0	0
Flowers	\$125.00	0
Hospitality	0	0
Winter Survival Fund		

WINTER SURVIVAL FUND – Goal \$32,000.00
Total collected so far is \$19,297.52.
We are still needing \$12,702 to meet our goal.