



2nd Sunday of Lent March 13th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS – March 12th- 20th, 2022

Sat. 4pm Kay Frost and Richard Griffin
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Intentions of Alden Maillet
Sun. 11am Michelle & Brian MacKenzie and Anniv. George Fournier
Wed. 9am Marc Boudreau and John MacPherson
Sat. 4pm Lisa Smith and Malcolm & Philip Trefry
Sun. 9am Arnold & Agnes Porter and Maria Ceglowska
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Georgette Saulnier
Sun. 11am Parishioners

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 am mass on a rotating basis. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTION: Joy at the Transfiguration



Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Peter was excited, perhaps beyond any excitement he had experienced before. In fact, to say he was excited is most certainly an understatement. It may be more appropriate to say that he was overwhelmed! Why was this the case? Because he had just been given a very small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God!

This is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. But the mountain is a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it’s an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

So, they were on this difficult climb up the mountain and suddenly they stopped in shock and awe. They saw before their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing being whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and the great Prophet, were there before them conversing with Jesus.

And what was going on in Peter’s head? What was he experiencing? He was experiencing a small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. And with the lifting of that veil, His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain. And Peter, James and John did not know what to think. But Peter cried out that he wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah! For within that momentary experience, he experienced the desire to remain there forever.

So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this

experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because on the summit is a glory so great that no hardship, they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big.

God wants to give that message to us through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey. Reflect, today, at the beginning of Lent, on the glory of God that makes the crosses we endure all worth it. Take advantage of this experience of Peter, James and John and try to make their experience your own. Be consoled by God’s glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to all who press on.

My transfigured Lord, may I be consoled by Your glory and splendor. May I believe in this glory and keep it ever in my mind as I press on through the hardships and challenges, I face. You travel the road ahead of me and You will lead me on my journey if I only trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You!

~My Catholic Life

FISH CHOWDER FRIDAYS:



We will be offering take out fish chowder on the Fridays of Lent. If you wish to purchase the chowder, we ask you to call the parish office by the Wednesday before to place your order. The cost is \$6.00 and it may be picked up at the Marian Hall doors between 4:00 and 5:00.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

will be held on every Friday during Lent at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30pm. Each week, it will be led by a different group. We will be following safety protocols so it will be a first come first served basis. Please note we will have a recorded one available on our website for the duration of Lent.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

If you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. -St. Peter Chrysologus

EASTER FLOWERS:



Anyone who would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers for Our Lady of Lourdes Church in memory of a loved one may do so by either putting your donation in an envelope with your number on it and placing it in the collection basket or you may make your donation at the parish office.

OFFICE CLOSED:



Please note that the parish office will be closed Monday March 14th and will reopen on Tuesday March 15th.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen

Donations to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can be made through: (Any contribution to the Canadian Red Cross would be doubled by our government.)

- [Development and Peace](#)
- [Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Inc \(CNEWA\)](#)
- [Canadian Red Cross](#)

May all of us gather in prayer and fasting in order to be in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

KNIGHT COLUMBUS NEWS: 4th Degree meeting

will take place Saturday March 12th at 8:30 via internet and Tuesday March 15th at 7:00pm.

