Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. *Mark 9:2,3*



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MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI 7:00AM TUES & THUR 5:30PM SATURDAY 5:30PM

*1st Saturdays - 8:00am

SUNDAY 8:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM

CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT 4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY *Please see weekly schedule

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BAPTISMS

Call the office six weeks in advance to prepare registration documents

WEDDINGS

Call the office at least six months in advance to reserve date and complete marriage preparation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, John Ferguson, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Steve Janosek, Markus Klink, Joe Mangione, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Gracie Miller, John David Navejar, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry Sesco, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.



MONDAY, 26TH

- Adult Confirmation Class - 6:30pm
- Youth Night 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, 27TH

TMIY! - 6:15am

WEDNESDAY, 28TH

- Bishop Barron's This Is My Body Book Study -9:30am
- RCIA A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love- 6:30pm
- Choir Practice 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST FIRST FRIDAY

- 1st Friday Mass 5:30pm
- Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
- 1st Friday Potluck 6pm

SATURDAY, 2ND

- 1st Saturday Mass 8am
- Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am



New to the Parish? We welcome you to join our faith family!



MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, February 26



FRIDAYS AT 6:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY FEB. 16TH - MARCH 22ND



THURSDAY, **MARCH 7, 2024** 6:30 -8:30PM



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8:00 AM	0						
	Ward McNeilly- Healing - Pierrel Family						
Tuesday, February 27							
4:45 PM	Confessions - Fr. Abe						
5:30 PM	Mass - Fr. Abe						
	Emily Landon - Nan Kirkpatrick						
Wednesday, February 28							
7:00AM	Fr. Jorge						
	Residents of San Pedro Manor Nursing Home						
Thursday, February 29							
4:45 PM							
5:30 PM	Mass - Fr. Abe						
	Dr. Rufino Salinas (d) - Parish						
Friday, March 1 - First Friday							
7:00 AM	Fr. Jorge						
	Sadie Garcia (d) - Mary Sawyer & Chris Sawyer						
5:30 PM	Fr. Jorge						
	Mary Jane Diaz (d) - Pat LeVreir						
Saturday, March 2 - First Saturday							
8:00 AM	Fr. Abe						
	Residents of San Antonio North Nursing Home						
4:45 PM	Confessions - Fr. Abe						
5:30 PM	Mass - Fr. Abe						
	Peace for Cheryl Wright - Jeanne & Don Albrecht						
Sunday, Ma	arch 3						
8:30 AM	Fr. Jorge						
	Our Lady of Grace Parishioners						
10:30 AM	Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI						
	Susie Mendiola (d) - Dora Urrutia						
12:00PM	Fr. Abe						
	Beth O'Brien (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez						



Please pray for the repose of the soul of +Edward Fitzpatrick who died February 4, 2024 May he rest in peace.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Parish Outreach

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group Every third *Tuesday of the month.*

Please join us from *6:30-8:00 pm* in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.





Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

This is my beloved Son. Listen to him. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that "the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days" (Mark 8:31). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). These disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration.

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God's call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

If this resonates with you, then this story of the Transfiguration is for you. After giving these disciples six days to ponder the difficult news of His coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter. Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus' glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus' prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control.

We also need the consoling revelation of our Lord's glory to help us navigate the difficulties we will endure. For some, life is good, very good, and they walk with joy and ease with our Lord. But for others, life has taken a difficult turn and confusion has set in. If life is good for you right now, then rejoice that you are currently sharing a taste of the glory of the Transfiguration. Give thanks to God and tell Him with Saint Peter, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Give thanks to him for the joy and consolation you currently experience. But if life is difficult for you right now, ponder those six days during which the disciples struggled with the prediction of the Lord's passion. Think about their confusion, doubts and fear. As you do, turn your eyes up the mountain. Know that the glory of God awaits you and that He wants to free you from all fear and anxiety. The mountain is climbed by a firm faith that is grounded in prayer. Make that journey with our Lord through prayer.



40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

During Lent, you are invited to donate one can each day in solidarity with those who struggle to find their next meal. Your donation will assist the food pantry at the Guadalupe Community Center, our Parish Outreach Partner. **Parishioners** can drop off cans in the bins inside the church or use the QR Code to shop/donate online. **RE Students** can donate cans in each classroom and the class that brings the most food (by weight) will receive a 'breakfast party' at the conclusion of the food drive.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS - March 1st Please join us for the 5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.





First Friday Potluck will be held this Friday, March 1st Please join us after the 5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



All men are invited to join the Spring semester of **That Man Is You!** The program starts at 6:30 am and we adjourn promptly at 7:30 am. The theme of this year's program is "Thy Kingdom Come" which focuses on the fact that "The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with

an eternal perspective." Come join men gathering to learn more about our faith and to support each other We strive to be better holier men for our families and communities.

The Men's Fellowship Group (formerly Bishop Sheen group) continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am in the Madonna Lower Level. Currently, the focus of our discussions, after completing the Sheen series, is now the weekly readings and sermons by Bishop Barron. All men are invited to join us as we prepare for Sunday Mass with scripture, spiritual discussion and fellowship. Coffee is provided.



Bishop Barron's This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

(This book was gifted to all parishioners in the Summer of 2023)



Wednesdays, February 21 – March 20 ~ 9:30am

Bishop Barron wrote this book to "Help understand the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly, precisely so that you might fall in love with the Lord more completely." Please call or email Shelley Clary (903-714-3889; <u>shelleyclary@gmail.com</u>) to register and receive the reading guide. Week 1 will discuss pages V-26 so come prepared!!

Youth and Young Adult February

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25	26 Youth Night @ OLG 7pm	27 Young Adult Night @ St. Peter 7pm	28	29		



In the season of Lent, it is good to look for occasions to be silent. It is fitting to get away for a moment, to reflect, to pray, to offer sacrifices and works of charity, and to purify the heart. We should all be scandalized by our own sins, as we face the immensity of God's mercy. To be able to fully trust in God's mercy, we must practice mercy. Remember the three steps: to be moved with pity, to approach, and to touch. Whom? Those excluded by society and by ourselves due to resentment, selfishness, or prejudice. Next year is the jubilee year. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." The Holy Father has invited us to prepare for this Holy Year by praying. I hope that in this year with all these blessings from God, we must remind ourselves that we need to commit ourselves to pray more and better. The Holy Father knows that if we pray more in the world, the world will be a better place.

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March 8th & 22nd 6:00-7:30pm Madonna Room

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