



## Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman provides the following reflection for us to consider throughout this second week of Lent:

*The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.*

*I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.*

*Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.*

*Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.*

*Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.*

*I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain... "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33*

With so much uncertainty in our world today, we renew our commitment to place our trust in God who is our surest hope.

Until next week,

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:15am  
Saint Alexander

Saturday Vigil at 4pm  
(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)  
Saint Mary of the Bay

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm  
Saint Mary of the Bay

Monday-Friday 8am  
Saint Mary of the Bay

Holy Days as Announced



### TRUSTEES & AUDITORS

Nancy Urban, Trustee  
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John Flynn, Auditor

## ***Lent 2023***

### ***Calendar of Activities***

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday Mornings following the 8am Mass, SMB

#### **Traditional Eucharistic Holy Hour**

Wednesday, March 8, 7pm, Saint Alexander

#### **Finding the Light: Music of Comfort and Hope**

*Concert with the Providence Singers and the Aurea Ensemble*

Sunday, March 12, 3pm, SMB (Ticket Required)

#### **Theology Uncorked**

*Wine & Cheese Reception with Theological Talk and Discussion*

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30pm, SMB Church Hall

#### **Parish-Wide Faith Formation Event**

*Learn about Holy Week and make your own Resurrection Garden for home. All members of SMB and STA are welcome!*

Wednesday, March 22, OR

Thursday, March 23, 7pm, SMB Church Hall

#### **Encounter: Adoration with**

#### **Praise & Worship Music**

Wednesday, March 29, 7pm, SMB

*(Visiting priests will be available for Confession.)*

#### **Finding God through Beauty:**

#### **A Special Women's Event**

Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm, SMB Church Hall

#### **Soul Food**

*Join us for a Blount's soup luncheon with palm-cross demo*

Palm Sunday, April 2, following the 10:30am

Mass, SMB Church Hall

### ***The Sacred Triduum***

#### **April 6, 2023—Maundy Thursday**

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, SMB

#### **April 7, 2023—Good Friday**

3pm Stations of the Cross, Saint Alexander

7pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, SMB

#### **April 8, 2023—Holy Saturday**

8pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, SMB

### **∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞**

March 5, 2023

9:15am: Anthony F. Urban

*Requested by wife, Nancy*

March 12, 2023

9:15am: Gary Jacobsen

### **∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞**

Today's Readings:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/

2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

From today's First Reading:

*I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)*

Consider: **Abram left behind his land and home, trusting in the Lord's promise to make him a great nation with many blessings. In what ways have you needed to trust in the Lord during this season of Lent?**

From today's Second Reading:

*Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)*

Consider: **Paul tells Timothy to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." When have you needed to draw upon God's strength in your life?**

From today's Gospel:

*Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)*

Consider: **In the transfiguration, Peter, James, and John witnessed the divinity of Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Why do you suppose Jesus instructed the disciples not to tell anyone until after his death and resurrection?**