

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

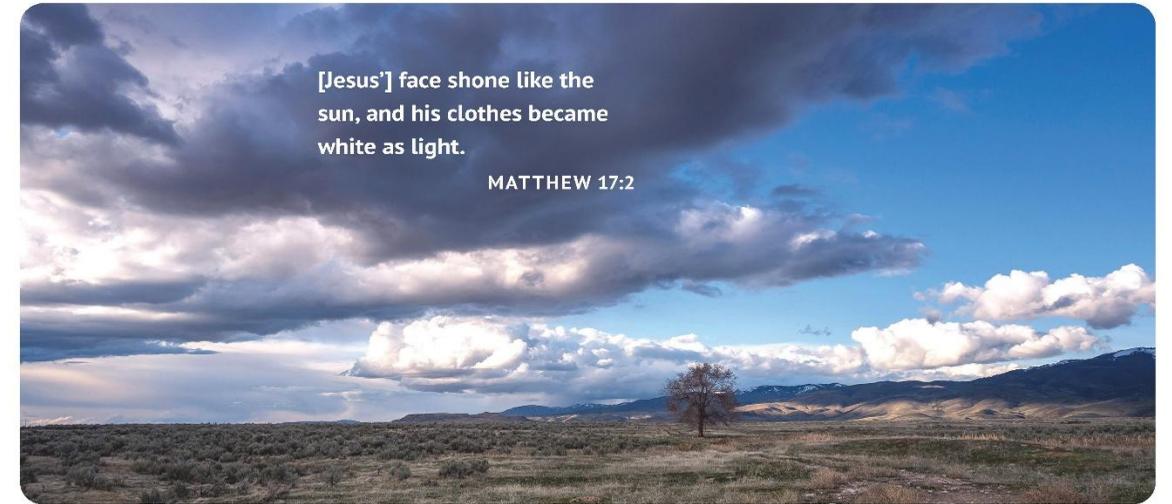
GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9



[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?

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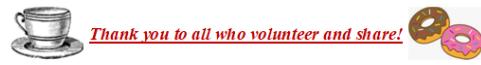
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RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on
 Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm
 availability. Also by appointment **and March 19 at 5 pm with extra priests.**
BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
 desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor
at least six months prior to desired date.

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will
THANK YOU for your donations!
Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
 02/15/26: \$1,139.00
 02/22/26: \$825.00
Building Fund Donations: \$500.00)
 Signup for On-line Giving at methowcatholic.org.

Fridays in Lent
@ 5 pm Stations of the Cross
With Soup/Bread Simple Supper following


Thank you to all who volunteer and share!
CAFFEINE & CALORIES: The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.
Please consider hostina C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info. 509-429-1621.

 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
 skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.
PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
 retaining wall. Thank you!

 The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet
 food is especially needed in the winter.
 Donations can be left in the basket at the side
 door.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR
 PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.
 GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

Mass Schedule:
Sunday, Mar 1 @ 11:00 am, Second Sunday in Lent,
Rosary @ 10:20 am

Wednesday, Mar 4 @ 9:30 am, Rosary at 9:00 am

Sunday, Mar 8 @ 11:00 am, Third Sunday in Lent
Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 12:1–4a The call of Abraham
*Psalm 33 “Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.”*
2 Timothy 1:8b–10 “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.”
Matthew 17:1–9 Jesus is transfigured.

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we hear in today’s Gospel
 as Jesus is transfigured at the top of a high mountain. “Listen to him.” Listening is
 important, so important that it is the Father’s sole command to the three disciples
 who accompanied Jesus up the mountain. Let us now obey that command and
 listen to God’s word—to Abraham, from Paul to Timothy, and Matthew’s account
 of the Transfiguration—for we too are the Son’s disciples, eager to grow in faith
 and understanding.

Question of the Week: How can I see myself transfigured between now and Easter?
 How will accepting my cross and following Jesus more closely help transform my life?

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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PRAYER

Call Deacon Bill or Don Haley (509-989-9309) if you are
 interested in this small group study for 8 weeks on either
 Tuesday nights @ 6 pm or Wednesday mornings @ 10:15 am
 starting.....



*Please
 Remember
 in Your
 Prayers*

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- Dayharsh Family
- Cor Bader
- Wannita Knox
- Malachi Knox
- Jeff Springer
- Hal Groat
- Peter Leon Guerrero
- John Spannuth
- Joseph Carbajal
- Mark Crum
- Roland Cruz
- Jim Perra
- Brooke Stendera
- Lupe Garcia
- Sheila Kerr
- Jonathan Kessler
- Fr. Sean Thomson
- Thomson Family
- Evangeline Grace Knox
- Melissa Larson
- Howard Burcham
- Terry & Barb Anderson
- Bernice Morgan
- Fred Nowicki
- Bode Maxwell

 *Rest of the Soul of*

- Bill Wilburn
- Robert Springer
- Mary Cucci