



Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026 | Sunday



This is my Son,
whom I love...

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.



**Tax Receipts
Now Available!**

2025 income tax receipts are available, located in the church foyer!

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, March 2

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †John Mignelli

Tuesday, March 3

St. Katharine

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Norman Gauthier

Wednesday, March 4

St. Casimir

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Rosamma Kappukatt

Thursday, March 5

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. ♦Special Intention Anna Armenti

Friday, March 6

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Lina Palmieri

7:00 p.m. †Rito Veterone



**6:30 p.m.
Stations
of the
Cross**

Saturday, March 7

St. Perpetua & Felicity

4:30 p.m. †Marina Meagher

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Zandra Baptista

5:00 p.m. †Elizabeth Pendanathu



**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!**

Sunday Collection February 22 - \$4831

Repairs \$828

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV FOR LENT 2026

The 2026 Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent is titled "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion."

In his message, the Holy Father writes: "Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." Read the entire message on the Vatican website.

Prayer Intention for the Month of March:

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2026



Join us for inspiring talks, group discussions and prayer as we explore God's plan for our lives and deepen our relationship with Jesus this Lenten season.

Every Monday, for 6 weeks Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More Church Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come, be rescued by the Love of Christ

Sponsored by St. Thomas More Pastoral Council

ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL, presents
"INDIAN NIGHT – INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES."
on Saturday March 14th at St. Thomas More Church Hall. Come join for a flavourful Indian dinner and an evening celebrating Indian culture through music, singing, and more.
Doors open at 5:45 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under, and will be available for purchase at all the weekend Masses.

CATHOLIC WOMEN LEAGUE

The installation of the new CWL Executive will take place on Sunday, March 8, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to join us, sit together, and wear their blue regalia. The next CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m., beginning with the Rosary. All ladies of the parish are welcome. A reminder that 2026 CWL memberships (\$40) are now due. Payments may be placed in the offertory basket, dropped off at the parish office, or sent by e transfer by contacting Dina at 905 380 0522 or dina.marchionda@gmail.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on **Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 2:00am** (clocks "spring forward" to 3:00am) Remember to update manual clocks, including car and kitchen appliances, before going to bed Saturday night to avoid being late on Sunday. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

DIOCESAN WIDE DAY OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturday, March 21, 2026 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

Presents **GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY** for CHILDREN and FAMILIES April 3 at 11:00 am.

For children ages 4 and up. To register your child please contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca



Practice Dates

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| Sunday, 1 March 3:00 | Tuesday, 17 March 6:00 |
| Tuesday, 3 March 6:00 | Sunday 22 March 3:00 |
| Sunday 8 March 3:00 | Tuesday, 24 March 6:00 |
| Tuesday, 10 March 6:00 | Sunday 29 March 3:00 |
| Sunday 15 March 3:00 | Tuesday, 31 March 6:00 |

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA'S Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support partner-led projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world. For more information visit devp.org. or contact Sandy Hall email smhall1977@gmail.com



"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting."

St. Benedict of Nursia



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Easter Flowers

to help decorate the church for the season

\$20 or more memorial donation;

please print names clearly,

Names must be submitted by **March 29**

to be published for Easter.

Attach a cheque or cash to this slip,

and place in the collection

IN MEMORY OF:

first & last Name only

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