

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 21st	Second Sunday of Lent, I Class
8:00 a.m.	† Robert Meriol - <i>McGuirk Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 22nd	Chair of St. Peter, I Class
7:45 a.m.	† Angela Bonavoglia
Tues. Feb. 23rd	Feria of Lent, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† Gabriel Testo - <i>D. A. Valentino</i>
Wed. Feb. 24th	Feria of Lent, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† Fr. Nicholas Zolnerowicz, FSSP - <i>Hanisch Family</i>
Thu. Feb. 25th	St. Mathias, Apostle, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Fri. Feb. 26th	Feria of Lent, III Class
6:00 p.m.	† Members Holden/McKeown Family
Sat. Feb. 27th	Feria of Lent, III Class
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Joseph Grab, Sr. - <i>Sica Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 28th	Third Sunday of Lent, I Class
8:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Lena Victoria Angley - <i>Her Son</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

### DEVOTIONS

#### Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

### DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

## Second Sunday of Lent

### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 24: 6,3,22*

Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Ps. 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Glory be.

### **COLLECT**

O God who seest that we of ourselves avail not at all; inwardly and outwardly hold us in Thy holy keeping, that we may neither be overcome in body by adversity, nor in mind be a prey to evil thoughts. Through our Lord.

### **EPISTLE**

*1Thes. 4: 1-7*

Brethren, we pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us, how you ought to walk, and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach, nor deceive his brother in business; because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before, and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **GRADUAL**

*Ps. 24: 17-18*

The troubles of my heart are multiplied; deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. See my abjection and my labor, and forgive all my sins.

### **TRACT**

*Ps. 105: 1-4*

Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. Who shall declare the powers of the Lord; who shall set forth all His praises? Blessed are they that keep judgment, and do justice at all times. Remember us, O Lord, in the favor of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

### **GOSPEL**

*Matt. 17: 1-9*

At that time, Jesus took Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and lo a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face; and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them, Arise and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

### **OFFERTORY**

*Ps. 118: 47-48*

I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

### **SECRET**

Mercifully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, on this our sacrifice; and appeased thereby, vouchsafe to us both increase of fervor and growth in Thy saving sacrifice. Through our Lord.

### **COMMUNION**

*Ps. 5: 2-4*

Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

### **POSTCOMMUNION**

We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that drawing new strength from Thy Most Holy Sacrament, we may henceforth, by purity of life, ever render an acceptable service to Thee. Through our Lord.

O Jesus, grant that Your grace may triumph in me and make me worthy to participate in Your glorious Transfiguration!

The soul of Jesus, personally united to the Word, enjoyed the Beatific Vision, which has as its connatural effect the glorification of the body. But this effect was impeded by Jesus, who, during the years of His life on earth, wanted to resemble us as much as possible by appearing “in the likeness of sinful flesh” (Rom. 8:3). However, in order to confirm the faith of the Apostles who were shaken by the announcement of His Passion, Jesus permitted some rays from His blessed soul to shine forth for a few brief instants on Thabor, when Peter, James, and John saw Him transfigured: “His face did shine as the sun and His garments became white as snow.” The three were enraptured by it, and yet Jesus had revealed to them only one ray of His glory, for no human creature could have borne the complete vision.

Glory is the fruit of grace; the grace possessed by Jesus in an infinite degree is reflected in an infinite glory transfiguring Him entirely. Something similar happens to us: grace will transform us “from glory to glory” (2 Cor 3:18), until one day it will bring us to the Beatific Vision of God in heaven. But while grace transfigures, sin, on the other hand, darkens and disfigures whoever becomes its victim.

Today’s Gospel brings out the close connection between the Transfiguration and the Passion of Jesus. Moses and Elias appeared on Thabor on either side of the Savior. They conversed with Him, and as St. Luke explains, talked specifically about His coming Passion: “They spoke of His decease, that He should accomplish in Jerusalem” (Lk 9:31). The divine Master wished to teach His disciples in this way that it was impossible—for Him as well as for them—to reach the glory of the Transfiguration without passing through suffering. It was the same lesson that He would give later to the two disciples at Emmaus: “Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and so to enter into His glory?” (Lk 24:26). What has been disfigured by sin cannot regain its original supernatural beauty except by way of purifying suffering. In ecstasy before the vision on Thabor, Peter cried out with his usual eagerness, “It is good for us to be here,” and offered to make three tabernacles: one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elias. But his proposal was

interrupted by a voice from heaven: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him!” and the vision disappeared.

Spiritual consolations are never an end in themselves, and we should neither desire them nor try to retain them for our own satisfaction. Joy, even that which is spiritual, should never be sought for itself. Just as in heaven, joy will be the necessary concomitant of possessing God, so too on earth, it should be nothing but a means, enabling us to give ourselves with greater generosity to the service of God. To Peter, who wanted to stay on Thabor in the sweet vision of the transfigured Jesus, God Himself replied by inviting him to listen to and follow the teachings of His beloved Son. The ardent Apostle would soon learn that following Jesus meant carrying the Cross and ascending Calvary with Him.

God does not console us for our entertainment but rather for our encouragement, for our strengthening, for the increase of our generosity in suffering for love of Him. The vision disappeared; the Apostles raised their eyes and saw nothing “*nisi solum Jesum*,” save Jesus alone, and with “Jesus alone,” they came down from the mountain. This is what we must always seek and it must be sufficient for us: Jesus alone, God alone. Everything else—consolations, helps, friendships (even spiritual ones), understanding esteem, encouragement (even from Superiors)—may be good to the extent that God permits us to enjoy them. He very often makes use of them to encourage us in our weakness; but if, through certain circumstances, His divine hand takes all these things away, we should not be upset or disturbed. It is precisely at such times that we can prove to God more than ever—by deeds and not by words only—that He is our All and that He alone suffices. On these occasions the loving soul finds itself in a position to give God one of the finest proofs of its love: to be faithful to Him, to trust in Him, and to persevere in its resolution to give all, even if, by removing His gifts, He has left it alone. The soul may be in darkness, that is, subject to misunderstanding, bitterness, material and spiritual solitude combined with interior desolation. The time has come to repeat, “Jesus alone,” to come down from Thabor with Him, and to follow Him with the Apostles even to Calvary, where He will suffer, abandoned not only by men, but even by His Father.

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish** extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

**FR. SAGUTO** will give his next class on Wednesday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into May. Everyone is welcome!

**SECOND COLLECTION** is Today. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that dioceses throughout the United States conduct a one-time special appeal for victims of numerous 2015 storms and other natural disasters as well as those that are likely to affect our country in 2016.

**PLENARY INDULGENCE:** On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix." Copies of the prayer may be found in the Church vestibule.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held at 5:10 p.m. every Friday during Lent followed by Mass at 6:00

p.m. and the Holy Rosary. **Confessions are heard from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

**FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER:** Falls on February 22. By concession of the Holy See on July 7, 2010, it is a Feast of the First Class in the FSSP. On that day, a Plenary indulgence is granted for all members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

**CONFRATERNITY INDULGENCES:** By decree of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, dated June 7, 2008, a plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions to the members of the Confraternity of St. Peter; a) the day of their admission; b) the day of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter and c) the day of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

**COLLECTION:** February 14 - \$1,727.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Feb. 21st**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**AC1** Stephen LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata

**TEAM D**

**MC** Joshua Sica  
**TH** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Timothy Sica  
**C** John Skuba  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica

### WEEK ONE

**Monday** Patrick Schneider  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** Collin Chidester  
**7:45 a.m.** Ian McGuirk

**Wednesday** Andrew Pheasant  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Thursday** John Skuba  
**7:45 a.m.** Joseph Skuba

**Stations of the Cross**

**Friday Feb 26th**

Francis LaFata  
Ian McGuirk  
Kieran McGuirk  
Sean Michelin

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Feb. 28th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**AC1** Joshua Sica  
**AC2** Timothy Sica

**TEAM A**

**MC** Timothy Emig  
**TH** John Gillenkirk  
**AC1** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC2** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**C** Sean Michelin  
**S1** Joseph Seeley  
**S2** Brendan Seeley