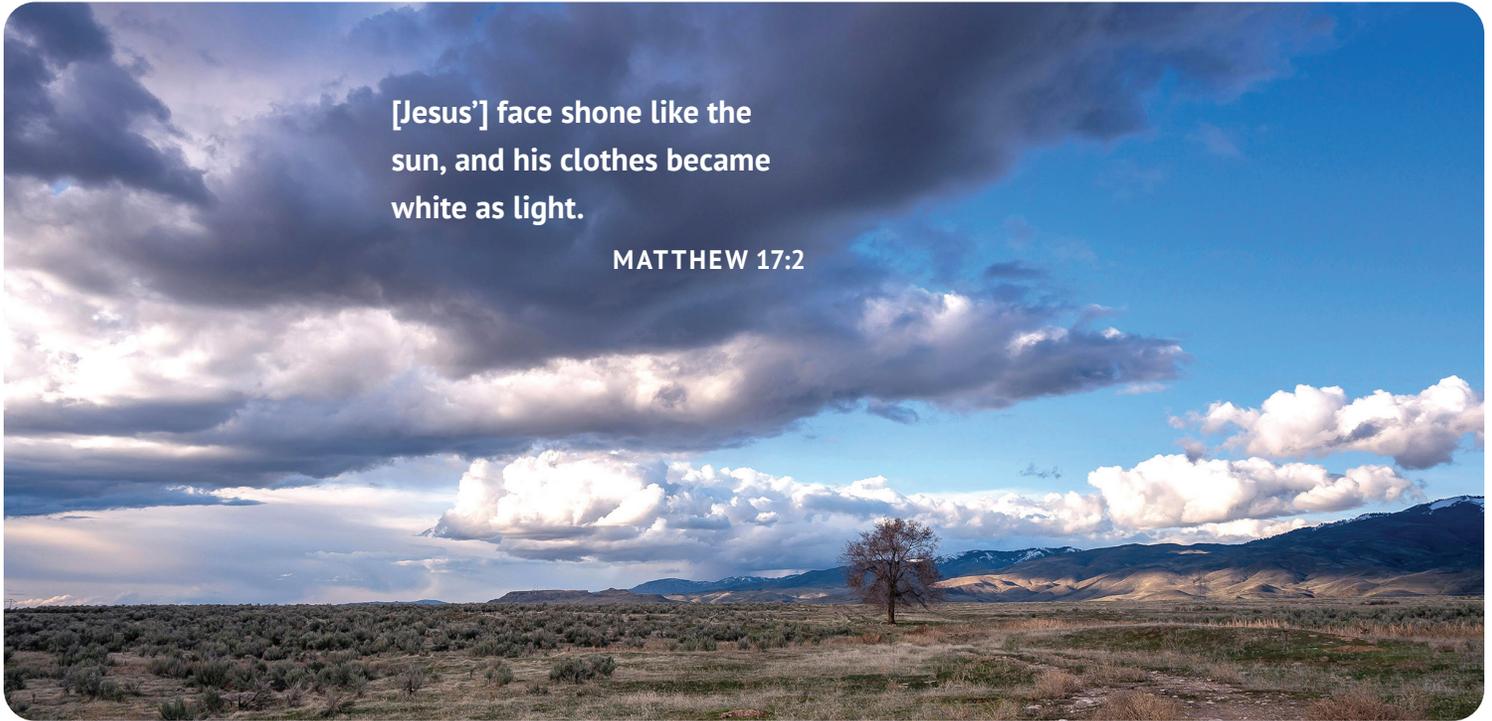




[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

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. ●



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Reflect

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



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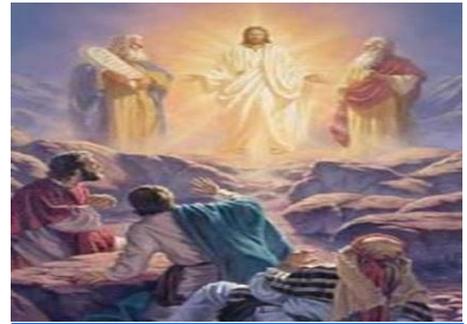
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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Feb. 28th	6:30pm	+ Altina deMelo Pacheco
Sun. March 1st (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	Special Intentions of Bishop Wes Special Intentions of Natalie Yokell & Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa + Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Gil F. Mello & family, + Souls in Purgatory, Kevin Ledo, Carlos Almeida, + Jose & Amelia Andrade Almeida, Humberto Santos, + Rogerio & Manuel Santos Bolarinho Couples for Christ & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. March 2nd	7:30am 12:10pm	
Tues. March 3rd	7:30am 12:10pm	Agnes Ogunshola, Birthday Wishes
Wed. March 4th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Thurs. March 5th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Oskar P. Lewnowski, 10th Anniversary of Death
Fri. March 6th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Sat. March 7th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros, Birthday in Heaven
Sun. March 8th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	Helen DeSousa, Healing Prayers + Natalia Pacheco + Magaly Alvarado, Yolando Muñoz, & + Juana Paula Muñoz St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : March 7th & 8th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Donaghy	A. Farrell	E. Mosley C. Duqueza	R. Bercasio
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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st Saturday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Come and join Fr. Dandy and the Passionist congregation, on the **last Friday of the month at 6pm**, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.

They look forward to seeing you!



ADORATION: Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: **9:00am** – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – **10:15am** - Benediction

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

Please be advised that due to Bishop Wes' unexpected trip to Port of Spain to meet with their Tribunal for Causes of Saints, and with the Apostolic Nuncio, there will be **no Portuguese Mass on Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm** in St. Patrick's church.

FOCUS: The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which he calls us. Filled with his light and goodness, we will shine with his glory in this life and in the world to come.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Leo held the usual Lenten meeting with the priests of the Diocese of Rome. After the Pontiff delivered a speech inviting them to "rekindle the fire" of their ministry, an off-camera discussion followed during which he responded to spontaneous questions.

In response to a question about how the Gospel can be embodied in the world of young people, the Pope said: "First of all, what is needed is the witness of the priest. Then, when meeting young people, priests must broaden their horizons in order to reach as many of them as possible. For this, it is necessary to rediscover the value of communion." He also recommended knowing well "the community in which one lives and works. It is necessary to know the reality well. To love your community, you must know it. Therefore, a genuine shared effort is needed to understand it better and thus face together all the challenges that arise."

The Pope then invited the priests to engage fully in real life and called for vigilance when confronted with artificial intelligence and internet use. He warned against the temptation to prepare homilies with artificial intelligence. "Like all the muscles in the body, if we do not use them, if we do not exercise them, they die. The brain needs to be used; our intelligence must also be exercised so as not to lose this capacity. To give a true homily is to share faith and AI will never be able to share faith," he said.

One question was more reflective: "Today, as priests, many are unable to rejoice in the success of a fellow priest, and many experience loneliness. We are all human, but we should set a good example, especially the example of priestly fraternity." He dwelt at length on how to cultivate priestly friendship and reaffirmed "the need for fraternity, for the joy of being together. We must give thanks and truly live in gratitude for the fact of being priests, from the day of our ordination every single day. We must thank God for this great gift and live the priesthood with gratitude, and here a great deal of humility is also required."

Have a serene weekend and a blessed Lent!

Bishop Wes

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Feb. 21st & 22nd	\$4,265.00
Electronic offering:	Feb. 21st & 22nd	\$220.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 9	\$42,877.00

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
March 1st—7th, 2026
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
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BAPTISMS:
 We welcome **Sophia Marie O'Connor**, child of Aidan & Michelle O'Connor, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, March 1st, 2026.**
Welcome to the Church Family Sophia!

12:10 MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
 Please be advised that during the season of Lent, the **12:10pm Mass** at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday.**
 The **Stations of the Cross** will be held at the Cathedral for Fridays during Lent at **11:40am & 6pm (English)** and **4pm (Portuguese).**



IMPORTANT NOTICE:
 Please be advised that on the **4th Sunday of Lent, March 15th, 2026**, there will be a special Lenten Retreat Day for our Portuguese community.
 We will host Fr. Vando Marques Gomes who is the Parish Priest of St. Helen's Parish in "Little Portugal" in Toronto. Fr. Vando will preside the 10am Mass and then will be available for confessions from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at St. Theresa's.



TO ALL OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS (new and existing):
 We invite you to attend, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral, the orientation/refresher/workshop scheduled on the following dates and times for 2026:
Eucharistic Ministers (EM): Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm
Lectors: Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm
Liturgical Commissioning (EMs & Lectors): Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30 am mass
 Kindly ensure that your contact information is updated should there be any changes, and please indicate the Mass time at which you wish to serve as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Ministers in the schedule."



COUPLES FOR CHRIST ANNIVERSARY:
 You are welcome to join the Couples for Christ Ministries to celebrate their 25th Anniversary with a Solemn Mass on **Saturday, March 7th at 11AM.**



PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:
 Our next social will be **Sunday, March 8th, 2026**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall, for Coffee and Baked Goods. Food and Drink donations are welcomed!
We look forward to seeing you there!



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:
 The Giftshop now has just received a new shipment of Easter cards, now available for purchase.
 As well as many other gifts or home ideas - all at a great price!
Do stop by and support our Gift Shop!



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! ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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>Third Sunday of Lent</i>				
Dn 9:4b–10	Is 1:10, 16–20	Jer 18:18–20	Jer 17:5–10	Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20	Ex 17:3–7
Lk 6:36–38	Mt 23:1–12	Mt 20:17–28	Lk 16:19–31	Mt 21:33–43, 45–46	Lk 15:1–3, 11–32	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?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear 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