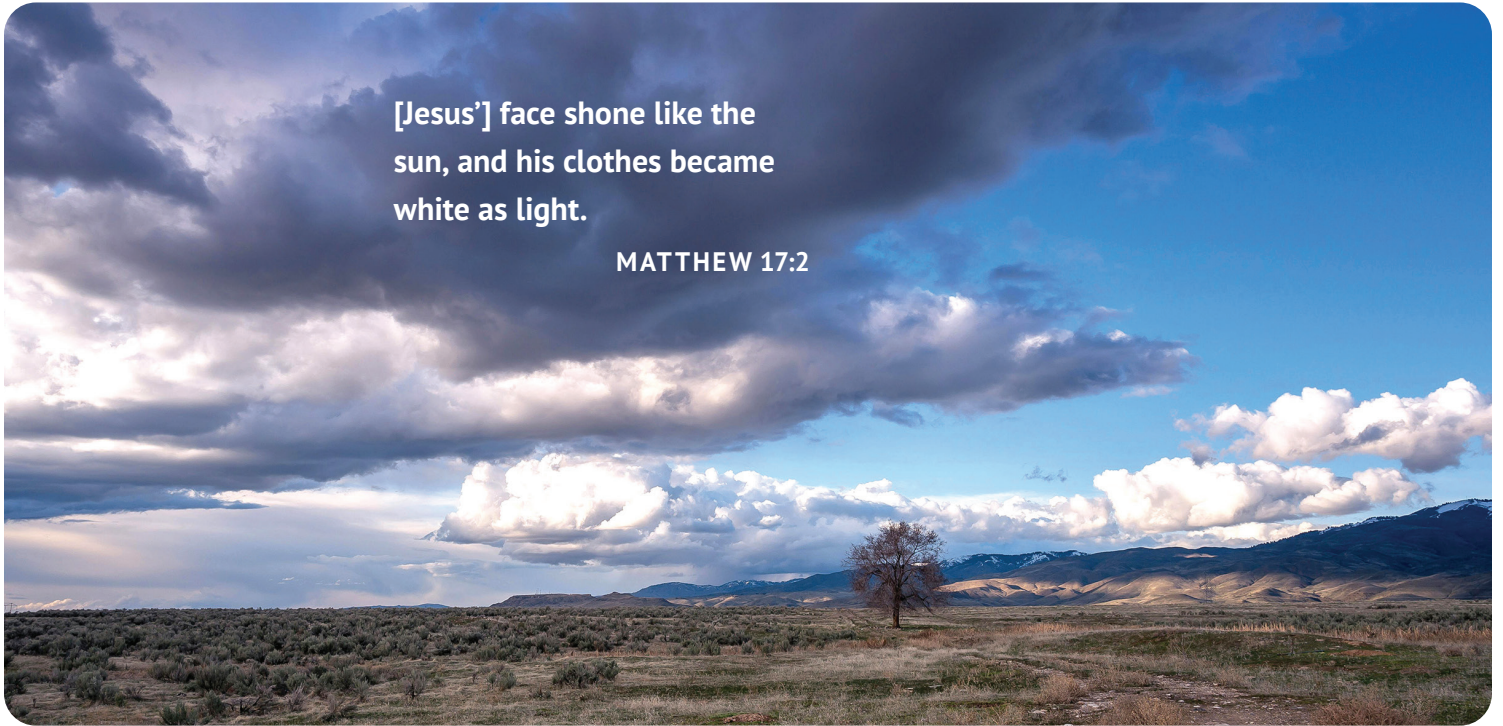




[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

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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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Feb	28	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+ and Tony+, Ermelinda+ Freitas and son+
Mar	1	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes+ and Herminio Soares Furtado+
Mar	3	8:30 am	
Mar	4	8:30 am	
Mar	5	8:30 am	
Mar	6	8:30 am	
Mar	6	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar	7	6:15 pm	Manuel+ and Maria Moura+
Mar	8	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony's Church

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or
US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses. Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Lector's Workbooks

Lector's workbooks for the new liturgical year 2026 are available in the Sacristy.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin - February 28 and March 1, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Feb 14/Feb 15	\$ 924.00
Feb 21/Feb 22	\$1,420.00

**Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –
BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and
US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.**

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – this weekend

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

February 28 and March 1, 2026

Counting: Pat Rodrigues and Stephen Todd

Lector: 6:15pm Jackie Tailford
11:30am Marie Stone

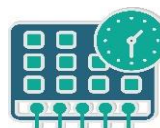
Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15pm Pat Rodrigues
11:30am Julita Looby, Annabelle Saunders
Joe Fagundo

Collection: 6:15pm Alice Astwood-Smith, Pat Rodrigues
11:30am Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15pm Jackie Tailford
11:30am Denis Thornhill



March 7 and March 8, 2026

Counting: Pat Rodrigues and Stephen Todd

Lector: 6:15pm Pat Rodrigues
11:30am Denis Thornhill

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15pm Raynae Fleming
11:30am Louise Vizion & Annabelle Saunders
Joe Fagundo

Collection: 6:15pm Alice Astwood-Smith, Pat Rodrigues
11:30am Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15pm Jackie Tailford
11:30am Denis Thornhill

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

Important Message

Please be advised that on the 4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 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 10:00am Mass and then will be available for confessions from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at St. Theresa's.

Lenten Services at St Theresa's Cathedral

Please be advised that during the season of Lent the 12:10pm Mass at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from Monday to Friday. On Fridays it will be preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 11:40am.

Important Bulletin Announcement

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 6:00pm in St. Patrick's church.



Please Take Note

There will be no Filipino Mass held on Saturday, 7 March 2026 at St. Anthony's Church. Thank you.

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



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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

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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