



## THE POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2022

**A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



### Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death. As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon**

**Twenty minutes before weekday Masses**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:**

**Last Sunday of each month after all Masses**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

**Church door collections – last Sunday of each month**



### MASS INTENTIONS

## Announced Mass intentions for Mar 14 to Mar 20, 2022

Monday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	+Patricia Husk – Joan Cassidy
Tuesday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	+Loretta Burren – Gary Burren
Wednesday.....	8:30 a.m....	+Paul Schaus – Maureen Schaus & Family
Thursday .....	7:00 p.m.....	+Joseph Bayer – Bayer Family
Friday.....	8:30 a.m. ....	+Pereira Family – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
Friday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday.....	6:00 p.m.....	<b>Holy Hour</b>
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.....	+Vern Gonsalves – Jackie Gonsalves
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.....	Special Intention
<b>Livestream Mass</b> .....	11:00 a.m.....	Living & deceased members of our parish

**Offertory collection for Sunday, March 6, 2022: \$6,212.25**

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

**Monthly Budget Review as of Mar 6, 2022**


Cumulative financial objective – 10 weeks @ \$7,500 .....		\$75,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date) .....	\$24,688.40	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date) .....	<u>\$23,674.98</u>	<u>\$48,363.38</u>
Over (under) objective.....		(\$26,636.62)



**LITURGICAL PUBLICATION:** Are you a business owner? we will be collecting business contact information from businesses who would like to advertise in our new parish bulletin. We would greatly appreciate your support to our parish initiative, by calling Liturgical Publication directly at **1-800-268-2637**, or email our parish office your contact information.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - MARRIAGE TIP 118:** The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how we are living our lives according to God’s call to discipleship and vocation. The vocation of marriage is an essential call since the Sacrament of Marriage is meant to be the visible sign or God’s invisible love to the world. Lent then, is a perfect time to examine what you are bringing to your vocation, to see if forgiveness is readily available when needed and to contemplate whether you might make changes to better fulfill your call to marriage. As well, consider praying with your spouse, reflecting on a short Bible passage daily and working on holding anger during Lent, since all of these will strengthen your bond of love and bring you feelings of joy as the Easter season draws near. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**You are invited to participate in the OLOL Living Rosary. By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming month. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up here <https://forms.gle/2vFuFNI1tN4dtkw86>.**



**Our Lady of Lourdes Small Faith Group** invites you to join our living rosary to pray for the needs of the parish and the community.

For March 2022, we are praying for the following:

1. May we open our hearts to God’s grace and mercy through the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.
2. Pope Francis’ monthly intention – A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges.
3. The sick and their caregivers.
4. The living and deceased members of our parish.
5. The special intentions for the members of our parish.

*Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*



*New parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.*

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR** – This week let us pray for...

Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Mar. 18	Mar. 19
Rev. Francis Hubilla	Rev. Gregory Merkley	Lay Parish Ministers	Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.	Rev. Robert Bulbrook	Rev. Christopher Tracey

**Prayer for Vocations...** God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

**Lent 2022 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**

<b>Daily Lenten Mass &amp; Confession Times &amp; Holy Hour</b>	<b>Mass:</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. <b>Confession Times:</b> Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon, and Twenty minutes before each weekday Mass <b>Holy Hour:</b> each Saturday’s during Lent at 6:00 p.m. with Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent, starting March 4
<b>Daily Reflection</b>	<b>With Your Whole Heart:</b> Lent invites us to “return to the Lord” with our “whole heart.” This daily devotional is designed for families to put their faith into practice. Parents and families are encouraged to grow together during the important season of Lent.
<b>Fast &amp; Abstinence</b>	Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on <b>Ash Wednesday</b> and <b>Good Friday</b> . In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast on those days, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.
<b>Almsgiving Share Lent Sunday April 10</b>	<b>TOGETHER FOR PEACE</b>
	During Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to take part in their Share Lent campaign: Together for Peace. This campaign calls on us to reflect on the profound meaning of peace by discovering the importance of dialogue as a means for reconciliation and for the construction of peace. Together, let us continue to believe that peace, human dignity and justice can triumph.  Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Scripture reminds us that our good deeds go with us into eternity.
	This year we are collecting <b>skim milk powder and rice</b> . Milk holds huge potential to improve nutrition for hundreds of millions of poor people around the world. It is too expensive, however, for the poorest families to buy. This year we will be collecting POWDER MILK and RICE for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in the recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (April 10).
<b>Canadian Food for Children</b>	

