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*2nd Sunday of Lent
2e dimanche du Carême*

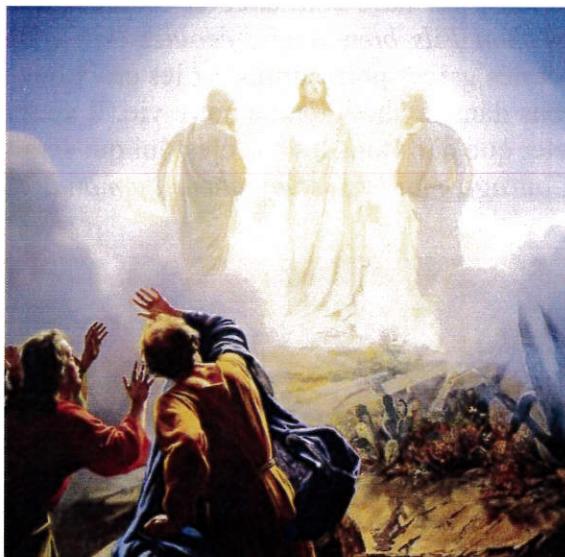
Gospel Reading - *Mark 9:2-10*

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

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him.

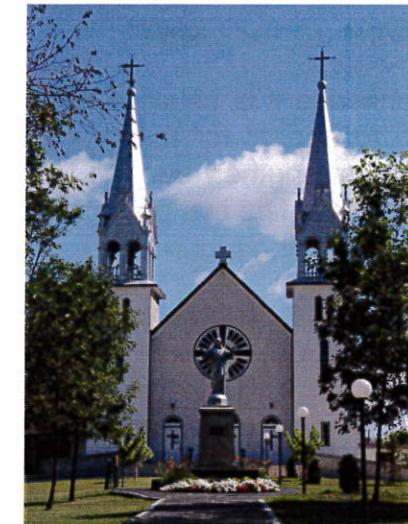
In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death.



Veuillez faire parvenir vos annonces par courriel à la Paroisse parsmalo@mymts.net, ou encore, les déposer par écrit au bureau de la Paroisse. Merci!

Please send your announcements by email to parsmalo@mymts.net or drop them off in writing at the Parish Office. Thank you!

Please Note: our parish bulletin can be found at <https://parstmalo.weebly.com>



Le dimanche 28 février, 2021

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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PAROISSE SAINT- MALO BLESSÉE MARGARET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Heures de bureau/ Office hours:

9h30 à 3h30 mardi au jeudi / 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday

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Monday/lundi (March 01 mars)

Pas de messe / No Mass

Tuesday/mardi (March 02 mars)

Annette Charette Fontaine / Parishioners

Wednesday/mercredi (March 03 mars)

Gabriel Catellier / Friends and Family

Thursday/jeudi (March 04 mars)

Florence Catellier / Friends and Family
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday/vendredi (March 05 mars)

Pierre Marcotte / Friends and Family

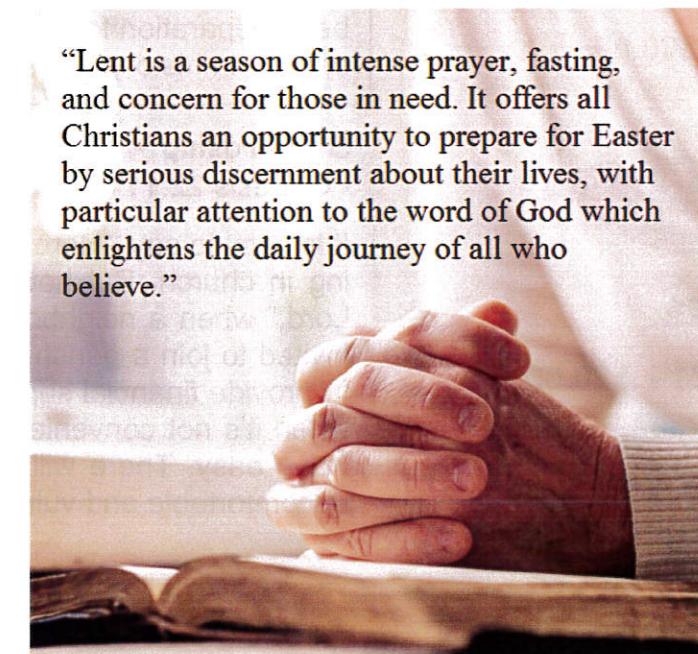
Saturday/samedi (March 06 mars)

Pas de messe / No Mass

Sunday/dimanche (March 07 mars)

Gabriel Catellier / Friends and Family

"Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe."



People of Hope Photo Challenge February 23 to March 9 2021

Join our diocesan photo challenge! What does God's love in action look like in your parish and faith community? As we draw near to the one year anniversary of living with COVID-19 in our province, we are called to reflect upon the pain and loss that many have suffered, and how our Church remains hopeful in faith. Let us lift up moments and experiences, and images of hope for one another. Submit your photos today by emailing us at communications@archsaintboniface.ca



We will post a selection of the photos on our website and Facebook page. A short caption may be included. We also invite you to post your photos on your social media at #archstboniface. Let us refresh one another with photos and stories of hope and love!

Offering

February 21, 2021 - \$ 520.00

Parish Fundraiser - \$ 25.00

Grotto - \$ 300.00



Quêtes

le 21 février, 2021 - 520.00 \$

Prélèvement – Paroisse – 25.00 \$

Grotte – 300.00 \$

What is traditionally given up for Lent?

Since Lent is a time of penitence it is usual to offer a sacrifice to the Lord, both to appeal for the grace of personal conversion, and to strengthen our will to be able to cooperate with that grace. The two go together, since without God we can do nothing (John 15:5).

The best sacrifice we can make is to give up sinning. The liturgies of the first days of Lent make this point of the *vanity* of prayer and penitence without moral conversion. For the Catholic, daily examinations of conscience, reading Sacred Scripture, and meditating on the texts and prayers, are especially good ways to prepare for Easter.

It is also usual to make some material sacrifice, one that calls for will-power and self-denial, whether television or social media, foods or treats we particularly like, recreations and other pleasures that we crave in excess, and which keep us from prayer and good works. The extra time can then be spent to pray and to serve, to volunteer at one's parish, or a local charity, such as a ministry to the poor or a crisis pregnancy clinic.



St. Catherine of Genoa said, "Lenten fasts make me feel better, stronger, and more active than ever." Lent should help us to be more active, in *Charity* — in love of God, and our neighbor. That is the best preparation for the celebration of the greatest act of Love in history.

Stewardship - "Here I am!" he answered."

- Genesis 22:11

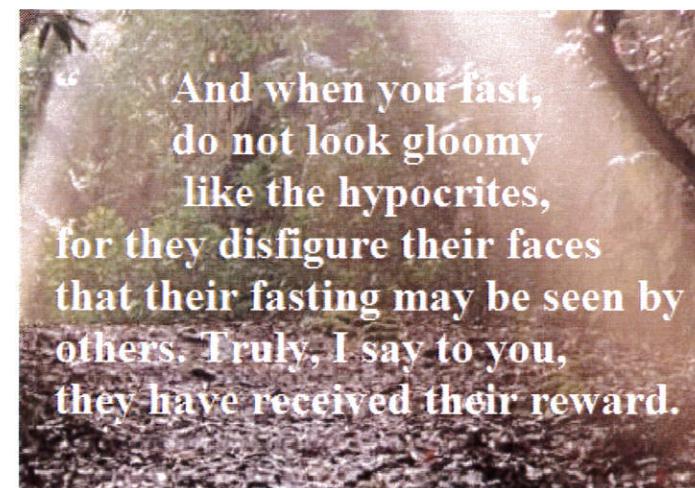
It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Stewardship is not always easy. There will be times when it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Évangile selon saint Marc 9, 2-10

Dans l'Évangile que nous proposons la liturgie d'aujourd'hui, on voit Jésus monter sur le Mont Thabor avec trois de ses disciples devant lesquels il est transfiguré. Il s'agit là d'une grâce particulière où Jésus se révèle dans toute sa gloire en tant que Fils de Dieu. C'est un moment de réconfort spirituel pour eux. Saint Pierre précisera même : « *Rabbi, il est bon que nous soyons ici ! Dressons donc trois tentes.* »

Ce que Pierre a vécu peut ressembler à certaines expériences et grâces que nous avons reçues pendant une retraite ou un moment fort spirituellement. L'on se sent bien et l'on a envie de dire au Seigneur comme Pierre : « Comme on est bien ici ! Dressons trois tentes. » Cependant la grâce n'est pas uniquement offerte pour le moment présent. La vie reprend ensuite son cours avec son lot de tracas et de difficultés. La grâce reçue sera un précieux réconfort pour le moment d'après, pour les moments de difficultés. La Transfiguration a pour but de fortifier les apôtres lorsque l'épreuve viendra, lorsque le Christ souffrira.

Durant ces jours de Carême, Dieu le Père nous lance aussi cette invitation à lui faire confiance et écouter Jésus : « *Celui-ci est mon Fils bien-aimé : écoutez-le !* » Il veut nous donner des grâces pour surmonter les croix que nous rencontrons dans le quotidien de notre vie. Il veut aussi nous rappeler que dans tous les cas c'est lui qui sera vainqueur : « *Courage, moi je suis vainqueur du monde !* »



Seigneur,
nous te rendons grâce pour la FOI d'Abraham,
qui n'a pas crain de prendre son Fils,
son Unique, celui qu'il aimait,
pour te l'offrir en sacrifice,
confiant que tu accomplirais
ta Promesse de bénir sa descendance...

Nous sommes souvent très généreux
pour t'offrir ce qui ne nous coûte pas,
mais, TOI, tu nous touches
dans ce qui nous semble essentiel,
dans nos besoins les plus vitaux,
dans nos désirs les plus légitimes,
dans nos aspirations les plus profondes.

Tu testes ainsi l'authenticité de notre abandon
en nous atteignant jusque dans nos entrailles
et en nous réclamant jusqu'au don le plus précieux
que tu nous as fait...

Accorde-nous cette confiance totale
dans ta sainte Volonté pour que nous sachions
accueillir avec amour tout ce que tu nous demandes
et qu'ainsi tu puisses nous considérer
comme des fils
et nous combler de l'abondance
de tes bénédictions...

(D'après EPHATA)

Intendance - « Il répondit: "Me voici!" » -
Genèse 22:11

Il est facile de dire, « Me voici, Seigneur, » lorsque nous sommes à genoux dans l'église. Mais est-il toujours facile pour nous de dire « Me voici, Seigneur, » lorsqu'un voisin a besoin de notre aide, lorsqu'on nous invite à joindre un ministère de la paroisse, ou lorsqu'on demande notre soutien financier? On nous appelle souvent lorsque cela ne nous convient pas. L'intendance n'est pas toujours facile. Il nous arrivera par moments de nous sentir inconfortables et vulnérables.

