



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2026

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS SI All Parishioners

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Richard Dix

MONDAY, MARCH 2

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30PM MASS SI May Mantala

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

4:30PM Stations of the Cross
5:00PM Confessions
5:30PM MASS †Jean Williams

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Norm Rowe

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:00AM Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Souls in Purgatory
9:00AM Stations of the Cross

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Sabine Schwarzmann
9-10AM Confessions
9:00AM First Saturday Devotions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Emilio Osorno



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light”** (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir, ©LPI

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COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: 24/7; register for daytime hours.

Patriotic Rosary: Every Friday at 9am

Marian Pathways: First Saturdays, 9am–12pm

Seven Sisters Apostolate: Prayers for priests

We offer many spiritual opportunities. Call/text Carmen at 305-815-1795 for details.

MASS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Eucharistic Ministers: Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

Lectors/Rosary Leaders: Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

Ushers: Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of his living body, the church, to bring the kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.

PARISH CALENDAR

View the updated parish calendar anytime at:

harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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MUSIC MINISTRY

All musical skill levels are welcome! If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com.

- MMG CHOIR
- ANGELI CHORUS
- FAITH TROUBADOURS
- SILVER BELLS
- YOUTH & HANDCHIMES CHOIR
- HANDBELL CHOIR

PRE, CYM, YOUTH CHOIR & HAND CHIMES

PRE and CYM will meet Wednesday, **March 4**. Family dinner begins at 6:00 PM, followed by classes from 6:30–7:30 PM. There will be no Youth Choir or Hand Chime practice that evening.

OCIA

There will be no OCIA class on Tuesday, March 3. The next session will be held Tuesday, **March 10**, at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall. The topic will be *Prayer: On Earth as It Is in Heaven*. All who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or deepen their faith are welcome.

Mary Mother Of God

Women's Lenten Retreat and Bible Study

Surrender: Living Without Fear

Mary Mother of God Parish Hall, located at 1614 Maplewood Road, Harrison, AR, will host the event from 9:30am to 4pm on Saturday, **March 14**, 2026.

Presented by Amy Schisler
author, speaker, catechist

Cost per person is \$40. Includes study guide, light breakfast, and lunch.

AR CATHOLIC DIRECTORY CONTEST

Arkansas Catholic invites photographers age 18 and older to submit a photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2027 Diocese of Little Rock Directory. The annual cover photo contest is sponsored by Arkansas Catholic, and entries are due by **March 18**. Complete rules and submission details are available at arkansas-catholic.org/photo-contest. For more information, contact Debbie Kelly at dkelly@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0125.

LADIES NIGHT IN – SAVE THE DATE

The Ladies of St. Peter's Catholic Church invite all women of faith to their annual Ladies Night In on Tuesday, **March 17**, beginning at 5:00 PM at DeClerk Hall, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 249 Dyer St., Mountain Home. The evening includes fellowship, a potluck supper, a movie, dessert, beverages, and prize drawings. Please bring a favorite dish—appetizer, main dish, or dessert—and a friend. To reserve your spot, call Lucia at 870-402-0022 or 906-285-2648.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our parish will hold a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Saturday, **March 21**, from 9:00 AM to noon in the church. Several priests will be available for individual confessions. All are invited to take part in this opportunity for prayer, reflection, and God's mercy during Lent.

SACRED RELICS AT MMG

Mary Mother of God will host Treasures of the Church, a viewing and veneration of sacred relics, on Sunday, **March 22**. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. The Sacred Relics DVD and veneration will begin at 10:15 AM in the church sanctuary.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

On Wednesday, **Mar. 25**, the faithful are invited to pray 1,000 Hail Marys at Mary Mother of God, beginning at 9am and concluding around 3pm. A lunch break will be provided at no cost. Participants are welcome to come and go as needed. Please RSVP to Dianne Neels by text at 214-405-8486.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Easter memorials and honorariums for living or deceased loved ones are available for a \$10 donation. Flowers will remain on the altar throughout the Easter season, and acknowledgement cards may be sent to the honored person or their family. Please use the Easter envelopes in the vestibule, complete the addresses, and return them to the church office or collection basket by Palm Sunday, **March 29**. Thank you for helping beautify our church for Easter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners for the many thoughtful donations of religious items, devotional materials, and spiritual books. Your generosity is a blessing to our parish community and is sincerely appreciated.

To help us properly receive, organize, and distribute these items, we kindly ask that all donations be brought directly to the church office during regular business hours. Please do not leave donated items in the vestibule of the church or in the church library.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our parish. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

AMERICA 250

During Lent our Catholic faith encourages us to Pray, Fast, and Give Alms. The Fatima Rosary Group will pray a PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 8 AM every Friday during Lent. Please join us to pray for unity, peace, and healing for our Nation. Make this your PRAYER sacrifice this Lent.

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LAUDATO SI'

"We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." (*Pope Francis Laudato Si' para 14*)

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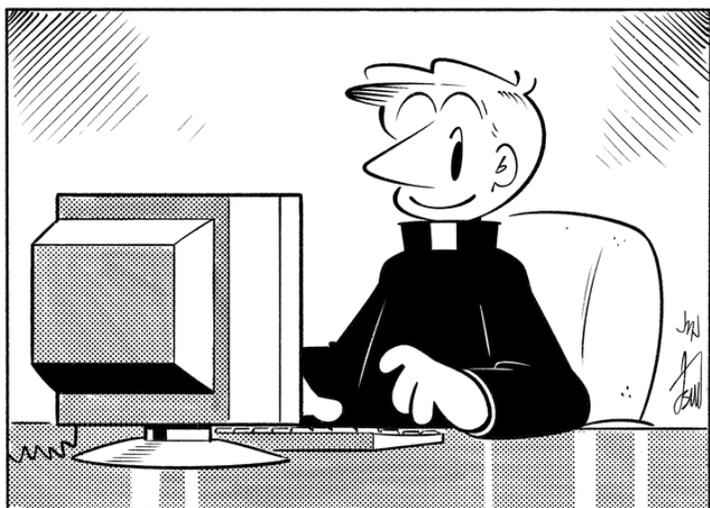
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PRAYER FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

In commemoration of the eighth centenary of the passing of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with gratitude and renewed spiritual fervor. On this sacred anniversary, Pope Leo XIV offers the following prayer, asking that Saint Francis of Assisi may continue to instill in all of us the grace of perfect joy, peace, and harmony. The prayer follows below:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord. In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognized true peace, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders. In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that come from Christ. Amen.

"Why did the priest use email?"



"To send Mass messages."



During the season of Lent, it's a good idea to attend weekly Mass. Lent is a time to realign our hearts back to Christ, and there's no better way to accomplish this than participating in the Holy Mass!

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PRAYER LIST

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, †Mary Bausch, Larry Benner & family, Patricia Bel, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Jim Conner, Sally Conner, Donald Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, Mary Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Chris Hillhouse, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Lavonne Keehn, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Seamus Roche, Teresa Rotkowski, Danny Roth, Giovanna Sandri, Liz Smalley, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, Mark Stutenville, Linda Thompson, Linda Utaski, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.



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OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Casimir

Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

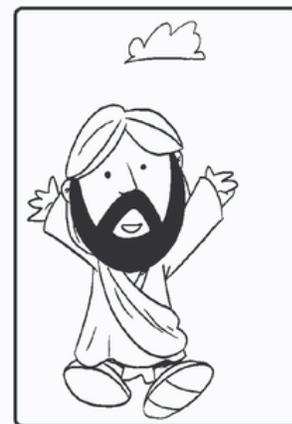
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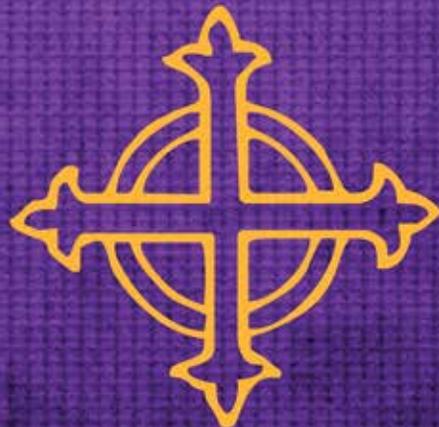
LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SEVERAL PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS AT MMG

ST ANDREW'S
THURSDAY, MARCH 26
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

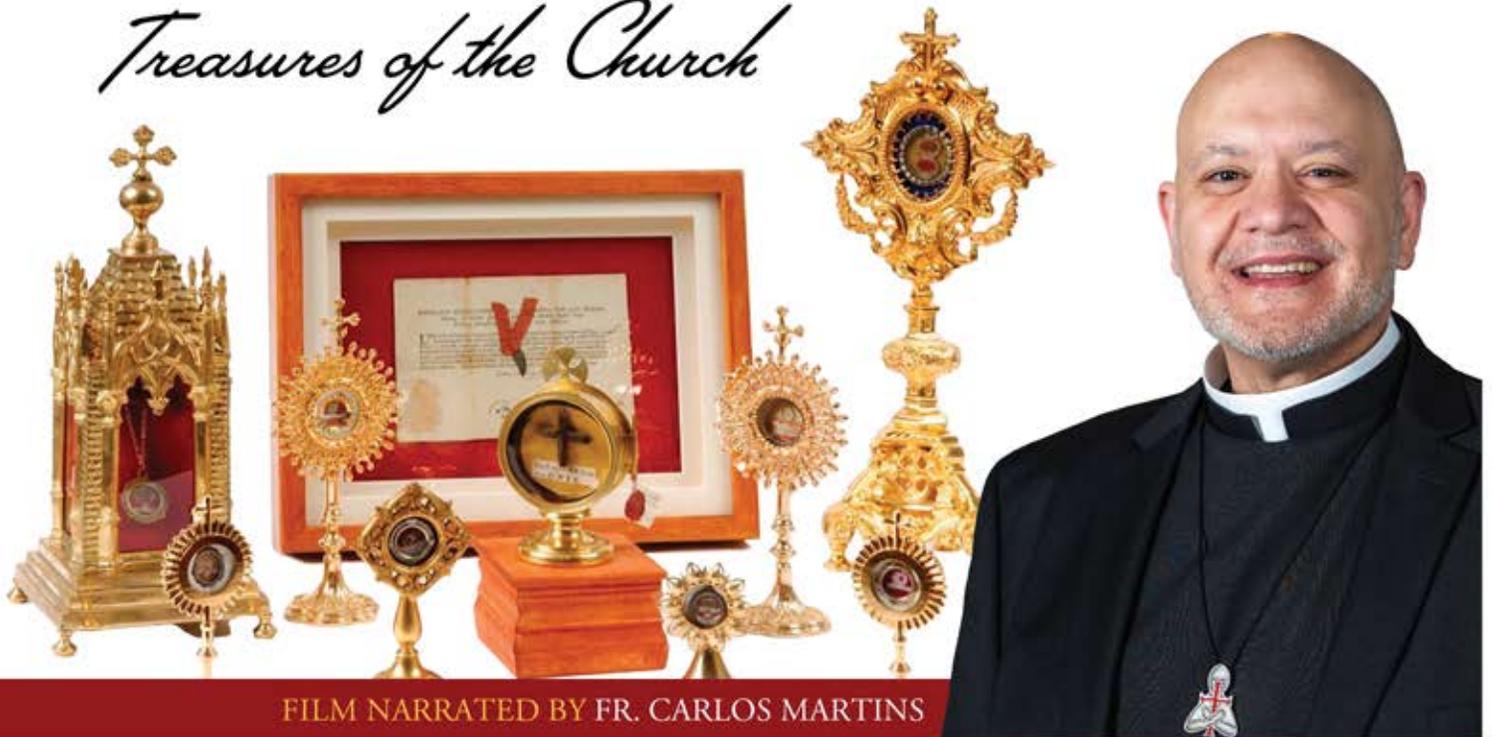
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RELIC FILM & VENERATION OF RELICS EVENT

SACRED RELICS *of the* SAINTS

Treasures of the Church



FILM NARRATED BY FR. CARLOS MARTINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND
INSIDE THE SANCTUARY OF THE CHURCH

DONUTS WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING MASS IN THE PARISH HALL

MOVIE BEGINS AT 10:15AM
INSIDE THE CHURCH ONCE VIEWING AREA IS SETUP

Treasures of the Church is a ministry of evangelization of the Catholic Church. Run by Fr. Carlos Martins, CC, its purpose is to give people an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of His saints. This popular ministry, which attracts large crowds of people, has ministered to hundreds of thousands within churches, schools, and prisons, domestically and internationally.

The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith, asking for their powerful intercession. This presentation summarizes the Church's use of relics and scriptural, catechetical, and devotional in nature. Many people have reported outstanding blessings and conversions through this ministry, and many have reported healings.

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