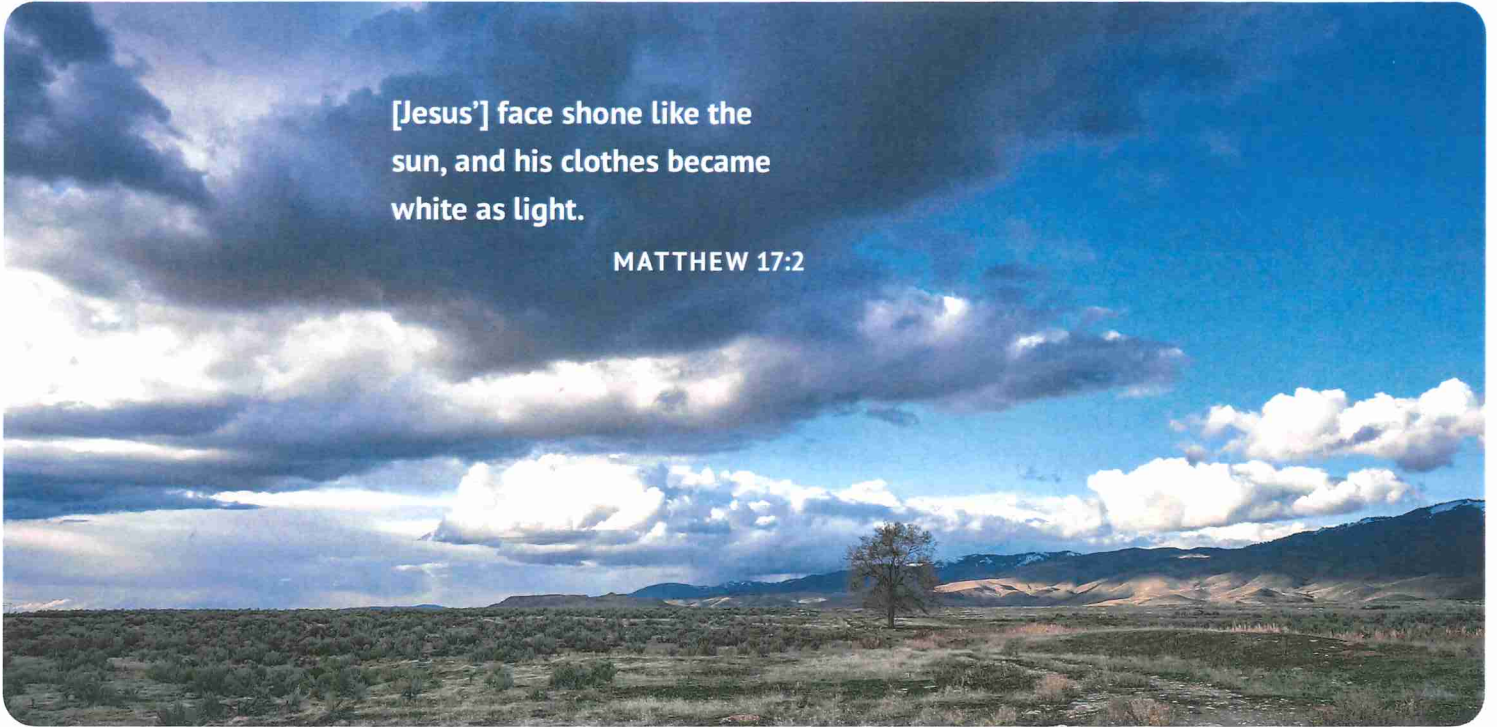




[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

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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Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph


Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed

Anointing Please let us know of any hospital admissions

Baptism For Baptismal dates call the office; one Baptismal Class required


Mass Schedule and Intentions

| | | | |
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| Sat. | Feb. 28 | 5:00 pm | Corpus Christi |
| | † | Melvin Wagner | |
| Sat. | Feb 28 | 7:00pm | St. Joseph |
| | † | Mark Wilson | |
| Sun. | Mar 1 | 8:00am | St. Joseph |
| | † | Mildred, Geraldine, and Marcelene Weishaar | |
| Sun. | Mar 1 | 10:00am | St. Mary's |
| | | Mass for the People | |
| Mon. | Mar 2 | No Mass | |
| Tue. | Mar 3 | 8:00am | St. Mary's |
| | † | Bernard Noll | |
| Wed. | Mar 4 | 8:00am | St. Joseph |
| | † | Jeannie Pollard | |
| Thu. | Mar 5 | 8:00am | St. Mary's |
| | † | Francis Schmidt | |
| Fri. | Mar 6 | 8:00am | St. Joseph |
| | † | Lindell Nolting | |
| Sat. | Mar 7 | 5:00pm | Corpus Christi |
| | † | Tina Gaspard | |
| Sat. | Mar 7 | 7:00pm | St. Joseph |
| | † | Patrick and Carol McCreary | |
| Sun. | Mar 8 | 8:00am | St. Joseph |
| | † | Charles C. Sr. and Lynn Pulliam | |
| Sun. | Mar 8 | 10:00 am | St. Mary's |
| | | Mass for the People | |



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CALL TO SHARE

2026 Parish Progress towards Goals
St. Joseph: \$8,530 of \$13,000
St. Mary's: \$4,330 of \$10,000
Corpus Christi: \$2,410 of \$6,000



Next meeting: March 8, 6pm
St. Joseph School

Topic: Avoiding the negative impact of social media. All high school and college age students are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!



Penance Services, 4pm
Friday, February 27- Corpus Christi
Sunday, March 8- St. Joseph
Friday, March 20- St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross, 5:00pm
Friday, February 27- Corpus Christi
Friday, March 6- St. Mary's
Sunday, March 8- St. Joseph
Friday, March 13- Corpus Christi
Friday, March 20- St. Mary's
Sunday, March 22- St. Joseph
Friday, March 27- Corpus Christi



Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
St. Joseph
Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Corpus Christi
3rd Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm
St. Mary's
3rd Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Forgiveness Retreat: Forgiveness is essential for spiritual, mental, and physical health. A presentation on Forgiveness will be offered at Mater Dei in the Event Center on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00-11:30 am and at Mother Teresa of Calcutta on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00-11:30 am. This retreat provides tools to help you or someone you know reach peace through healing. The retreat is free and open to all. Please register with Pat Carter at 785-220-0757 or pcarter1223@gmail.com.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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| Kyle Perkis | Jeremy Heinen |
| Bob Heinen | Virginia Grollmes |
| Emma Dockweiler | Rosella Hollis |
| Janet Schmidt | Chris Heinen |
| Tim Hosler | Heidi Rutar |
| Phil Heuertz | Dolores Miller |
| Roxie Herring | Dorothy Herring |
| Jenna Amack | Tynen DarveauxSr. |
| Mike Brose | |

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

March Appointments

Ushers: Taylor Allen, Brooks, Glassel, Denver Bonnel

Lay Ministers: Dan Heinen, Marley Hamon, Dianna Welsh

Rosary: Larry Martin

March 8th

Lector: Chad Mooradian

Music: RaeAnn Allen

Servers: Waylon Allen, Jack Warth

Gifts: Tom Warth Family

Finance: Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman

Sacristan: Julie Sieve

Contributions

02/22/2026

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| Projects and Maintenance..... | 150.00 |
| Elevator..... | 200.00 |
| Plate..... | 144.00 |
| Support..... | 1320.00 |
| Total | \$1814.00 |

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call) email calebcystal@hotmail.com

THE WORD AMONG US has daily mediations and Mass readings. FREE copies are available for you to take home.

St Joseph's parish is hosting their 31st annual **Lenten Fish Supper** every Friday through March 27th. Please continue to show them our support!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS at 6 PM followed by devotions at 7 PM:

- Sunday, March 1st Catholic Church
- Sunday, March 8th Methodist Church
- Sunday, March 15th Coal Creek Church
- Sunday, March 22nd Lutheran Church

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST at 6:30 AM:
 Wednesday, March 4th Catholic Church
 Wednesday, March 11th Methodist Church
 Wednesday, March 18th Catholic Church

Of Course You Need a Date!... We'll Help Get You Started! You are invited to School of Love's Date Night, Thurs. Mar. 12th, 6:00-7:30pm
 Chicken 'N Pickle 5901 W. 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223
 Date Night is School of Love's beloved recurring event for married (& engaged) couples of all ages. We start your date with drinks, appetizers, & a brief talk on faith, marriage, & family... You finish your date at home or on the town.
 more info at: www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night

Art with Ashley 
 GUIDED PAINTING WORKSHOP
Monday **March 23 @ 6:00**
 Art, reflection, and scripture. 

Location: 

 ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 221 N Sycamore St
 Nortonville, KS



Cost: \$30 
 TEXT TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT:
785-410-4534 



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 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38 | MARCH 3 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12 | MARCH 4 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28 | MARCH 5 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31 | MARCH 6 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 | MARCH 7 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 | MARCH 8 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Ex 17:3-7 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?

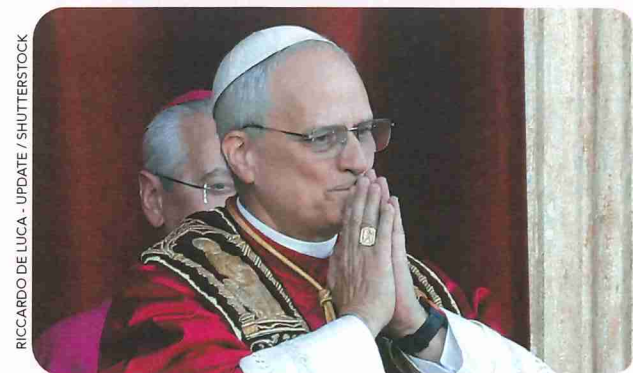
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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



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