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Every Second Monday – March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

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<u>Medjugorje Pilgrimage</u>

April 3 – 13

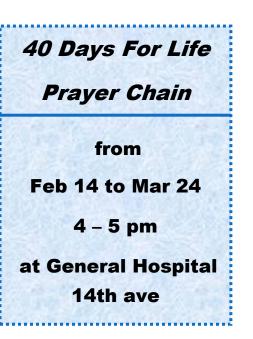
Join us for Daily Mass, Rosary on Apparition Hill, Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain, Visit to Cenacola Community, Visit to visionary – Professional Guide, if available.

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# SAINT MARY'S Roman Catholic Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Carlos Jimenez

# **Sunday Masses:** 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday:	No Mass	
Tuesday:	8:00 am	
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	
Thursday:	8:00 am	
Friday:	8:00 am	<ul> <li>– EXCEPT 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays (see below)</li> </ul>
Saturday:	8:00 am	

### Confessions:

Sunday: Only before 5 pm Mass Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday: Before 8:00 am Mass. Wednesday & Friday evenings: Until 6:50 pm Also by appointment with Father Carlos

### <u>Devotions:</u>

Sunday: before the 11 am Mass

 Chaplet at 10:15 am, Rosary at 10:30 am
 before the 5:00 pm Mass, Rosary at 4:30 pm

 Before weekday morning Masses 7:15 am Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary

 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month: All Night Vigil in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mass at 7:00 pm. Confessions before and after, and Adoration until Mass at 8:00 am on Saturday morning.

 Baptism: Arrange with the pastor. Please notify six weeks before for proper preparation

 Marriage: Arrange with the pastor one year in advance



## February 25, 2024

Parísh Office Hours. To be Determined Fr. Carlos Jimenez' office located at: Holy Cross Parish 315 Douglas Avenue East Call (306) 757-1325

## **Glory Overshadowing the Cross**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. <u>Mark 9:2–3</u>

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that "the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days" (Mark 8:31). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). These disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration.

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God's call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

If this resonates with you, then this story of the Transfiguration is for you. After giving these disciples six days to ponder the difficult news of His coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter. Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus' glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus' prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control.

We also need the consoling revelation of our Lord's glory to help us navigate the difficulties we will endure. For some, life is good, very good, and they walk with joy and ease with our Lord. But for others, life has taken a difficult turn and confusion has set in. If life is good for you right now, then rejoice that you are currently sharing a taste of the glory of the Transfiguration. Give thanks to God and tell Him with Saint Peter, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Give thanks to him for the joy and consolation you currently experience. But if life is difficult for you right now, ponder those six days during which the disciples struggled with the prediction of the Lord's passion. Think about their confusion, doubts and fear. As you do, turn your eyes up the mountain. Know that the glory of God awaits you and that He wants to free you from all fear and anxiety. The mountain is climbed by a firm faith that is grounded in prayer. Make that journey with our Lord through prayer.

https://mycatholic.life

## **OUR LADY OF GREAT POWER (QUEBEC, CANADA)**

In the annals of the Ursulines of the Sacred Heart at Perigueux, France, where the statue was solemnly crowned, we find the origin of the devotion. The devotion to Our Lady of Great Power began in the monastery of Issoudun. There a holy Ursuline nun, Mother Saint Peter, was inspired during her prayer to invoke Our Lady under this title. She spoke of her inspiration to her Sisters and her Superiors. The devotion was adopted with enthusiasm, and very soon it was decided that a statue be sculptured and a chapel built, dedicated to Our Lady of Great Power; she would henceforth be chosen as first and principal Superior of the Monastery.

"After High Mass two ecclesiastics carried the statue to the entry of the monastery where the nuns, in solemn procession, received it. It was placed on a richly decorated litter and, to the chanting of hymns, psalms and canticles, it was brought to the prepared chapel."

"When the same statue was raised on its pedestal, the superior laid the keys of the monastery, the seals and constitutions at Our Lady's feet, begging her, in the name of the community, to accept the gift of all hearts, and of the entire monastery and to allow them to look on her as their Superior forever. Each rendered homage while hymns and canticles of thanksgiving were sung in Mary's honor."

Ever after, when a superior was elected, the ceremony was renewed and is still renewed in each Ursuline community every year on a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin; though homage is rendered only every three years, after the election or nomination of superiors. The statue of Our Lady of Great Power was carried off and profaned during the dark days of the French Revolution. It was found and returned to the monastery at Perigueux, and the devotion continued fervently until 1892, when the bishop of Perigueux, in the name of the Soverign Pontiff, placed a richly jeweled crown on the head of the Mother and the Child, and ratified the numberless and signal favors obtained through Our Lady of Great Power. *https://devotiontoourlady.com* 

# Stations of the Cross

First Friday March 1st – <u>6:00 PM</u> Friday Mornings after 8:00 a.m. Mass

COLLECTION FOR: Feb 18th, 2024

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Sunday Offering	\$980.00	Sunday Loose	\$512.10
Mass Intentions	\$70.00	Parking	\$400.00
Míssalettes	\$30.00	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$25.00
		Total Collection	\$2,017.10

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sun	Feb 25	11:00 AM	Repose of Brian Schaffer	Ann Schaffer
Tues	Feb 27	8:00 AM	Int of Barbara, Royce, Michael	Bruce Henning
Wed	Feb 28	8:00 AM	Reserved for Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Devotees
Thurs	Feb 29	8:00 AM	Int of Hope, Brianna, Daniel, Teddy	Beatrice Leclaire
Fri	Mar 1	7:00 PM	Int of Living & Deceased Members of Queen of Peace	
Sat	Mar 2	8:00 AM	In Memory of Beloved Cassandra Steranka	Steranka Family
Sun	Mar 3	11:00 AM	Repose of Souls in Purgatory	Don & Lorraine Entwistle