

THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC



You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 2/25
Daniel 9:4-10
Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY 2/26
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY 2/27
Jeremiah 18:18-20
Matthew 20:17-28

THURSDAY 2/28
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY 3/1
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-18
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY 3/2
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week
No feasts or memorials this week

7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Mass	Service	Mass	Mass
Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.					

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

It's time once again to join with our sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Stockton in pledging our prayerful and financial support of the charitable ministries of the diocese. This is our opportunity to reach out and help those in need. Unemployment, poverty, and crime still remain high in the city of



Stockton, Stanislaus County, and San Joaquin County. Thousands of people living in these depressed areas look to the Church--look to **us** for help. Our pledges to support the annual Bishop's Ministry Appeal fund programs and services vital to the development of these people. Next week we will submit our pledges to the BMA.

February 24, 2013

Second Sunday of Lent

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
Luke 9:29-31



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LENTEN FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

During the Season of Lent we will celebrate Friday Devotions consisting of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aeyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, Jill Morstad, and for the repose of the soul of Victor Manuel Hernandez.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM

La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM

Lee Vining:

Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -

Sunday Mass 10:00 AM

Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -

Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

Fortunately for Abraham, this particular episode of his faith earned him credit as an act of righteousness, because, looking at the whole story, there were precious few others. Throughout the biblical story, Abraham continually second-guesses the Lord about how to achieve the promise of descendants. First, in Genesis 12:4, Abraham incorporates his nephew Lot into his family. Then, in Genesis

15:2–3, pointing out that God hadn't gotten the job done yet, he suggests the adoption of his servant Eliezer.

Next there is that business with Hagar, Sarah's maid, in the 16th chapter of Genesis. God had to mount a search and rescue mission in the desert to find the poor woman and return her to safety. Or take the two times Abraham passed Sarah off as his sister and gave her away to other men to avoid conflict and possible harm, to say nothing of the financial gain he enjoyed. (See Genesis 12:12–13 and 20:1) In the first instance, God had to send a plague get her back. And in the second, it was only God's threat of death that once again returned Sarah to her husband's side. Just how did Abraham expect to raise a family if he kept giving away his wife?

But, like St. Paul writes in Romans

8:28, God took the bits and pieces of Abraham's faith and made it all work together for good.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17–4:1

Many conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.

I came so that they might have life," Jesus proclaims in John 10:10, "and have it more abundantly." Again, in John 12:47, he said: "I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world." And in John 15:11 he says, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." So he is obviously on our side and what he teaches us in the gospel is designed to save us from destruction, and provide us with abundant life and complete joy.

In Mark 1:15, Jesus says: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." The first step, therefore, to fulfillment, salvation, abundant life and complete joy is to repent, which means to change our lives radically, to turn completely around, and to reorient the direction and goal of living.

Divesting out of the world and joining up with the kingdom is a serious challenge to Americans who love their comfort and security. Many so-called Catholics foolishly take the opposite tack and invest themselves more fully in temporal things. From leaders to laity, they put on the outward appearance of religion, but within pledge their allegiance to the passing world. They gain wealth mindless of the poor, gain power thoughtless of the oppressed, and gain weight without regard to

the hungry of the world. Such are not at all citizens of heaven, but illegal, undocumented aliens who, when caught, will be sent back where they came from.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b–36

As (Moses and Elijah) were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

Peter comes on just like King David who wanted to build a house for God (see 2Samuel 7:1–7). In the biblical story, God points out to David that the Divine Presence has always been happy to dwell in a tent and had never asked for anything more. To the ancient author, the God of the wandering nomads prefers the freedom of the temporary shelter and eschews the permanence of a "house of cedar." In the same way, the first pope—ever the structure-guy right from the beginning—wants to contain the manifestations of the divine right there where he can keep an eye on them. The evangelist, however, makes it clear that the apostle didn't have a clue what he was talking about.

Moses and Elijah would not stick around. They were there simply as consultants because the trial and execution of Jesus (his "exodus" in Jerusalem) fulfilled the prophets that spoke of his passing, and the law under which he was condemned. So the two covenant heroes appeared as part of a symbolic "preparation" for the disciples.

But for Luke the time of the law and the prophets was over. Later on in Luke 16:16 Jesus will proclaim that "The law and the prophets lasted until John; but from then on the kingdom of God is proclaimed." FP

Atentos a ese Espíritu

La Transfiguración es un modelo del cambio, de la glorificación. La lectura más parecida al Evangelio de hoy es la segunda. San Pablo les dice a los filipenses que Cristo cambiará hasta sus cuerpos humanos y los conformará a su cuerpo glorificado por el poder de Dios. Mientras esperamos cruzar el umbral a la Tierra Prometida, el reino eterno de Dios, el cumplimiento de la alianza, Dios transforma nuestras vidas hoy, cambiándonos no exteriormente, sino en nuestro interior. El Espíritu de Dios transforma todo. Estemos atentos a ese Espíritu, haciendo a un lado la preocupación por las cosas terrenales, aunque sea nada más por este día.

Hoy, la Palabra nos invita a mirar más allá de la vida que compartimos hacia el cielo, hacia una vida nueva y llena de la felicidad plena. Dios se revela a Abram y lo invita a que mire las estrellas del cielo para señalar su descendencia. En la escena de la Transfiguración, el Padre señala a su Hijo y revela la luz eterna que han de disfrutar todos los que le sigan. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo nos asegura que somos ciudadanos del cielo; todo lo demás es pasajero.

