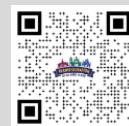
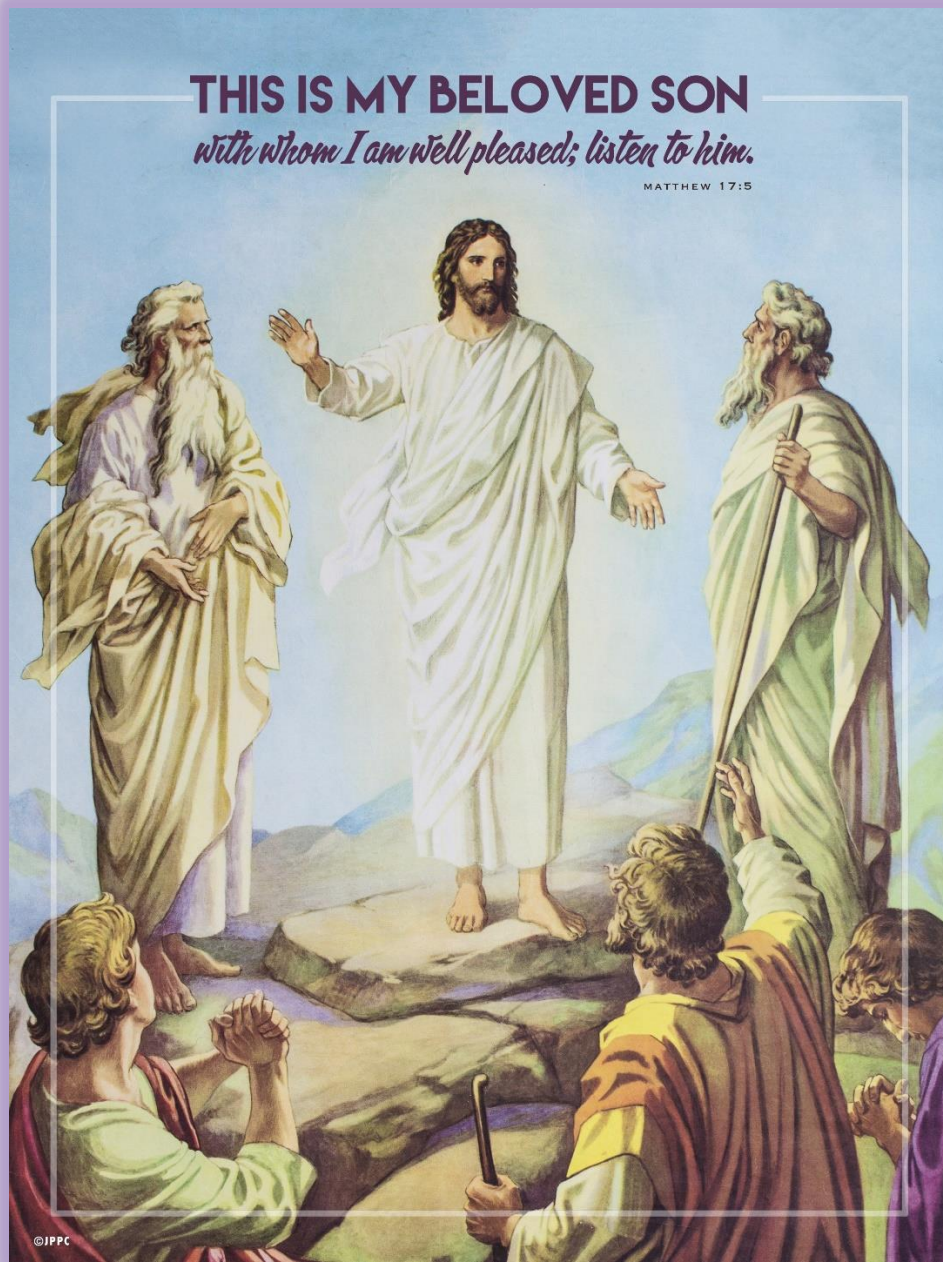


Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. Michael A. Ciryak, Temporary Parochial Administrator

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Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent

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North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760

(508) 695-1173 or email ripco@comcast.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service
Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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March 5– 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 4
4:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	March 5
8:00 am	Maria E. Pereira
Sunday	March 5
9:30 am	Eugene Benson
Sunday	March 5
11:00 am	Martin Reilly
Monday	March 6
4:30 pm	
Tuesday	March 7
8:00 am	Margaret Cadorette
Wednesday	March 8
4:30 pm	
Thursday	March 9
8:00 am	

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March 12– 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 11
4:00 pm	Rita DiRenzo
Sunday	March 12
8:00 am	George Hevey
Sunday	March 12
9:30 am	Gertrude & Raymond Vandette
Sunday	March 12
11:00 am	Harold Edgar

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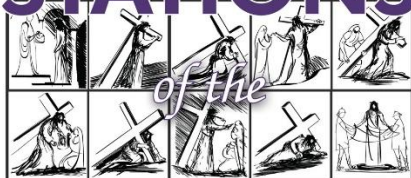
Parish Contributions

Collection figures

February 18/19: \$11,216.15

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Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm in
Saint Mary Church

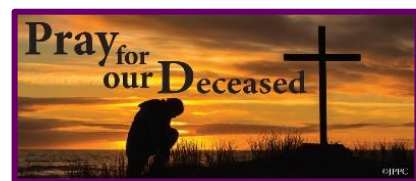
Aid to Turkey and Syria

Bishop da Cunha has asked all parishes to support those affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We are accepting contributions that will be sent through the Diocese to those in need. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Turkey/Syria Collection". It may be put in the collection basket or mailed to or dropped by the office. Please include your name and budget number if you would like your donation recorded with your contributions.



Lenten Diaper Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be organizing a Lenten Diaper Drive, to benefit Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. We are requesting donations of diapers in sizes 4-6. These are the sizes that are used most frequently by the clients at Abundant Hope. Some clients whose babies have allergies to certain brands of diapers, and Pampers seems to be the brand that works best for many of the babies - but donations of all brands are appreciated. We are also requesting donations of diaper wipes. We will have containers at each of the three North Attleborough churches, starting the weekend of February 25-26, and continuing throughout lent. Thank you very much for your support of Abundant Hope PRC.



Please Pray for our Deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.
Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest always in the loving arms of God.*

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net



Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School

Give the gift of a Catholic education - the faith formation and goal of creating saints is priceless! SMSH provides a caring, Catholic learning environment – one that promotes cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development of all children. We invite you to learn more about our school's strong curriculum by visiting our website www.smschool.com. If you want your child to attend a school that balances faith with education, consider joining the Saints community of learners.

Abundant Hope

Did you know....the medical team at Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center include physicians (MD), nurses (RN) and ultrasonographers (RDMS) providing women in unplanned pregnancies with free, accurate, and compassionate care. We are 100% HIPAA compliant. If you or someone you know thinks she may be pregnant, please contact us at 508-455-0425. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**



Pope Francis

Excerpt from Catechesis. The passion for evangelization: the apostolic zeal of the believer. 6. The protagonist of the proclamation: the Holy Spirit – 22 February 2023

“Dear brothers and sisters, let us start, and start anew, as Church, from the Holy Spirit. ‘It is undoubtedly important that in our pastoral planning we start from sociological surveys, analyses, the list of difficulties, the list of expectations and even complaints, this must be done, in order to touch reality. However, it is far more important to start from the *experiences of the Spirit*: that is the real departure. And it is therefore necessary to seek them out, list them, study them, interpret them. It is a fundamental principle that, in the spiritual life, is called the *primacy of consolation over desolation*. First there is the Spirit who consoles, revives, enlightens, moves; then there will also be desolation, suffering, darkness, but the principle for adjusting in the darkness is *the light of the Spirit*’ (C. M. Martini, *Evangelizing in the Consolation of the Spirit*, 25 September 1997). This is the principle to guide ourselves in things we do not understand, in confusions, even in such great darkness, it is important. Let us ask ourselves, each one of us, let us ask ourselves if we open ourselves up to this light, if we give it space: do I invoke the Spirit? Each of us can answer within ourselves. How many of pray to the Spirit? ‘No, Father, I pray to Our Lady, I pray to the Saints, I pray to Jesus, sometimes I pray the Our Father, I pray to the Father...’ ‘And the Holy Spirit? Don’t you pray to the Holy Spirit, who is the one who moves your heart, who brings you consolation, who brings you the desire to evangelize, undertake mission? Do I let myself be guided by Him, who invites me not to close in on myself but to bear Jesus, to bear witness to the primacy of God’s consolation over the desolation of the world? May our Lady, who has understood this well, help us to understand it.”



Congratulations To The Newly Baptized

We Welcome!

On Sunday, February 26 we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: **Jamaya Elizabeth Tisbay Freeman**, daughter of Elizabeth & Jerome Freeman, and **Madison Everly Hamilton**, daughter of Erin Croke and William Hamilton. Congratulations to Jamaya, Madison, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



Readings for the Week of March 5

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. All weekend Masses and weekday Masses are now open for you to schedule. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. We will continue to have one person or family for each Mass time. Intentions can be scheduled at stmaryna@noozi.com or by phone at 508-695-6161

Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza”. Following the 4:30 pm Mass **Wednesday, March 15**, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” All are welcome!



Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.

PRAY REMEMBER
the sick of our parish

Winter

Inclement Weather Policy 2023

Please refer to this policy found on the Parish website www.saintmaryna.com when severe weather approaches.

Please note: if North Attleborough cancels school, daily Mass is canceled for the day, the office is closed and all activities scheduled for that day are canceled.

Housekeeping Requests

Please help us keep our parishes clean and tidy. Before leaving the church, please return the kneeler to the upright position. Please take your bulletin home and throw away any debris; tissues, wrappers, etc. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. We also ask that you supervise any children who are in need of the restrooms during Mass, and that they be used only if urgently needed. Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you. *Thank you for your assistance!*

SMSH Golf Tournament & Auction

Your Support Will Help Our SAINTS
The Golf Tournament is Thursday April 27,
2023

11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Agawam Hunt

15 Roger Williams Ave
Rumford, RI 02916

Player Registration

- \$600 Foursome
 - \$175 Individual Golfer
- Available Sponsorship
- \$250 Single Hole Sponsorship
 - \$750 Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin Holes

• To reserve please contact Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School Office: (508) 695-3072

• Any questions? Please contact Mr. Chris Brislin, Chair. Email: cbrislin77@gmail.com
Phone: (401) 602- 0281

All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution, please send the enclosed forms to Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School 57 Richards Ave, North Attleboro, MA 02760: Attn: Tournament/Auction Donation. The Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School Tax ID is 04-2503667.

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. ***Baptisms for the months of February and March will be celebrated following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart.*** Baptism will begin at 12:30 pm at 58 Church Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

Do You Need a Sponsor Form Signed?

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation?

If you have been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, in their 16th year, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor, please see Father Michael after Mass.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

Call for Assistance

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.



LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Laws of Fasting

- A. All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.
- B. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal.
- C. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of Abstinence

- A. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
- B. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
- C. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Discipline

The code of Canon Law very aptly summarizes the ecclesiastical discipline in Canon 1249: "All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence..."

Funeral Masses

Funeral Masses are not to be celebrated on the Sundays of Lent and Easter, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com



This weekend, March 4, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with seventy-two of our young men and women of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. Congratulations to all as they celebrate the fullness of Christian Initiation. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire, guide, and challenge you each day as you grow in the gift of Faith!

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at **Saint Mary Church** for ALL second grade students on **Saturday, March 18, 2023** beginning at 10:00 am

First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

Grades 1 and 2: Classes: Tuesday, March 7 (rescheduled from Feb. 28) and Saturday, March 11.

Grades 6 and 7: The next class for 6th Grade is Monday, March 6, and 7th Grade is Monday, February 27.

Grades 8: The next class for 8th Grade will be held Wednesday, March 8.

Donation Statements

The 2022 year end tax reports are available from the budget envelope company **for those parishioners using the budget envelope system. Loose checks mailed or placed in the collection are not recorded by the budget company.** Please contact Monica in the office, email preferred (stmaryna@noozi.com), if you would like your statement. You may also call (508-695-6161) and leave a message with your name and address. Contribution letters can be mailed or emailed to you. Please indicate your preference when you contact the office. Thank you for your support of our parish community.

Readings for March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you
and curse those who curse you.
All the communities of the earth
shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those
who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

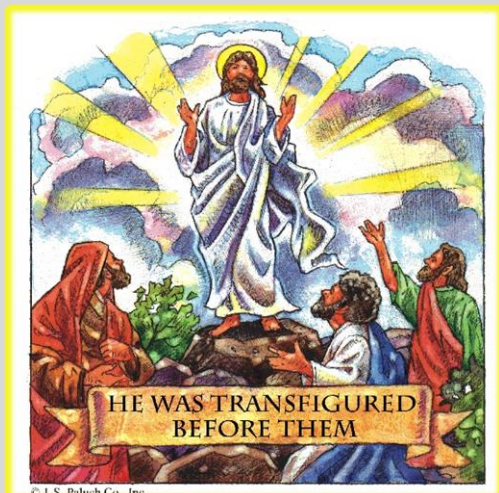
Thanks be to God.

Verse before the Gospel

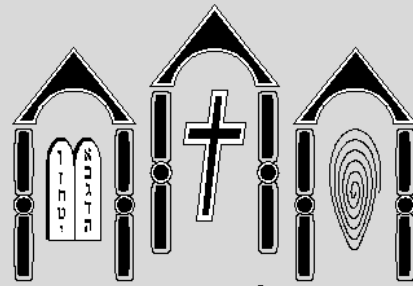
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.*

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.*



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Let us set up three tents

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

**† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Diocese of Fall River

Office of the Bishop

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

2023 LENTEN MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been one year since the beginning of the war in Ukraine. We have seen the tremendous loss of life, property and the unimaginable suffering inflicted upon so many innocent people in that country. More recently, we also witnessed the tragedy of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. There, too, we have seen an incredible loss of life and the unthinkable suffering of millions of people who were wounded, who lost loved ones, possessions, and a way of life that will never be the same.

Sometimes we take for granted the peace and prosperity that we enjoy and the blessings of being healthy and living in freedom. Lent reminds us that all things, as St. Teresa of Avila said, "All things are passing away:[but gratefully] God never changes." It is a season to recall we are subject to pain and suffering, to loss and a cross at any time. Lent is a time for us to reflect and recognize how important our faith is in our lives and how important family is to each one of us; it is a time to embrace our faith and our family with generosity, faithfulness, and gratitude.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that if we want to be His disciples, we must take up our cross each day and follow Him (Luke 9:23). Even though this is a challenging invitation and a difficult path to follow, it is still the best way to a life of ultimate happiness, peace, and salvation. When we embrace our crosses with love, faith and resignation-- knowing that we are not carrying it alone -- the burden becomes lighter and possible to endure.

Lent is also a time to reflect and recognize all that Jesus did for us by dying on the cross and shedding His blood for our salvation. We are called to deeper reflection on the Paschal Mystery - Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection.

In his Lenten message this year, Pope Francis writes: "Lent leads to Easter: the 'retreat' is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope, and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection."

How best to prepare for the glorious feast of Easter? By examining our actions, our attitudes, and our relationship with God with renewed scrutiny and by committing ourselves to repentance and conversion of heart. Now is the time; this is the opportunity of Lent. As a start, we can put into practice the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These offer wonderful means to support our resolve to deepen our faith and to help those around us in need.

It is my prayer that we all open our hearts to the Lenten journey ahead; that it be blessed and transformative. May we ever cherish our faith and be sustained by it, and may we never forget the suffering and crosses borne by our sisters and brothers across the human family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

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