

Why be Catholic.

Matt:17:5 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."

17:6 When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.

17:7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

17:8 And when the disciples raised their eyes, **they saw no one else but Jesus alone.**

Matt: 16:16 Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

16:17 Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

16:18 And so I say to you, **you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH**, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

16:19 I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. **Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**"

Matt: 28:18 Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

28:19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

28:20 **teaching them to observe ALL that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Mon. 03/17 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast Saint Patrick, Bishop
 8:00 AM Mass Paul Rose, *Paul and Brenda Rose*

Tues. 03/18 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 8:00 AM Mass Cecelia Hollern, *Joe and Patty Pufka*

Wed. 03/19 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 AM Mass David C. Riley, *Helen Marie Force*
6:00 PM Mass Tom Byrne, *Mary Siefert*

Thur. 03/20 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Health of Patricia Byrne, *Mary Siefert*

Fri. 03/21 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Stanley Good Jr., *Carolyn, Friend of Family*
6:00 PM **Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sat. 03/22 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Third Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

Sun. 03/23 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Third Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM Mass Chester Kowalski, *Ernie and Helen Tomassetti*
 11:00 AM Mass Chase Keagy, *First B/day, March 22, Carol Smith*

**Lord
 Jesus
 Christ
 Son
 Of
 God
 Have
 Mercy
 On
 Me
 A
 Sinner**

Happy Birthday:

03/17 Helen Glashauser
 03/18 Jillian Brannan
 Zachary Ronan
 03/19 Karen Hallinan
 Lisa Levine
 Elizabeth Summers
 03/22 Chase Keagy
 03/23 Joe Clark
 03/24 Aggie Barroner

Wedding Anniversaries

03/23 Tom and Marianne Hofer



Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we
 pray the Holy Rosary Daily
 At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately
 from 8:30am to 7:00pm



MONEY MATTERS
FIRST Sunday Of Lent (March 9, 2014)
 171 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,822.51 of which \$ 148.01 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	191	# Used	90	# Unused	101
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,410.00 March Camp Payment = \$ 809.39 Mandeville Collection = \$ 492.34

Second Sunday of Lent

TRANSFORM US, O LORD!

Reflections for the
Season of Lent

The Transfiguration: To Be in the Presence of the Holy

Matthew 17:1-9



Catechism CONNECTION

“The Church ... is the instrument of God’s universal call to holiness.... Despite the personal sinfulness of her members, the Church remains holy by the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit who permeates her”
(United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 113).



Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain and the three disciples get a glimpse of Jesus’ future glory in the company of Moses and Elijah. Perhaps the amazing aspect of these passages is that the disciples seemingly are not surprised by the vision. They act as if the vision and their ability to see it are an ordinary occurrence. Do they not realize the significance of what they are encountering?

Not until they hear God’s voice do the disciples’ attitudes change — they fall to the ground and are “very much afraid” (Mt 17:6). To be in the presence of the Holy is a shattering, terrifying experience in the Hebrew Scriptures. God is set apart from the people. (Both the Hebrew and Greek word for “holy” means “set apart.”)

Jesus, “the beloved Son,” changes all that by his very being — “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn 1:14) — and his actions: touching the disciples while encouraging them to “rise, and do not be afraid” (Mt 17:7).

What is my definition of holiness? Who exemplifies holiness for me? How can I be more attentive to the presence of the holy God in my life this Lenten season?

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Why Do We Fast?

We often associate Lent with the triad of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While prayer and almsgiving are part of our regular Catholic observances, many people tend to limit fasting to the season of Lent. In times gone by, people emptied the pantry on Fat Tuesday, which led to quite a bland diet for the next six weeks until Easter. These days, we keep the fast to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from meat on each Friday of Lent.



Why fast? Fasting is a spiritual practice and discipline. Its aim is to help us focus on God. By limiting our intake of food, we exercise self-control and discipline over our bodies. Experiencing physical hunger reminds us of our utter dependence on God as well as puts us in solidarity with those for whom hunger is not a choice but a fact of life.

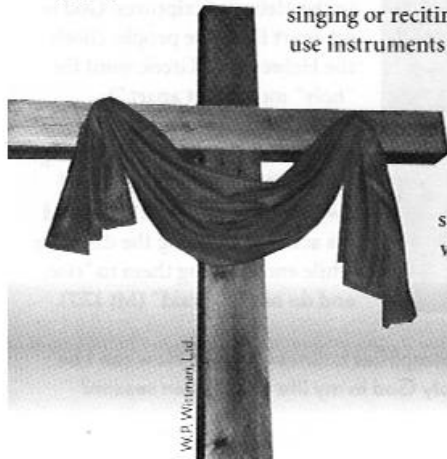
Fasting doesn't have to be only about food; it can spill over to habits, practices, and things that distract us from our relationship with God and others, such as too much time spent at work or too much time on social media.

Lenten Reflection: From what do I need to fast this season? How can I make fasting an experience that is not about deprivation but about changing for the better?

LIVING THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Scaling Back and Simplifying

The ebb and flow of the liturgical year helps us enter into the liturgy with renewed appreciation. During Lent, the liturgy teaches us about the season's penitential character. We swap the color of liturgical vestments to deep purple. We scale back and tone down our celebration: we refrain from singing or reciting the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*, use instruments sparingly and only to support our singing, and leave the altar area bare of flowers. All of our senses get a break during this retreat so we will appreciate even more the sumptuous celebration with fire, water, and oil at the Easter Vigil.



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FamilyTime

Lord, help us persevere in doing your will with a joyful heart!

Talk about ways your family can show solidarity with the hungry. Make this a special Lenten observance. Perhaps your family could give up one meal eaten at a restaurant and, instead, donate the money to an organization that serves the hungry. Or prepare and serve a meal at a soup kitchen together. Or collect money through the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project.

CRS RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is the faith-in-action Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. It calls us to experience Lent through prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving as we follow Jesus' call to be in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable. To learn more, visit www.crsricebowl.org.



PRAYER: "May your mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in you" (Psalm 33:22).

How Old is Your Church? (Revised)

If you're a Lutheran, your denomination was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church, in the year 1517.

If you belong to the Church of England, your denomination was founded by King Henry VIII in the year 1534 because the Pope could not grant him an annulment from his true and lawful wife, Catherine of Aragon, with the right to re-marry.

If you are an Eastern Orthodox, your church was taken from the Catholic Church in 1054 when the Pope and an Eastern Patriarch excommunicated each other.

If you are a Presbyterian, your denomination was founded by John Knox in Scotland in the year 1560.

If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your denomination was an offshoot of the Church of England founded by Samuel Seabury in the American colonies in the 17th century.

If you are a Congregationalist, your denomination was originated by Robert Browne in Holland in 1582.

If you are a Methodist, your denomination was launched by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1744.

If you are LDS or "Mormon" (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), Joseph Smith Jr. started your religion in Palmyra, NY, in 1829.

If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your denomination to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1605.

If you are of the Dutch Reformed church, you recognize Michaelis Jones as founder, because he originated your denomination in New York in 1628.

If you worship with the Salvation Army, your sect began with William Booth in London in 1865.

If you are a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year in which your religion was born and to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy as its founder.

If you are a follower of the Church of Scientology, your group owes its origin to L. Ron Hubbard in Washington D. C. in 1952.

If you are a Seventh Day Adventist, Mrs. Ellen Gould White inaugurated your group in the United States in 1860.

If you are a Jehovah's Witness, your religion was invented by "Pastor" Charles Taze Russell in 1874, incorporated 1881.

If you call yourself a Mennonite, your movement was named after Menno Simons, a Catholic priest for 12 years, who left the Church to join the conservative Anabaptist wing.

The Amish, started by Jacob Amman around 1693, are just one of many different church bodies within the Mennonite community in the U.S.

If you are a member of Calvary Chapel, Chuck Smith began your congregation in Costa Mesa, California in 1975.

If you belong to one of the religious organizations known as "Church of the Nazarene", "Pentecostal Gospel", "Holiness Church", "Pilgrim Holiness Church", your denomination is one of the many thousands of new sects and religions founded by men within the past several hundred years.

If you are a Roman Catholic, you know that your Church was founded in the year 33 A.D. by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

If you are Jewish, Abraham became the first Jew when God promised him: "I will make you a great nation...". Your religion was founded by God in the Jewish calendar year 2049 (1711 BC), over 3700 years ago. God revealed Himself to the Jews through the Prophets and promised to send a Messiah. Jesus Christ, a Jew from the House of David, came to this world as His only begotten Son in fulfillment of the scriptures.