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With the gracious permission of His Excellency, David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford, Holy Mass is offered according to the Traditional Roman Rite at Saint Mary Oratory by the

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The Second Sunday of Lent

“...Let us not wait till we have betrayed Him: let us at once acknowledge that He is our Lord and our God. We are soon to be keeping the anniversary of His Sacrifice; like the Apostles, we are to see Him humbled by His enemies and bearing, in our stead, the chastisements of Divine Justice. We must not allow our faith to be weakened, when we behold the fulfilment of those prophecies of David and Isaias, that the Messiah is to be treated as *a worm of the earth* [Ps. xxi. 7], and be covered with wounds, so as to become like a *leper, the most abject of men*, and the *Man of sorrows* [Is. liii. 3,4]. We must remember the grand things of Thabor, and the adorations paid Him by Moses and Elias, and the bright cloud, and the voice of the Eternal Father. The more we see Him humbled, the more must we proclaim His glory and divinity; we must join our acclamations with those of the Angels and the Four-and-Twenty Elders, whom St. John, (one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration,) heard crying out with a loud voice: ***The Lamb that was slain, is worthy to receive power and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and benediction!*** [Apoc. v. 12].”

Excerpt from: *The Liturgical Year*
by Dom Guéranger



St. Mary's Pro-Life group,
under the patronage of
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
has organized the **second Monday**
and **fourth Thursday** of each month
to go and pray at 611 Auburn St.
Please join us!

(Go to: proliferockford.com/members and click on the
“Sign up to Pray/Witness” box.)

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness
of the Unborn, pray for us!*



This Lent, Saint Mary's is
participating in the
“Change for Life Campaign” benefiting the
Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford.

Baby bottles will be available in the upper
vestibule to take home and fill with cash or checks!
Last year, we collected \$2,801 (\$286 more than the
prior year) : **Let's collect over \$3,000 this year!**

Please return bottles back to the church after Lent!

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Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm
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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Monday: 12:05pm
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

CONFESSIONS
Monday-Friday:
11:15am-11:45am
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass
& 3:30pm-4:30pm
Sunday: 7:15am & 9:45am

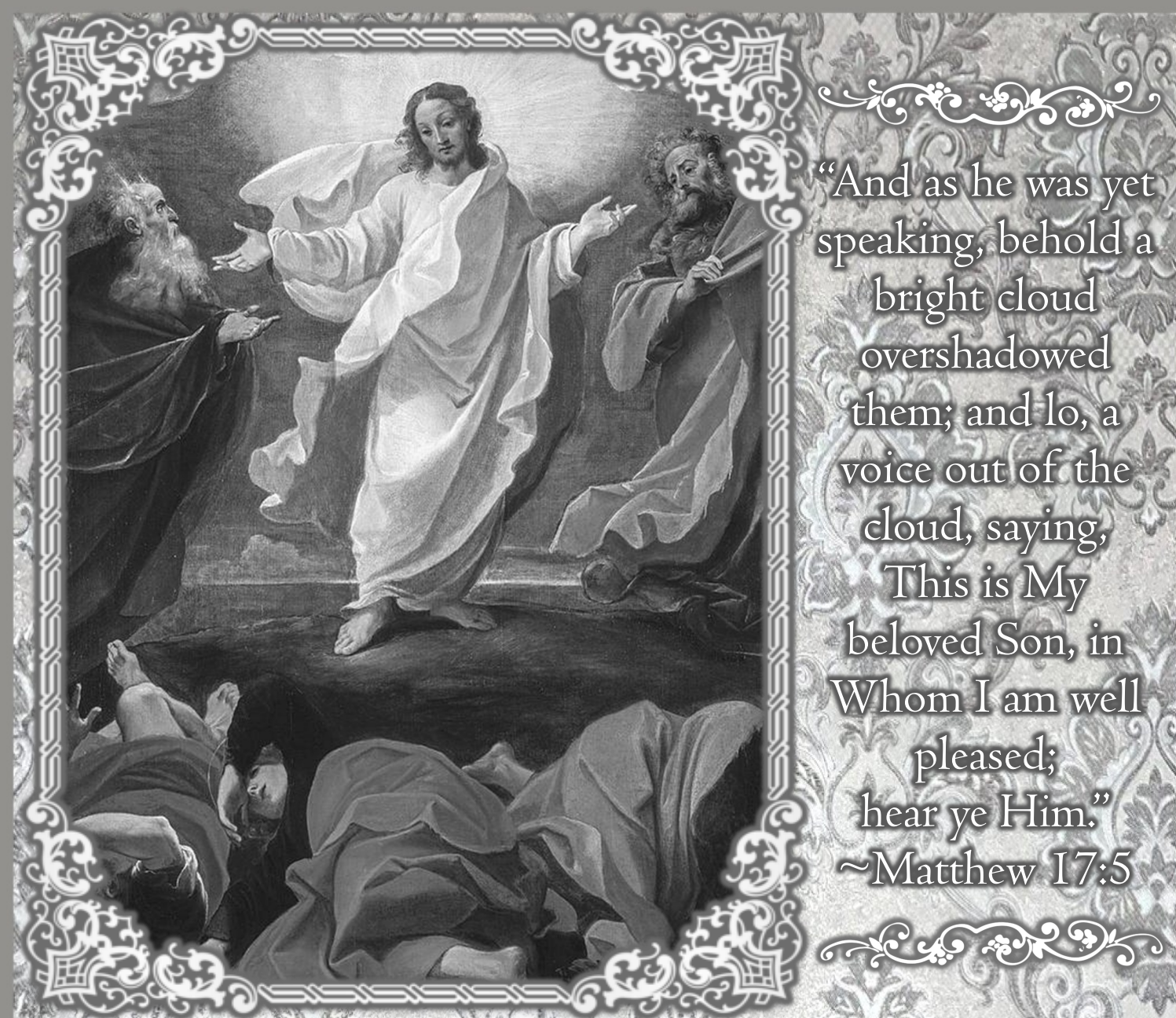
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PLEASE CONTACT
CANON O'CONNOR

DEVOTIONS
Fridays:
Exposition, Adoration,
& Benediction
7:45am - 8:45am

GROTTO HOURS
Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm
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Veritatem
Facientes
In
Caritate



“And as he was yet
speaking, behold a
bright cloud
overshadowed
them; and lo, a
voice out of the
cloud, saying,
This is My
beloved Son, in
Whom I am well
pleased;
hear ye Him.”
~Matthew 17:5

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY.....55+ Group Breakfast meeting at
Rockford Roasting Co. after 8am Mass

Sat. Mar. 11.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum**
meeting after 8am Mass


Sat. Mar. 11.....*Sursum Corda Lenten Retreat*
in Chicago

Sat. Mar. 18.....**First Communicants' mini-retreat,**
rehearsal & confessions with
Canon O'Connor at 9:30am

Sun. Mar. 19.....*Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the*
10:30am High Mass



**PLEASE JOIN US THIS
LENT FOR THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
ON FRIDAYS
AFTER 7AM MASS.**



Registration for Confirmation classes are now open. Please contact the office if you have a 7th grader (or older) ready to be confirmed.

Classes will begin once the hall reopens.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
TOTAL: \$8,099

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$220,094
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$254,030

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, March 5
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Julia Schussman
10:30am - Konecnik Deceased Family Members

Monday, March 6
Feria/ Ss. Perpetua & Felicity
12:05pm - Joseph & Nancy Weber

Tuesday, March 7
Feria/ St. Thomas Aquinas
7:00am (*Mass with organ*) - John & Danielle Mayer & Family

Wednesday, March 8
Feria/ St. John of God
7:00am - Jimmie Girgenti, RIP
▶▶▶ 12:00pm - *Requiem Low Mass* -
Canon Enrique Fragelli, RIP


Thursday, March 9
Feria/ St. Francis of Rome
7:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP

Friday, March 10
Friday/ Forty Holy Martyrs
7:00am - Annie Jones, Birthday

Saturday, March 11
Feria
8:00am - Nicolas Land, Birthday

Sunday, March 12
Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Special Intention
10:30am - Bravo Family

"...Although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast."
-St. Francis de Sales



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 19, LAETARE SUNDAY
at the 10:30am High Mass

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FIRST COMMUNICANTS!


May Our Lord give you many graces on this special day!

SURSUM CORDA 2023 LENTEN RETREAT!

All young adults (ages 18-35) please join us March 11 in Chicago for a day of Adoration and spiritual talks.

For more information, please contact Mari Ehrke at 779-255-0036.

Hope to see you there!



The prayer group **MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM** will meet **Saturday, Mar. 11, after the 8am Mass** in the church, to pray for the conversion of children, relatives or friends who have left the church or lost the faith, under the mantle of:
"MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS".

Everyone is welcome to join us! If you would like more information, please call Sandra Dettori at (815)793-2661.

The **55+ Group** is meeting is at the Rockford Roasting Company at 416 South Main St. after the 8am Mass **TODAY** for coffee and conversation.

*Come when you can.
Hope to see you there!*

Most Reverend Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, has granted a dispensation from the observance of the law of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Catechism Corner

HONORING THE SAINTS, RELICS, AND IMAGES

Lesson 17 from the Baltimore Catechism

214. Does the first commandment forbid us to honor the saints in heaven?
The first commandment does not forbid us to honor the saints in heaven, provided we do not give them the honor that belongs to God alone.
For, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

215. Why do we honor the saints in heaven?
We honor the saints in heaven because they practiced great virtue when they were on earth, and because in honoring those who are the chosen friends of God we honor God Himself.

216. How can we honor the saints?
We can honor the saints: first, by imitating their holy lives; second, by praying to them; third, by showing respect to their relics and images.
Brethren, be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us. (Philippians 3:17)

217. When we pray to the saints what do we ask them to do?
When we pray to the saints we ask them to offer their prayers to God for us.

218. How do we know that the saints will pray for us?
We know that the saints will pray for us because they are with God and have great love for us.

219. Why do we honor relics?
We honor relics because they are the bodies of the saints or objects connected with the saints or with Our Lord.

220. When does the first commandment forbid the making or the use of statues and pictures?
The first commandment forbids the making or the use of statues and pictures only when they promote false worship.
Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. (Exodus 20:3-4)

221. Is it right to show respect to the statues and pictures of Christ and of the saints?
It is right to show respect to the statues and pictures of Christ and of the saints, just as it is right to show respect to the images of those whom we honor or love on earth.

222. Do we honor Christ and the saints when we pray before the crucifix, relics, and sacred images?
We honor Christ and the saints when we pray before the crucifix, relics, and sacred images because we honor the persons they represent; we adore Christ and venerate the saints.

223. Do we pray to the crucifix or to the images and relics of the saints?
We do not pray to the crucifix or to the images and relics of the saints, but to the persons they represent.