



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 13, 2022 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

- 7:00 pm Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson, Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

**Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm**

**Ministers for next Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Cindy Combs

## **Ministers at MGC**

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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen**

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,  
keep us in your care.

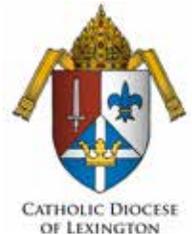
Give us your good counsel  
as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus  
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.  
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.  
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help  
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our  
community. Amen

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## **Parish Mission Statement**

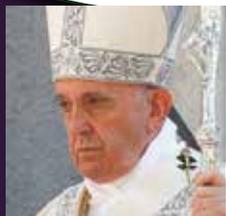
Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others.

ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP (FRATELLI TUTTI), OCTOBER 3, 2020



### **Becoming Catholic**

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic continues. Please be praying for those who are entering the church this Easter in a special way during the upcoming Lenten season. Class this week will be on Tuesday March 15 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be The Scrutinies & Christian Living

### **Book Discussion Group**

Book Discussion Group continues this Wednesday March 16, 2022 following Word & Communion Service at 7:45 pm with Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales.

### **Teen Disciples**

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday March 20 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

### **The Pilgrims Trail**

Have you ever wanted to visit other churches in the Diocese of Lexington? Travel to parishes throughout the Diocese in 2022. The Pilgrims Passports are now available, if you would like one, please pick one up from the parish to take and get stamped at all the parishes in the Diocese.

### **Listening Sessions for the Synod**

All people in the Mountain East Deanery are invited to this communal listening session that will be held today, **March 13, 2022** at Mother of Good Counsel at 1 pm. Join us for this conversation and time of prayer. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts on the Catholic Church and what it will look like in the future.

### **Fish Fry**

This Friday March 18 from 11am to 2 pm Mother of Good Counsel will host a drive by fish fry. Preorders are required by March 17th at 6 pm. You can place your order following Mass or online at the following link : <https://mgccc.org/lent/fish-fry/>



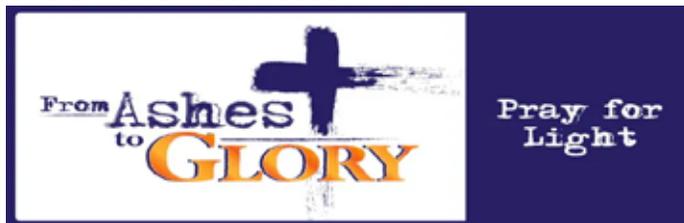
If you are able to volunteer or make a donation of food please sign up with Lori.

### **Lent Resources**

#### **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl - PERSEVERANCE TO SUCCEED**

Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Ongoing throughout Lent - make donations online and through your Rice Bowl at home. <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5968>



An Examen for the Second Week of Lent By Joseph Tetlow, SJ  
From Ashes to Glory - Pray for Light

This post is part of the Lenten series “From Ashes to Glory.” <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/an-examen-for-the-second-week-of-lent/>

### **The Word**

“Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” —Matthew 20:26-28

### **Reflect**

How do I serve? I absorb my culture’s values, and I recognize that I am too much focused on myself and my needs. I want to absorb the values of Christ, so I ask Christ to shed light on my efforts to serve. How do I connect with others? How do I serve their needs? How can I do better? I choose to follow Christ, but I know I cannot even start without the light of the Holy Spirit.

1. Give Thanks. I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His Word.

2. Pray for Light. I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see.

3. Find God. I look at my day in the light of the Spirit. I look back over the morning, the afternoon, and the evening. Who talked with me or worked with me?

Did I get done what I meant to do or leave things out? Have I followed my own path? Have I done what everyone does?

4. Anything Wrong?

Did something go bad?

Is my work incomplete?

I feel the sorrow of painful situations that I cannot change.

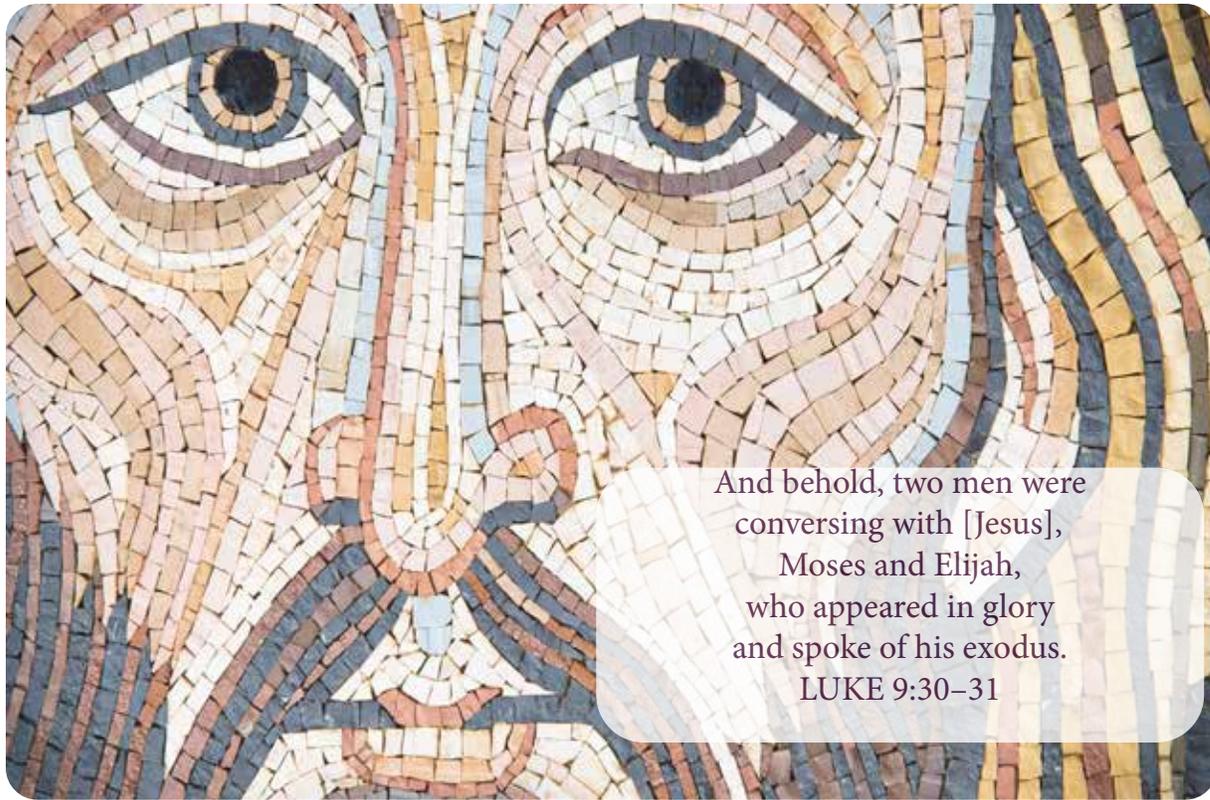
5. What Now?

I look forward in hope.

Where do I need God?

### **Prayer**

You stood, Lord Jesus, your head bowed,  
looking down at the ground  
while they lied and dredged through thickets of falsehood.  
Then when You said the truth one more time  
they tore their garments, pulled their hair,  
and yelled their throats raw cursing You.  
Lord Jesus, defend me from my own lies.  
I know with all my heart that you are Christ.  
I know that you suffered for my sins.  
I wish I could break my heart with sorrow over this.  
If I do not know how, visit me and show me.  
Lord of Compassion, share your passion with me.  
I am afraid to ask, but still I say it.  
Amen.



And behold, two men were conversing with [Jesus], Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus.  
 LUKE 9:30-31

## Who Was This Man?

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law, and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

Jesus’ own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it’s likely the disciples still had to learn what being God’s Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus’ relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA,

### For Reflection

• Give praise and glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

• What does Jesus mean in your life?



Readings for the Week

#### Monday

MARCH 14

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

MARCH 15

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

MARCH 16

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

#### Thursday

MARCH 17

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

#### Friday

MARCH 18

*Lenten Weekday*

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,  
17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,  
45-46

#### Saturday

MARCH 19

*St. Joseph, Spouse  
of the Blessed Virgin*

*Mary*

2 Sm 7:4-5a,  
12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Sunday

MARCH 20

*Third Sunday of Lent*

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9



# Dear Padre

March 13, 2022

## What is the rationale for believing in God?

While Scripture tells us in story form how God created heaven, earth, and humanity, science tells how he has really done so: from a Big Bang of unharnessed energy; to the formation of Earth and the universe; to the evolution of life; and finally, to us! Creation's unfolding is like a magnificent symphony formed from nothing by a powerful, omniscient composer. This "musical score" of evolution rises and falls, inexorably leading to its culmination—intelligent beings who can ponder the beauty and awe of God's creation.

The odds are totally against an accumulation of "lucky breaks" that make creation possible: our Earth being in a narrow habitable zone, neither too near nor too far from the sun; the appearance of oxygenating plants, allowing us to breathe; a dinosaur-destroying asteroid collision permitting mammals—and eventually us—to evolve. How could all of that be accidental?

Indeed, multitudes have dedicated their lives to God's existence. For more than two millennia, our Church has taught about a loving God in the person of Jesus Christ. Not only do we learn Jesus' teachings regarding God's compassion, forgiveness, and the promises of eternal life, but we see that compassion and forgiveness at work in today's ministry.

A loving relationship with anyone is impossible without trust and faith. So it is with God. We must entrust ourselves to him, opening ourselves to knowing and loving him. For this reason, belief in God is always a grace, a gift freely given from God, which we ask for ourselves.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

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## Happenings this Week

**Tuesday**

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

**Wednesday**

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion

**Service**

**Thursday**

4-6 pm Perry Co. Famers' Market

**Friday**

11 am - 2 pm Fish Fry

## Our Weekly Offering

for 3/6/22

Loose: \$56

Envelopes : \$2420

Monthly: \$535

Ash Wednesday : \$20

Online: \$ 95

**Total Weekly Offering: \$3126**

**Prayer Family:**

Michael Deaton



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to MGC on  
Social Media**



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## Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention

March : For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges: may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## Birthdays

**3/17: Susan Ritchie**

**3/18: Laura Messer & Brianna Slone**