

## St. John the Evangelist Church

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### Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am  
11:00 am

Tuesday 6:00 pm  
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

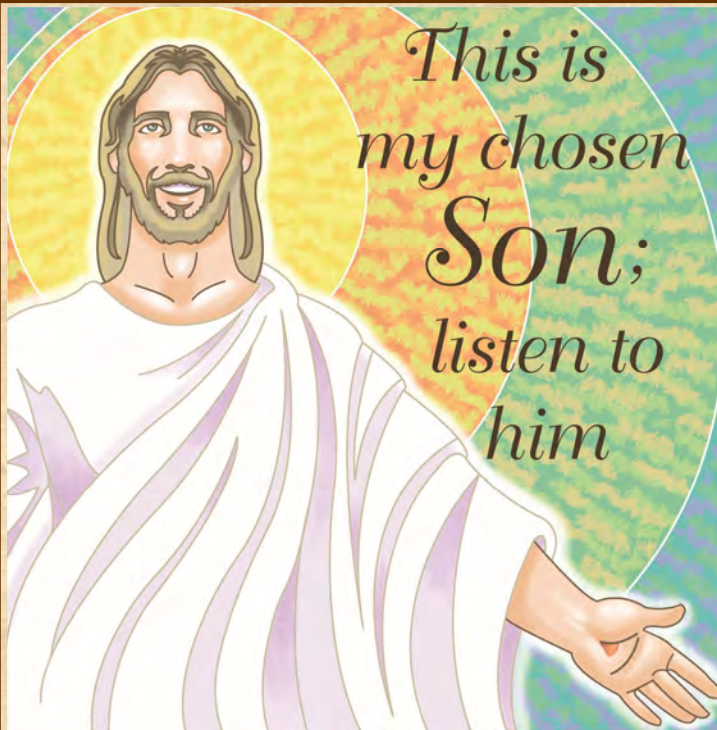
### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm  
Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

Have Faith



The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone.

One reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in Luke 9:22. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I

think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So have faith!

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### First Holy Communion Sunday, March 13, 2022

Please join us as we proudly welcome our 37 young children to the Table of the Lord as they receive the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, March 13 at 11am Mass.

### Lenten Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy Novena  
Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass  
Friday - Noon Stations of the Cross  
6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross



### The Light is On for You! Lenten Confession

St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession at night during Lent.

Father Greg will be hearing confessions on the Wednesdays of March 16, 23 and 30 from 6-7pm.

### Daily Scripture Readings March 14-20, 2022

#### Monday, March 14:

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

#### Tuesday, March 15:

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

#### Wednesday, March 16:

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

#### Thursday, March 17:

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

#### Friday, March 18:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### Saturday, March 19:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Sunday, March 20:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

### Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

#### Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 4, 2022

Monday, May 2, 2022

Monday, June 6, 2022



#### Baptisms

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Saturday, June 25, 2022

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

### RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Second Sunday of Lent # 1121

Entrance: Forty Days and Forty Nights #565

Communion: Jerusalem, My Destiny #568

Sending Forth: \*\*Silence\*\*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

*"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."*

—Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

### St. Joseph Altar

Sunday, March 20, 2022

12 Noon - 1:30pm

Knights of Columbus Home  
58715 Price Street, Plaquemine



Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place at the K.C. Home following 4pm Mass Saturday, March 19.

Sunday, March 20, serving from the altar begins immediately following 11am Mass at 12 Noon until 1:30pm.

Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar are ongoing at the K.C. Home. All volunteers are welcome to join us daily beginning at 9am. Anyone wishing to donate a cake and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, March 13 from 3-5pm in church. We will pray the Rosary at 3pm followed by the prayer meeting. All are welcome! For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

### St. John School News

#### Grandparents' Masses

8am at St. John the Evangelist Church

PreK3-5th Grade — Wednesday, March 16

5th-12th Grades — Wednesday, March 30

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#### Auction

The St. John Fest will be held Saturday, March 19 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center, 24700 J. Gerald Barret Blvd.



- Silent auction begins at 5pm
- Live auction begins at 7pm
- Live music immediately following the auction

This is St. John School's largest fundraising event! Come out and support this worthy cause and enjoy a great time. If anyone would like to donate items for either the silent or live auction, please contact Kristi Parnell at 225.776.5305 or gracekristi@gmail.com.





# LENT 2022

 = a day of fasting and abstinence  
 = a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>March</b></p> <p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</p>						
6 Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused on him.	7 Look for evidence of God at work in your life.	8 Call Catholic Charities (703-549-1390, www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) to see how you can help.	9 Give up something good you enjoy, just for today. Offer it for the souls in Purgatory.	10 See what luxuries you spend the most money on. Take a tenth of that and donate it to the poor.	11 Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.	12 Make a short visit to the Blessed Sacrament in church and thank Jesus for all He's done for you.
13 Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.	14 Complete a task or errand you have been putting off.	15 Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.	16 At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Explore ways to support your parish religious education program.	18 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.	19 <i>St. Joseph's Day</i> Ask St. Joseph, protector of the Church, to watch over you and help you grow closer to God.
20 <i>Sorrowful Sunday</i> Limit screen time to necessities and do something that lifts your soul.	21 Today, resolve not to be critical of others. Use only kind words.	22 Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.	23 Do an examination of conscience based on the Ten Commandments.	24 Offer a Rosary for increased faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.	25 Make one small sacrifice today: cream in your coffee, an impulse purchase, 10 minutes of sleep, etc.	26 Attend a Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own.
27 <i>Lament Sunday</i> Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.	28 Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.	29 Give a kind smile to everyone, regardless of how you feel.	30 Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.	31 Refuse to gossip. Pray for the person instead.	1 <i>April</i> <i>First Friday Devotion</i> Attend daily Mass. Thank Jesus for His presence in the Eucharist.	2 Write down all your tasks and prayer intentions and entrust them to God. "Jesus, I trust in you."
3 Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel in one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)	4 Deepen the level of your prayer. Slow down and think about what you're saying.	5 Ask at the parish office for anything you can volunteer with for Holy Week.	6 Resolve to say only positive things about yourself and others.	7 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the needs of the Church. Find it here: www.usccb.org/prayers.	8 Forgive an offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.	9 Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God's bountiful love.
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.	11 Ask God for a special grace that will bring you closer to Him.	12 Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.	13 Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.	14 Attend Mass. Offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.	15 <i>Good Friday</i> Find time today to read the Passion Narratives in all four Gospels.	16 <i>Holy Sunday</i> Today, light a candle and renew your commitment to Christ.



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March 2022

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Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

## One Minute Meditations

### The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments – God's most important laws – only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one more way God lets us know how very much He wants us to love one another.

### Just adore

Do you ever run out of things to say during your prayer time? Or worse, do you ever get weary of saying the same things over and over? Why not just sit in silent adoration of the one who loves you more than you can imagine? What words can be better or more appropriate than that?

*"Then you shall delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken" (Isaiah 58:14).*



## 3 ways to become holier during Lent

Jesus said, a disciple *"when he is fully taught will be like his teacher"* (Luke 6:40). Lent is our chance to shed the worldly baggage that keeps us from becoming more like Christ. Consider these ideas for routing out sin and embracing virtue:

**Remove the wooden beam.** We delight in pointing out the sins and shortcomings of others. This is the sin of detraction, disclosing someone's faults and failings to others without an objectively valid reason. We can use the season of Lent to search for our own faults and remove them instead.

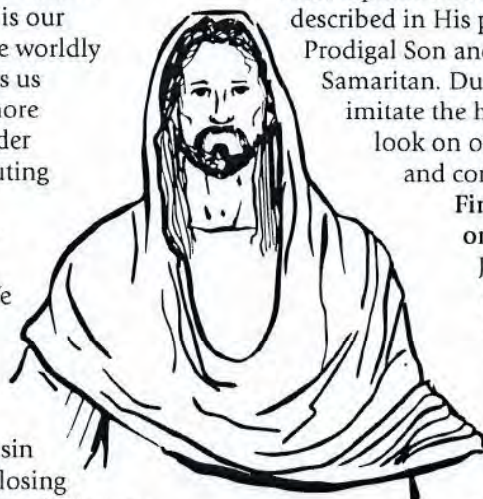
**Look like Christ.** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that we all crave

being looked upon with love. Christ looks upon us with pure love, as described in His parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. During Lent, let's imitate the heart of Christ and look on others with empathy and compassion.

**Find the sacred in the ordinary.** St.

Josemaria Escriva taught that there is a call to holiness that can be lived by sanctifying our everyday life. He said, "Carry out the little duties of each moment: do

what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing ... There is no other way, my daughters and sons: either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or we shall never find Him."



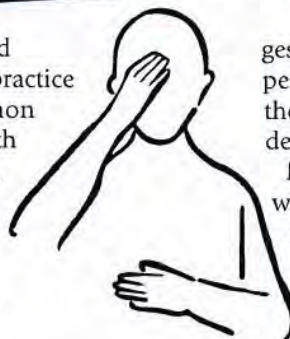
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?

Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such

gestures were ritual ways to honor a person of great power. The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and request His blessings for ourselves.





## "Giving up" or "giving for?"

Lent implies deprivation and uncomfortable penances, but it can be more meaningful. Consider turning your offerings into gifts of gratitude for God's gifts:

**Give time in prayer:** God, who created the universe, wants to spend time with you. Whether it's reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or attending daily Mass, know that God is delighted you're spending time with Him, and will give you all the graces you need to stay close to Him.

**Give small gifts with great love:** St. Therese of Lisieux was expert at turning small sacrifices into



powerful deeds by her love. Our Lenten sacrifices, entrusted to God, do immense good that we'll see fully in Heaven. Whoever knew that our simple Lenten offerings can be part of God's saving work?

**Give half your cloak:** According to legend, St. Martin of Tours gave half of his cloak to a cold beggar. That night, Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. When we serve others, it is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift.

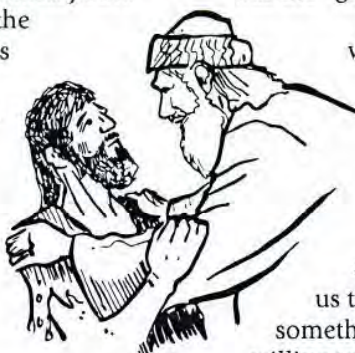
### from Scripture

#### Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, The Father's heart

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't get a reward to celebrate

his obedience—and he was the "good one!"



Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.

### Q & A How can I get over my fear of Confession?

For many Catholics, going to Confession is unsettling. Facing and admitting our faults to another person – even in a confidential setting – is uncomfortable, even painful. In this

case, the priest is acting in the person of God and it takes courage and humility to present ourselves before God. In Confession we say to God, "Please forgive me for intentionally rejecting You and Your love."

If you feel uncomfortable while waiting in the Confession line, it's a good sign. It means your conscience is healthy and working. Remember that God sees us standing in line and He is ready to welcome us back. He isn't angry or brooding, or smug because our poor choices proved He was right. In fact, when we are sincerely repentant, He and all of heaven celebrate because we're returning to Him (Luke 15:10). When the priest says the words of absolution, imagine God embracing you, saying, "My child, your sins are forgiven you... Go and sin no more." We receive powerful graces, and are asked to make amends where possible. Rejoice in the chance to start again.

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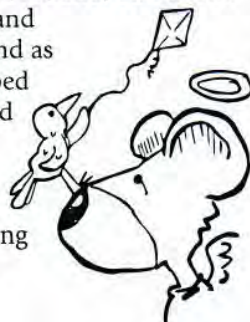
### Feasts & Celebrations

**March 2 – Ash Wednesday.** First day of Lent. Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

**March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross (1734).** St. John joined a group of Franciscans called the Reform of St. Peter of Alcantara. Despite his elevated position and spiritual gifts, he remained humble, doing menial tasks around the monastery.

**March 8 – St. John of God (1550).** Originally, St. John was a soldier known for his violence and immorality. After nearly dying in battle, he converted and dedicated his life to serving the poor and sick.

**March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461).** Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.





## Mass Intentions — March 19-25, 2022

### Saturday, March 19-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Dorothy “Nona” Hebert; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly, Joshua “Josh” Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, M/M Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. Family, Josephine Pizzolato Robinson, Gasper Pizzolato, Jr., In Honor of St. Joseph; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Colby Gomez; M/M John Caffarel, G. E. Marix Family; Trista Parro, Galen & Julie Chaisson; Alcee, Irene, J. C. & Fabian Hebert; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; George Gullotto; Brennen Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmond Bujol, Billy Wright; Andrew & Catherine Roucher, Wilfred & Philomena Benoit, Beatrice Repp; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew, Josephine, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Hazel & J. C. LeBlanc, Sr., Dalfay Cavalier; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Lewis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Rose Marie LeBlanc, Theresa Crescionne, Steve Magnolia; Ramirez Family, Kirsch Kember Anderson; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry & Families; Agnes & Sam Coletti & Families; A Special Intention; Sidney “Benny” Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Anthony & Jenny Boudreaux; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; M/M Joseph Matassa, Jr., M/M Edwin M. Reeves, Sr.; The Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams, Children at St. Jude, Tarek Smart; Leana Brady; Wayne Gary, Jerry Fontenot; Mary Ann Gourgues; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Emily & Adam Vercher, Harry Vercher, J. C. & Connie Vercher; Karen Banta

### Sunday, March 20-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, March 20-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Doug Brewer; Clinton Fournierat, Wendell Fournierat; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Fred J. Sanchez, Sr.; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair

### Sunday, March 20-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; John & Theresa Ruiz, Raymond Ruiz, Theresa R. Morales; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Marie Decareaux Waggenspack; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Isaac, Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; George “Brother” Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel

### Tuesday, March 22-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, M/M Devillier Daigle

### Wednesday, March 23-7am Mass

Alice & Alex Nolan

### Thursday, March 24-7am Mass

Michael, Mack & Laura Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio

### Friday, March 25-6pm Mass

Ronnie Dugas, M/M Fallon Trabeaux, M/M “Boog” Dugas, Russell Naquin, Jr., Fal Naquin

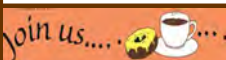


### **Divine Mercy Novena**

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent after 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24.

### **St. John Altar Society**

Team 3 will be cleaning the church  
Wednesday, March 16 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



### **Coffee & Donuts** Sunday, March 13, 2022

**Jim & Catherine Etier (7:30am Mass)**

**Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)**



### **Sanctuary Candle** March 13, 2022

#### St. John the Evangelist

**Mr. & Mrs. Gasper Pizzolato, Sr.  
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#### St. Clement of Rome

**Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain  
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dupont, Jr.**

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop-experience with Jesus by witnessing His Transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop-experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's will for our life.



If you are willing and think God is calling you, contact Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 13. Don't forget to move clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night March 12.



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