

In Luke's account of the **Transfiguration**, which we hear in today's Gospel, a voice from the heavens calls out, "***This is my chosen Son; listen to him.***"

At that, Peter, John, and James fall silent, enabling them to listen to the Lord.

Let us take this opportunity during our Lenten journey to listen to Jesus and reflect on what he is saying to us.



Readings for this Week (March 18-23)

MONDAY: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
TUESDAY: 2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom.4:13,16-18,22;
Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a (or) Luke 2:41-51a
WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:1-28
THURSDAY: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
FRIDAY: Gn. 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt. 21:33-43,45-56
SATURDAY: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Scripture for next Sunday (3rd Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

From a burning bush God promises redemption.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Do not grumble as the Israelites did.

Luke 13:1-9

The just may suffer. The fruitless may get a second chance.

We know not what tomorrow may bring. Moses did not expect to encounter God in the burning bush, nor did the 18 people at Siloam expect to be killed in a terrible accident. For that matter, neither did the barren fig tree realize its days were numbered. Lent gives us an opportunity to repent of our sinful actions and renew our commitment to follow the Lord, to ready ourselves for whatever the future holds.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are requested for ***Mitchell Goldman***, the brother of ***Marylin Ritter***, who died recently in Louisiana. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Marylin & Skeeter at 401 Mountain View Court, Blountville, TN 37617

Operation Rice Bowl 2019

We are called to welcome the stranger in our midst. How can we support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? One way to support them is by donating to Operation Rice Bowl. If you did not receive your Rice Bowl, please stop by the Religious Education table in the commons to pick up one. Please contribute and return the Rice Bowl with donations on **Sunday, April 28**. Thank you for your generosity!

from the Pastor's desk

There was yet another story in the news in the past few weeks that got my attention and once again caused me to be concerned about the current political climate in our country. Former Vice President Joe Biden commented that he thought the current Vice President, Mike Pence, is a decent guy. This comment almost immediately sparked some serious backlash from members of his own party. So much so, that Biden felt the need to explain his comments further in another interview to try and smooth things over.

Anyone who interprets this as me offering my support or endorsement for Joe Biden would be mistaken. However, I do respect him as a person. I do believe he is a decent man. What he said should not have seemed out of place or shocking to anyone. The fact that it did helps to highlight a growing problem not only in politics, but in our culture. We should never be unwilling to treat another person with respect, even if we disagree with that person on significant political or cultural issues.

Too many people today seem all too willing to tear down, vilify, or simply declare hatred for anyone with whom they have a disagreement. If I get angry over something that has happened, and my first thought is to tear down or attack another person, then something is very wrong. We will never grow beyond the things that cause disagreement and division in our world if we cannot first seek a positive solution to our problems. That which unites us will always be stronger than anything that divides us.



Congratulations to our recently Confirmed!

Congratulations to the following teens who were confirmed this weekend by Bishop Barry C. Knestout:

William Carpenter Burriss IV

John Paul Bush

Liz Catherine Chen

Amber Denise Foley

Mary Chambliss Huffard

Augustine Jonah Quang Tran Mai

Lucas John McClintic

Spencer Allen Moore

Colin John Thiers

Christian Tomas Webb

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Mar. 17—NET Ministries Retreat (1:00pm-7:00pm)**
(All youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend!)
 - SHYM will attend the retreat
 - Confirmation teens are encouraged to attend
- **Mar. 24—Fun Night! (3:15pm-8:15pm)**
 - Masterpiece Mixers
- **Mar. 31—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Necessity of the Sacraments
- **Apr. 7—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - What is Our Response?

NET Ministries Retreat—IN HIS IMAGE

Sunday, March 17 (1:00pm-7:00pm)

(Open to all youth in grades 9-12)

Remember who you are!!

Who are you? A soccer player? Dancer? The funny guy? The nice girl? There is one identity you don't have to earn and cannot be taken away. Join us to explore our inclination to identify ourselves by what we do rather than who we are as God's sons and daughters.

**Join us TODAY in the Great Room
for a FANTASTIC retreat!**

NO Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday (March 19) due to Fr. Chris being out of town for a diocesan meeting and unavailable for Exposition. Please join us next **Tuesday, March 26** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel **9:15am-4:30pm** and Benediction at 4:30pm.

Please take note!!

- Fr. Chris **WILL HAVE** Mass at 8:30am this Tuesday, March 19, then will leave for Richmond
- **NO Adoration & NO Confessions** this Tuesday
- There **WILL BE** Mass this Wed., March 20 at 8:30 a.m. with Fr. Tim Drake.

Evangelization Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting this **Wednesday, March 20 at 3 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, March 20, in the Great Room, 6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the **Great Room at 6:30 p.m.** before going to class

For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet this **Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Chili's** (Exit 7). Please call Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827, by this Tuesday, March 19 to reserve your spot for lunch. **New members are always welcome to join us!**



"Rejoice and Be Glad" - The Call to Holiness
"Rejoice in the LORD always—especially in LENT"
Parish Lenten Retreat—April 5 & 6

Retreat Director: Fr. Eric Asamoah

Join us at the Parish Lenten retreat!! Registration forms are on the table in the commons. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and continues until mid-afternoon on Saturday. You may register as an overnight participant and enjoy the restful beauty of our Jubilee House Retreat Center or you may register as a commuter if for some reason you are unable to stay overnight. Prices are listed on the registration form. Pick one up and return it with your payment no later than March 24. If you have any questions about the retreat or need to apply for financial assistance, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32. More details are found on the retreat registration form.

40 Days for Life

March 6-April 14, 2019

& VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE—April 3

Join us in our fight for life in Virginia!

Join other Catholics from around the state of Virginia for the Virginia March for Life on April 3. Bishop Knestout will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Richmond at 9 a.m. prior to the rally at the Capitol. No registration is required. All pro-life Virginians are encouraged to attend! Additional information is available from the Virginia Catholic Conference (<https://vacatholic.org/news-events/Virginia-march-for-life/>).

In Bristol we have prayer vigils at the abortion clinic located at the corner of West State and Slaughter streets. The Catholics in the area are responsible for the prayer on Fridays from noon to 4:00 p.m. A rosary begins at noon. Please join your Respect Life Committee and Catholics from St. Dominic's and St. Mary's as we support pro-life. Park in the old K-Mart parking lot.

**Abortion stops
a beating heart**



MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

Saturday, March 16 (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

Sunday, March 17 (*2nd Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †James Wilson

11:30 a.m. †Mary Lou Sulier

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, March 19

8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 a.m. †Kevin Corbett

Thursday, March 21

6:00 p.m. †Kevin Corbett

Friday, March 22

8:30 a.m. †James & †Elisabeth Joyce

Saturday, March 23 (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Francis Oliver

Sunday, March 24 (*Third Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor

11:30 a.m. †Priscilo Dazo Pedro

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Living the Eucharist—Lent 2019

***“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives
of all who encounter Jesus.” Pope Francis***

Share the Joy this Lent! It's not too late! Living the Eucharist has begun but you can still join us. We have materials for everyone. No cost. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us on this Lenten spiritual journey.

“Affirming What We Believe”

Is faith public or private? To be Church, we must affirm beliefs held in common. These beliefs are public; they are shared with millions of other believers. Yet genuine faith is also truly personal. It reaches to the core of our being. The Creed, an affirmation of common faith, creates a bond among all who hold to it. It tells the Christian story in a nutshell.

Believers stake their lives on the faith we proclaim in the Creed.

We have four groups meeting during the week. Join the group that works best with your schedule. If you miss your session you can always come to one of the other groups during the same week (we'll be doing the same lesson each week in all groups).

- **Sunday Morning** 9:45-11:00a in the Great Room
- **Monday Afternoon** 1:00-2:30p, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr
- **Tuesday Evening** 6:30-8:00p, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr
- **Thursday Evening** 6:45p (after Mass) to 8:15pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center

Lenten Noon Organ Meditations

at Central Presbyterian (across from St. Anne's)

Wednesdays — thru April 3 at 12:05 p.m.

March 20: Nick Andrews (Organist-St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City, TN) Admission is free, but donations to the music program are gratefully accepted.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, March 17:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) “Living the Eucharist--Affirming What We Believe”** 9:45a-11:00a in the Great Room. All are invited.

Monday, March 18:

- **Adult Faith Formation: “Living the Eucharist”.** 1:00p-2:30p in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Tuesday, March 19:

- **Book Club:** 1030-11:30a at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***“From Slave to Priest”.***
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, “Living the Eucharist”** 6:30-8:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Wednesday, March 20:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study,** 1:00p-2:30p, St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***Acts of the Apostles.***
- **RCIA at 6:30 p.m.** in the Great Room.

Thursday, March 21:

- **“Living the Eucharist”** 6:45p-8:15p, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

For more information about any of the above programs, please email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call her at 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., March 20, 2:45p-3:45p in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to attend. No preparation.

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you so much for all the kindness that was given to my brother, Kevin. He did love the time that he spent at Saint Anne's. It was his “comfort” place, as he told me many times.

Sincerely,

Jackie Collins (sister of Kevin Corbett)

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting next **Monday, March 24, 4pm,** St. Vincent de Paul Center.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular/Operating (March 2/3)	\$13,004.26
Regular/Operating (March 9/10)	\$10,549.00
Ash Wednesday/Operating	\$ 2,657.55
School 2nd Collection	\$ 3,763.00
Add'l BFIA	\$ 280.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 30.00

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: If you didn't get a brochure in the mail or at Mass last weekend, stop by the table in the commons to pick one up. We encourage you to support this year's Appeal—***Building Our Family of Faith*** which supports important ministries of the diocese as well as services provided to our parish. Your gifts are deeply appreciated!



**CDA Meeting
Monday, March 25
Columbian Center**

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting on **Monday, March 25**, at the Columbian Center. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. Our meeting will begin at 6 p.m. We will have a short Lenten Prayer Service. We will discuss ideas for projects for the coming year. Please come join us and bring us your ideas. We look forward to seeing you there! Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds at 276-494-6883. The CDA theme is: ***“For Him, we live and move and have our being”*** Acts 17:2

REMINDER.... The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics.

Looking Ahead Just a Bit... Mark your calendars!!

The **Paraclete Catholic Bookstore** from Knoxville will be here at St. Anne's in the Great Room after Masses on the weekend of **March 30/31**. Plan to stop and shop for Catholic religious items, Easter gifts and more!



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

Calling all BLOOD DONORS!! Our next Blood Drive will be Wed., March 27 from 2p-6:30p. Sign up in the commons March 16/17 or 23/24 to ***Give the Gift of Life!***

STATIONS of the CROSS

Plan to join us this Friday, March 22, and all the Fridays of Lent*, for **Stations of the Cross**. The Stations are prayed in Spanish at 5 p.m. and in English at **6 p.m.** You are also welcome to join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room. **“Via Dolorosa”** (*Way of the Cross*) is a devotion following Christ's path as He carried the Cross. This pilgrimage devotion dates back to a time soon after Christ's death. In the 1300's the Franciscans were given guardianship of the pilgrimage route. Placement of Stations of the Cross in churches became common near the end of the 17th century. ***Be part of this prayer tradition and join us on the Fridays of Lent for the Stations of the Cross.***

(*on Good Friday, April 19, the Stations will be prayed at 12N in English & 1:30p in Spanish)