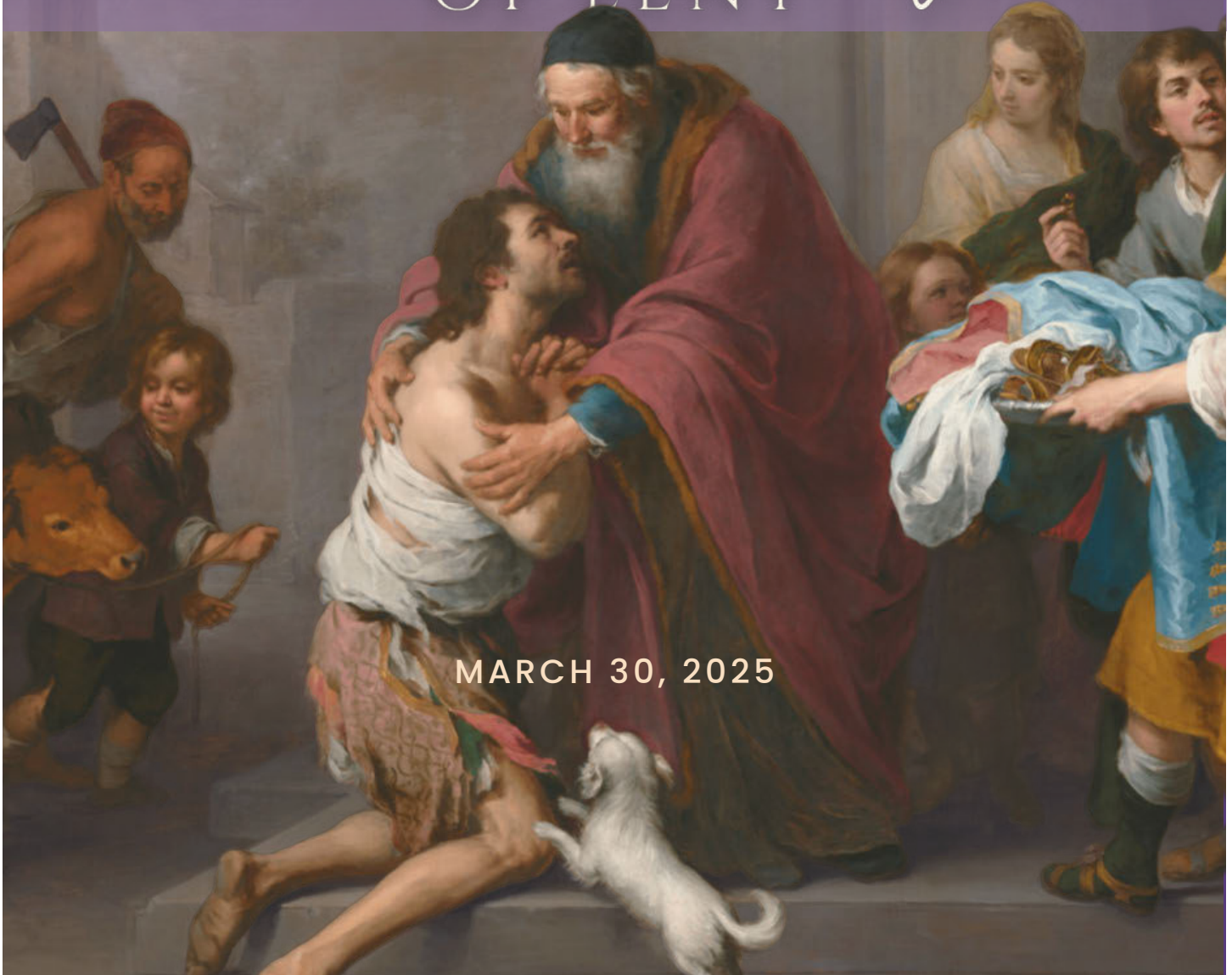


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Old St. Mary's welcomes and accompanies everyone on their faith journey. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our diverse community encourages people to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another through Eucharist, worship, prayer, education, and service.

Fourth Sunday OF LENT



MARCH 30, 2025

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Picking the Right Verb to Reconcile the World

All six Sundays of Lent this year feature readings from the Gospel of Luke. Taken together, they invite us to more deeply consider the theme of reconciliation. The gardener gives the barren fig tree additional time, attention, and care. The father extravagantly loves the wayward son. Jesus restores hope to the accused woman. Jesus asks the Father to forgive his persecutors and promises paradise to the repentant thief.

Reconciliation is not just a sacrament. It's also a lifestyle, a guiding principle. As St. Paul exhorted us on Ash Wednesday — in the same passage we've been using at our penance services this Lent — we are to be ambassadors of Christ's reconciling action in the world. "Behold," says Paul, "now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." This Lent, how is the Holy Spirit inviting us to become better ambassadors for Christ?

When we speak about goal setting, the Second Sunday of Lent gave us three verbs to consider: change, transform, and transfigure. To change means to become different, perhaps only temporarily. To transform means to become thoroughly or dramatically different. It's still a neutral term: transformation may be thorough, but it's not necessarily better. But to be transfigured means to be elevated, to become thoroughly or dramatically more beautiful.

We believe that Jesus' Transfiguration likely happened at a place with a sweeping view of one of the most important travel routes in the ancient world. The Jezreel Valley connects Africa, Asia, and Europe, and it has been the scene of many important military battles over millennia — Egyptians against Canaanites, Philistines against Israelites. Did Jesus know that it was here that Saladin would defeat the Crusaders, that Napoleon would conquer the Ottomans, and that the Book of Revelation would predict the final battle between good and evil?

The Jezreel Valley is a place not only of war and death, but also of beauty and life. Two million years ago, it was an underwater channel that connected the Mediterranean Sea to other major bodies of water. As geological forces raised this land out of the water, it became the best farming land in the region, the very "heart" of the Holy Land.

This Lent, how are we praying for our lives to be transfigured? Likewise, how are we praying for our parish and for our world to be transfigured? It's easy to give into Satan's temptation to settle for mere change. Why solve world hunger if one can simply change stones into bread? Why lift up the downtrodden if we can surrender our responsibility to others? Why construct healthy routines for diet, sleep, and exercise if we can take risks and put God to the test? But to transfigure the parish or the world requires the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We know that we cannot otherwise achieve complex goals.

It requires a longer view to appreciate the transfiguration of the Jezreel Valley. As God has slowly and literally elevated it, it has become more beautiful and fruitful.

The last nine months at Old St. Mary's have been filled with change and beauty. There's a growing energy and renewed engagement: more people are coming to Mass, getting involved in ministries, and reconnecting with one another. These are fruits of something deeper stirring in our parish: a desire to walk more closely on our faith journey with Christ and with one another. We are building on a strong foundation — generations of faith, service, and leadership — and we continue to ask how we can grow as an even more evangelizing, hope-filled, and spiritually vibrant community.

This Lent, with Luke's weekly messages of reconciliation, how do we keep listening to the Holy Spirit? How do we keep trusting in one another? How do we continue the spiritual renewal of our parish? How do we partner with God to be ambassadors of Christ's reconciliation? Are we praying for God to change us, transform us, or transfigure us?

Rev. Richard R. Andre, C. S. P.
Pastor

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 7
7:00 PM

As we prepare for Easter, take time to experience God's mercy and healing at our Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, April 7, at 7:00 PM in the church.

Through scripture, prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
we open our hearts to God's grace and renewal.

Multiple priests will be available for individual confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT | 6:00 - 7:00 PM
APRIL 4*, APRIL 11

Each Friday during Lent, we invite you to walk the Way of the Cross with us as we reflect on Christ's passion, love, and sacrifice. The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 6:00 PM. A simple soup supper follows after the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, April 4
After Stations of the Cross

Come enjoy a delicious meal, connect with fellow parishioners, and support our parish community at this year's Fish Fry! Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for hosting this beloved annual tradition. **\$20/adult, \$10/child** – **all you can eat!** Cash and card payments accepted.

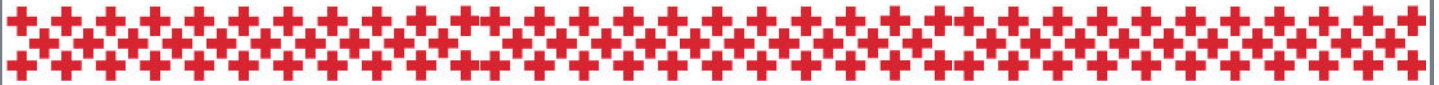
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For urgent needs (Anointing of the Sick or Confession), please continue to call the parish office directly at 312-922-3444.



Adult Open Gym

SUNDAYS AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS

Join us for Adult Open Gym on Sundays after the 4:00 PM Mass (5:00 - 6:30 PM).

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Faith Formation and Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on **Sunday, April 6**. Wishing safe travels to all who will be away during Spring Break!

OSM Young Adults

For those in their 20s and 30s

Candlelight Mass

Wednesday, April 9
at 7:00 PM (Church)

Step away from the noise and into the quiet presence of God. This Mass offers a space to slow down, be still, and encounter Christ in the Eucharist.



Scan the QR code to sign up for our young adult mailing list!

Questions? Contact frdan@oldstmarys.com

Praying for our Elect and Candidates

During the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, our parish will celebrate the Scrutinies with those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. These ancient rites are a powerful reminder that Lent is not just a season of personal reflection—it is a communal journey toward the light of Christ.

The Scrutinies are not exams or tests, but moments of deep prayer, healing, and strengthening for our Elect, those who have been chosen by God to enter the Church through the waters of baptism. As a parish, we surround them with our love, prayers, and example. In a real way, their journey renews our own—calling us to examine our hearts, confront the shadows within us, and open ourselves more fully to God's mercy.

Let us walk with our Elect with compassion and joy, praying that the light of Christ may continue to break through in their lives—and in ours.



Photo by Deacon Patrick Murphy-Racey, Paulist Deacon Affiliate

Loving God,
You call each of us by name and lead us into your light.
We lift up to you our Elect and Candidates—
bless them with courage, fill them with hope, and guide them with your grace.
As they prepare to enter more fully into the life of the Church,
may they know the prayers of our community.
Deepen our own faith as we walk beside them,
so that together we may rejoice in the light of Christ this Easter and always.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 30

8 AM Marilyn Athos (+)
11 AM Stacey Sheerin
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, March 31

8:30 AM Mangan Family

Tuesday, April 1

8:30 AM All Souls in Need

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 AM Cardinal Bernardin (+)

Thursday, April 3

8:30 AM Stephen Oleszkiewicz (+)

Friday, April 4

8:30 AM Lisa Couch

Saturday, April 5

5 PM Michael Joseph Sasgen (+)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The readings for the week can be found on the US Catholic Bishops Conference website. Head to <https://bible.usccb.org/> or scan the QR code.



St. Austin Catholic Church, with Fr. Rich, has created an online guide to explore Bible readings from Mass. Visit staustin.org/lectionary-guide.

Faith-Sharing Small Groups

Lenten Faith-Sharing Small Groups continue throughout Lent! Learn more or sign up at bit.ly/osm-lent-smallgroup-2025



LOOKING AHEAD HOLY WEEK AT OSM

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12 | 5:00 PM Vigil
Sunday, April 13 | 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Adoration following until 10:30 PM
Note: No 8:30 AM Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM
Confessions after Stations until 2:30 PM
Good Friday Service at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Note: No 8:30 AM Mass

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 19 | 8:00 PM
No 4:00 PM Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20 | 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Note: no 4:00 PM Mass

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Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil
Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
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Holy Days *contact parish office*

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