

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

This week's column is by Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles

Pray, Fast, Give Alms.

"The Glory of Jesus is the Glory of the Church"

Readings: [Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18](#); [Psalm 27:1, 7–9, 13–14](#); [Philippians 3:17–4:1](#); [Luke 9:28–36](#)

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with St Peter, St. John, and St. James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus" from this world back to His Father. The Greek word "for exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' own deliverance from Egypt.

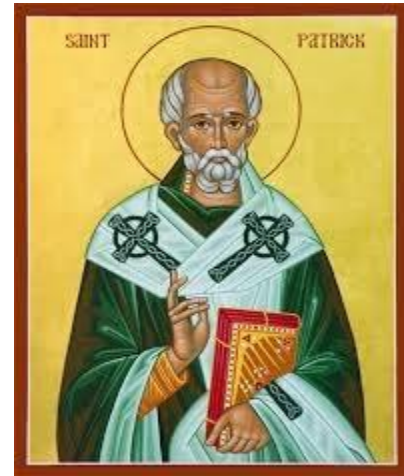
By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain ([Exodus 24:15–18](#); [1 Kings 19:8–18](#)).

The scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly ([Exodus 24:1](#); [34:29](#)). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud. Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God ([Luke 24:27](#)). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah ([Isaiah 42:1](#); [Luke 23:35](#)), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see [Deuteronomy 18:15](#); [Acts 3:22–23](#); [7:37](#)). Far and above that, He is the Son of God ([Psalm 2:7](#); [Luke 3:21–23](#)).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

Archbishop Jose' H. Gomez, is an American born in Mexico, he was worked in the USA since 1987. Was installed in LA in 2011. He also served as Archbishop of San Antonio and Auxiliary of Denver in the past.



St. Patrick Trivia: This Sunday is **St. Patrick's Day** (not celebrated). We honor the many thousands of Irish-Americans who helped build Nativity from 1900-1950, most were working class families. Did you know? Patrick was a Bishop, a Priest, and an Exorcist. That his Grandfather was also a Priest. He is the patron of two of parishes in downtown DC and Rockville Md.; fo the country of Nigeria and of the region of Loiza, Puerto Rico. He is also the patron of entire Archdiocese of NYC and its Cathedral. Pray for the Church in Ireland today.

Parish Social. The Nativity Sodality is sponsoring Community Sunday following the 10 am Mass. Parishioners are invited to come and fellowship in the lounge for coffee, tea, juice, doughnuts and assorted pastries.



To all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity.

Question of the week: How can I be a witness to God's grace in my life?



Bible Study is back! - We return to Corinth and St. Paul's famous 1st/2nd Letter to the Corinthians. 5:45pm - 7pm Mondays with Fr. Evans in The Lounge (note change of Room!)

March 16 - 23, 2019

Sat. 3/16	8:00 am	Jose Guadalupe Bonilla (healing)
	5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sun. 3/17	8:00am	+Jonathan C. Mitchel & Deceased family members
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00 pm	+Rommel Morales
Mon. 3/18	12:00	+David Booth
Tue. 3/19	12:00	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tan
Wed. 3/20	12:00	+Leonard Gilchrist
Thu. 3/21	12:00	No Mass
Fri. 3/22	12:00	Evelyn Lowey
Sat. 3/23	8:00 am	+Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gossette
	5:30pm	+Janet Gossette Rodenbaugh

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler,
*William Cammack, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen
Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman,
*William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege
*Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick,
*Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery,
*Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, * Sydney
Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt,
*Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones,
*Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara
Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis,
*Emilio Lowey, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin &
Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria
Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris,
*Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Father Everett Pearson, *D.
Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela
Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo
*Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa
Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles,
*Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams,
*Florentina Zoretta.

Reminder: NO flowers in the Church or Chapel during 40 days of Lent

Stations of the Cross - Fridays after the daily mass in Chapel.
Friday at 6 pm during Holy Hour/Adoration in the Great Upper Church

Reconciliation: Every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 PM at **St. Gabriel Church** (26 Grant Circle, NW. Washington, DC 20011)

ATTENDANCE REPORT

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Will be posted next week. Thanks for your understanding.

Catholic Daughters bake sale: \$1,126.51



Lenten Fish Fry. Every Friday at 6 pm in the Lounge. This event will occur every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Dinners are

\$10, sandwiches \$5. Proceeds provide grants, scholarships, and awards for parish activities. More information call Stephen Hawkins 202.285.6356 or Peter Gervais 202.494.7347

Upcoming Projects: A new A/C Compressor for the rear of the Church is needed since 2017. Estimates range \$28k-\$30k dollars. Details are forthcoming the ADW Real Estate Office is aware of our situation. (2) minor tile, wall and door changes are being made to the school building including the children's rest rooms. These will be paid by CCCPS Brightwood and their corporate office. (3) Repairs, painting and repointing for the Youth Center are being estimated. (4) Thanks to Morris Carter who is helping paint the Music Room which will soon be renamed and re-configured. The lower Sacristy will soon be closed as well and converted into a small meeting room.

Free Brochures on The Mercy of God are available in the Church. Published by New Hope, KY's devout Saint Martin de Porres Lay Dominican Community. Includes quotes from Scripture and the Catechism and was edited in part by the Rev. Dr. Frederick Miller formerly of The Mount, one of Fr. Evans's professors.

Two New USA Bishops: Pope Francis has named 2 new Bishops for the US's Military Archdiocese, Father (Captain) William Muhm (Navy/NY), and Father (Captain) Joseph Coffey (Navy, Philadelphia; serving San Diego). They will be Consecrated Bishops by Archbishop Brolio of the Military Archdiocese, Cardinal Dolan of NYC, and Archb. Chaput, OFM Cap of Phil. March 25th (Annunciation) at 2pm at The Basilica. All are welcome!

Catholic Appeal. The theme of the 2019 Appeal is "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission." and is much different from a one-time special collection. Please find the Annual Appeal brochure and Frequently Asked Questions in your pew for your review. A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.