

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

12:05 p.m. +Jack Eugene Steele

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 a.m. VN Mass, then Adoration  
until 6:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

12:05 p.m. +Jim Garcia

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

12:05 p.m. Living & +Deceased Members  
of St. Anthony Fraternity of Secular  
Franciscans

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00 p.m. +Evelyn Locke  
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family  
Intentions of Patrick Shirley  
11:00 a.m. VN Mass

#### **Liturgical Roles for Saturday, March 7, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: C. Claycomb  
E. Minister: S. Oakes  
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

#### **Liturgical Roles for Sunday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m.:**

Lector: N. Baird  
E. Minister: S. Walcher

#### **PARISH PRAYER LINE**

Johnny Todd Nguyen Ukraine & its Citizens  
Julie Munoz Deb Anton Dee Francis  
Jennifer Glass Manny Godsey Grayson  
Elizabeth Mulhell Bernard and Kay Dette

# Good News!

March 1, 2026

*Second Sunday of Lent (A)*

Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 /  
Matthew 17:1-9

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●

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#### **OFFERING**

February 22, 2026

English: 2,229.00  
VN: 6,474.00  
Total: 8,703.00



MARCH 1, 2026

This upcoming Wednesday, March 4, will be the parish monthly Adoration Day, which begins at 8:00 a.m. with a VN Mass. Adoration by parishioners will continue throughout the day until Benediction at 6:00 p.m. The church remains open during these Adoration times, and parishioners are most welcome to come and worship their God and Savior for whatever time they have available.

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At 7:00 p.m. that same Wednesday evening, there will be a Parish Council meeting in St. Elizabeth's Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Best Wishes

Happy birthdays to our March celebrants: 4:00 Mass multi-tasker Phil Andrews on March 20 (who is both weekly server and lector); Barbara Powell (March 22); our pastor, Fr. Ben Nguyen (March 24); and Meredith Alvarez (March 30). May your birthdays be filled with laughter and the warmth of our Savior's love.

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To honor these birthday parishioners and help them celebrate, the March birthday party will be held next Sunday, March 8, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Sunshine Room. This is a birthday potluck, although bringing a dish is not required.

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross (in English) are being said at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6; March 13; and March 27. There are no Stations on March 20.

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The Diocese is taking applications for the following positions:

- # Assistant Controller (Chancery - Accounting)
  - # Administrative Assistant to Superintendent (Catholic School Office)
  - # Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator (Respect Life and Social Justice)
- Submit resumes, references and salary requirements to Tina Hallacy at: [hallacyt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:hallacyt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org).

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Catholic Women's Conference, Saturday, March 6-7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tickets are on sale now. Buy your tickets early to enjoy special pricing: limited discounted tickets are available while they last. Register at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/womens-conference/>.

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We can always use more Mass intentions. Write your intention [using + before a deceased person's name] and drop in the collection basket or mail to the parish office (1214 E. 2nd St. (67214). There is a \$10 donation per intention.

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Support Wichita's new Catholic youth theatre! Lolek Theatre Company shares stories of truth, beauty, goodness, and excellence. Come see *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at Bishop Carroll Auditorium March 5-6 at 7 p.m. and March 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale now at [lolekwichita.com](http://lolekwichita.com).

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### SUNSHINE ROOM UPDATE

Yet more hours spent by parishioners Bob Hartman and Robert Fusco. The drywall that was just installed is greenish as it is mold resistant. There are two odd-sized pieces at the base of the stairs still needing carefully crafted drywall installation. After they are in, compound will be needed at the corner and on the screw heads, and then painting can commence. The two lights will be installed after the painting is finished.