

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer during the 2nd Week in Lent ~

**As the days lengthen
and the earth spends longer
in the light of day,
grant that I may spend
longer in the light
of your presence,
O Lord.**

**And may those seeds
of your Word,
which have been long-buried
within me,
grow,
like everything around us,
into love for you,
and love for people;
to become a visible declaration
of your Lordship
in my life.**

**Grant, Father,
that this Lent,
there may be a springtime
for my life in Christ.
Amen.**

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Our Lady Chapel



Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.

TETELESTAI'S 2023 SEASON:

The Chapel will not be hosting *Tetelestai* this year. But you can find *Tetelestai* performing at the following area Churches. All performances are at 8 pm on Fridays & Saturdays, and 2 pm on Sundays: **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church**, Macedonia, March 17, 18 & 19; **Trinity Episcopal Church**, Bay City, MI, March 24, 25, & 26 (1 pm); **Lake Erie Church, Madison, OH**, March 31, April 1 & 2; **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**, Cuyahoga Falls, Thurs. April 6 @ 8pm & Fri. April 7 @ 8 pm.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are **fast days** for all between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine. Fasting means that one full meal for the day is allowed, along with two light meals [snacks]. No eating between meals. Those not included in these "ages" are encouraged to take upon themselves some aspects of the fast, whenever possible.

Ash Wednesday and **All Fridays** during Lent are days of **abstinence from meat**, for those who are fourteen and older. Again, those not included in these "ages" are encouraged to participate whenever possible.

**FAITH EDUCATION:**

Faith Education meets next on Sunday, March 5th and Sunday, April 2nd at 8:45 AM.

There are no classes on Sunday, March 12th, March 19th, or March 26th because of Spring Break. As has been our custom in the past, our Faith Education Classes are followed by our 10 AM Mass which is held in the chapel. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].** Thank you.

**NOVENA TO BLESSED BASILE MOREAU:**

Blessed Basile Moreau was the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to which Fr. John and the Brothers at Gilmour belong. We have two booklets with Novenas to Blessed Basile Moreau. One is used for a personal intention or healing; the other is used when praying for the intention or healing of someone other than yourself. The Novenas were composed by Father Thomas Looney, C.S.C. Many have received blessings and healings through the intercession of Blessed Basile Moreau, and now we want to extend this invitation to you and your family. Please see Father John and he will be glad to give you the booklets.

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:**

If you would like a copy of your 2022 Contributions to Our Lady Chapel, please call the chapel office [440-473-3560] and we will be glad to send it out to you. Since many have their own records and do not need to receive this statement, we have found that this is much more economical for us — as good stewards, we are trying to cut postage expenses from a mass mailing. Let us know if you need the statement sent to you and we will be glad to get it to you. Thanks for your understanding.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Please call him [440-473-3560] to arrange for this experience. All social distancing will remain in place. Always remember the Lord's invitation: "I will give them a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart" [Jeremiah 24:7].

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Rick DeBacco ['99], brother of Michelle DeBacco Chiacchiarri ['96], uncle of Aurelia ['28], and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiarri, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatitis.
- For Brother Walter Gluhm, C.S.C., who is under to care of hospice.
- For Susan Vance-Johnson, sister of Chief Advancement Strategy Officer, Ray Murphy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Bob Wolfe, who is undergoing treatment for serious health issues.
- For Don Glover, who is critically ill resulting from an infection.
- For Kathy and Jim Pender, parents of Mark ['83] and Michael ['90] Pender, grandparents of Matthew ['11], Charlotte ['13] Pender, and Katherine ['17] and Tyler ['19] Clark, who are both seriously ill with health issues.
- For Kevin Kennedy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and lung cancer.
- For Ken Matty, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Maryann Lucas, aunt of Art Instructor, Susan Southard, who is recovering from open heart surgery
- For Sally Smith, who is recovering from serious kidney surgery.

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Father Edward Mehok, former chaplain of Notre Dame College
- For Father Thomas Elliott, C.S.C.
- For Mel Weltle, Sr., grandfather of Hannah ['21] and Trevor ['24] Weltle
- For Hans Schmidt, father-in-law of Mary Schmidt, grandfather of Brandon Schmidt ['08], Maggie Strippy ['12], and Jacqueline Schmidt ['13]
- For Angelo Lonardo, father of Joseph Lonardo ['00], and grandfather of Angelina ['22] and Giana ['22] Lonardo.
- For Lois Luther, the sister-in-law of Brother Ed Luther, C.S.C.
- For Theodore Ursu, grandfather of Caroline Ursu ['16] and former Gilmour Student, Emily Ursu

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

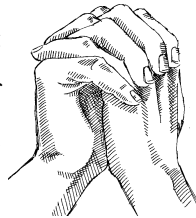
- For the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; also for their families and all the first responders.
- For the Holy Cross Religious in Haiti, and for the people of that country, which is under siege because of political and civil strife.
- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- For an end to sexual abuse and lack of respect for human persons.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.
- For a greater awareness of our call to create a more humane and just society.

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- For Chuck Shade, father of Loren Shade, grandfather of Michael, Madeline, and Charles Shade, who is in seriously ill with several health issues.
- For Chuck Campanella, father of Anthony Campanella, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Brother Dan Kane, C.S.C., long-time Brother in Residence here at Gilmour, who is undergoing medical treatment for health issues
- For Bill McGinley, father of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, and grandfather of Mollie ['21] and Abby ['23] Edmondson, who is recovering from health treatment.
- For Laurie Lozier, sister of Fathers Bill and Jim Lies, C.S.C, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of dementia.
- For Kim Clark, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- For James Routhier, husband of Grace O'Rourke Routhier ['08], who is recovering from brain surgery.
- For Beverly Jacklitch, mother of Kitchen Associate, Susan Jacklitch, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Paula Smith, mother of Tyler ['10] and Alec ['13] Smith, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Findley Stay, husband of former Gilmour Instructor, Emily Stay, father of Allen Stay ['87], who is undergoing treatment for a serious blood disorder.
- For Andy Andino, Sr., father of Music Director, Andy Andino, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jill Shemory, mother of Adam ['08], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carol Lowen, mother of Denise Shade, grandmother of Madeline, Michael, and Charles Shade, who is undergoing treatment for Breast Cancer.
- For Sue Elliott, who is critically ill with complications of Parkinson's Disease.
- For Cameron Monesmith, who is recovering from Brain surgery
- For Baylea O'Brian, friend of former Gilmour Teacher, Erin Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma
- For Walter Carey, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Carol Triplett, sister of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie ['21] and Abbie ['23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Marina McCarter, grandmother of Aaron ['25] and Mason ['28] McCarter, who is ill
- For Michael Bares, brother of James ['80] Bares and Religion Instructor, Eileen Pryatel, uncle of Michael ['08, Meghan ['13] , and Kevin ['15] Pryatel, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz ['26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Michael Nestor ['98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane ['36], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Melita Chiacchiari, mother of Mark ['94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco ['96], grandmother of Aurelia ['28], and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — THURSDAY, MARCH 9th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 PM. Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can't come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God's word.



Our topic: To be decided shortly; focused on Lent

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, March 5: 2 nd Week in Lent	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, March 6:	NO MASS
Tuesday, March 7:	NO MASS
Wednesday, March 8:	NO MASS
Thursday, March 9:	NO MASS
Friday, March 10:	NO MASS
Saturday, March 11: 3 rd Week in Lent	5:00 PM In Person
Sunday, March 12: 3 rd Week in Lent	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** Daniel 9:4-10, Luke 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 1:10-20, Matthew 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jeremiah 18:18-20, Matthew 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 16:19-31
- Friday:** Genesis 37:3-28, Matthew 21:33-46
- Saturday:** Micah 7:14-20, Luke 15:1-32
- 3rd Week in Lent:** Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-42

TRANSFIGURATION — OUR CALLING:

The Scripture Readings for this 2nd Week in Lent are all about a “call”. We hear about the call of Abraham [Genesis 12:1-5], the call of Jesus [Matthew 17:1-9], and St Paul speaks about the call of each Christian [2 Timothy 1:6-10].

In the Book of Genesis, after the account of the creation, we are told how the human person fell into sin and drifted further and further away from God [chapter 3]. It is a sorry story. We are told about Cain and Abel [chapter 4], about the Great Flood [chapter 7], and the Tower of Babel [chapter 11]. These are all stories of selfishness and the sidelining of God.

But then there is a sudden change. God intervenes in the story and picks out Abraham — or Abram as he was then — and makes him the head of a chosen people. So begins God’s great work of salvation which culminates in the Pascal Mystery.

There are some important things about this call. First, it was God who chose Abraham — not Abraham who chose God. It is also vital to understand that God made this choice entirely of his own volition — not because of anything Abraham had done. It was not for any merit or specialness on Abraham’s part or because he somehow deserved it, but as a result of the simple decision of God. Then God tells Abraham to leave his home and go to the land which he will show him. Abraham is already old, but this is not seen as an obstacle by God. God tells Abraham to leave everything behind and begin a journey — a great pilgrimage of faith. And finally, God blesses Abraham and all the generations after him. God promises his protection and tells Abraham that they will be his special witnesses to the whole world.

There is no hint that Abraham opposes any of these plans that God has for him — despite his age or the many difficulties he knew he would face. “Abram went as the Lord told him.” This is powerful stuff.

And after many years and all kinds of events and obstacles, God’s plan finally reaches its culmination in the life of Jesus and what he accomplished in Jerusalem in the tremendous events of his Passion. Like Abraham, Jesus too was asked to leave his home and begin a great journey. His homeland, of course, is heaven. And the journey is the great work he was to accomplish here on earth.

God blessed Abraham, and God blesses Jesus too. He blesses Jesus on two particular occasions. The first is at the very start of Jesus’ ministry at his Baptism [Matthew 3], and the second we have before us as Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor [Matthew 17].

The two Old Testament figures who are seen alongside Jesus on the mountain — Moses and Elijah — are often thought to represent the Law and the Prophets. But they can also be seen as making clear what the work of Jesus really entailed. Jesus was to complete the work of Moses who brought the Chosen People into the Promised Land of Canaan and he is to do this by leading God’s people into the Promised Land of Heaven. Jesus was also to complete the work of Elijah who worked so tirelessly to draw the people away from idol worship and lead them back to worship of the one true God.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul talks about our own call [2 Timothy 1:6-10]. Paul tells us that, like Abraham, this call comes to us unbidden. It is not the result of any merit on our part — God simply chooses us. This is something that we need to constantly reflect upon.

First, we should understand that we have indeed been chosen. God didn’t call everyone — but he has called us. He has called us, as individuals, to faith so that we can be his witnesses. Perhaps he has placed us in believing families, or he may have put a certain set of circumstances in our way which has led us to faith. But make no mistake about it — this is God’s doing. He is truly working in our lives. He wants us to be with him, and he has a special role for us. We are a crucial part of his plan for the



salvation of the world.

We also must understand clearly that there are no personal qualities that we possess which caused God to single us out so that he could bestow on us the gift of faith. Indeed, we might often think that it was precisely because we were nothing very special that God chose us.

And we must further realize just what a blessing all this is for us. Often, we might see our faith as a burden, an obligation — perhaps even an inconvenience. But we would be quite wrong to view our faith in this way; it is no mere cultural hangover or the result of an historical accident nor is it something we just fell into. We would be very mistaken to see our calling as anything other than a tremendous, if undeserved, blessing. As with Abraham, our journey of faith is a long one; it has many twists and turns, many complicated byways, peculiar detours and fresh starts. But this journey — this pilgrimage of faith that we have undertaken — will undoubtedly bring us many blessings and it will ultimately lead us to eternal life.

On the Holy Mountain our Lord was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light, and the voice of God was heard in blessing and approval. This was the true nature of Jesus shining through — He let his glory be seen to the small inner circle of Apostles.

Something similar needs to happen to us; our whole life should be seen as a gradual process of Transfiguration. Our whole purpose should be to allow the light of God to shine through us. There are many things which can help us to do this. Attending Mass regularly, and making the reception of the Eucharist an integral part of our lives is, of course, key. Other things include daily prayer and sharing our faith with others; as well celebrating the other sacraments — particularly the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows us to experience God’s healing and forgiveness in a profound way.

Our family life is another area which we can transform by our practice of the Christian faith. Living a life of deep respect and love for each other means that we are putting the Gospel into practice in the very heart of our home.

As we negotiate the various events of our life — such as change of job, moving from one home to another, financial changes, health issues, sadness, or good fortune, we can allow them to be graced by God’s love so that they become not just occurrences, but part and parcel of our pilgrimage of faith. If we live our lives in this way, then our eventual death becomes our last act of worship. It becomes the opening of a door leading us to the vision of Christ who will shine on us far more brightly than he ever did on that Holy Mountain.

—taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister S.D.S., which appear on the internet

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — MARCH 18th:

Our Savior Lutheran Church, across the street from Gilmour, has a Food Pantry which distributes food to the community on **the third Saturday of each month**. They welcome volunteers. **They help pre-pack nonperishables in bags on Thursday evenings beginning at 5 PM.** They continue this prepacking on Friday if needed. Check with Elina Gurney on this. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help putting items from the foodbank into the prepacked bags.** Only volunteers will be allowed in the Church building, so you will be protected against the virus. Clients will remain outside in their cars. **The food pantry is then open from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM on Saturday.**



Our Savior Lutheran’s Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Please let Elina Gurney know if you would like to help. You can do this through the chapel office [440-473-3560] of by emailing Elina Gurney at gurney.oh@gmail.com.