

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent recounts how Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a mountain, where they witnessed what we now call the Transfiguration of the Lord (Matthew 17:1-9). During this event, Jesus's "face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared [and conversed] with him." A bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples were afraid and fell to the ground, but Jesus touched them and said, "Rise, and do not be afraid." He then instructed them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Transfiguration provides two significant insights. First, God reveals to the disciples and to all believers that Jesus is truly His beloved Son, fulfilling the laws, and prophecies and teachings of the prophets in the Old Testament. Second, this event assures us of God's redemptive love and the enduring hope that is fully revealed in the resurrection of Jesus.

Let us pray that, through our observance of Lent, we and all the faithful around the world may continue to learn, live, and grow according to God's teachings, especially those of Christ, as the Father in Heaven has invited both the disciples and us : "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." May the blessings and guidance we receive transform us to become more like Christ. May the transformation of our hearts and minds, our thoughts and actions during this holy season, reveal to those around us—especially those experiencing suffering, feeling lost, or living in hopelessness—that God's merciful and redemptive love is actively present in the world. May they also have open hearts, like the three disciples, so that Jesus can lead them to God's holy mountain of everlasting hope, as we all come together with joy and hope to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord for our salvation during Holy Week this year. Amen.



**ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Gassaway, West Virginia**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — A**  
**MARCH 1, 2026**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;



When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**Readings of the week:**

| Monday                   | Tuesday                          | Wednesday           | Thursday              | Friday                          | Saturday                        | Sunday                                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Daniel 9:4b-10           | Isaiah 1:10, 16-20               | Jeremiah 18:18-20   | Jeremiah 17:5-10      | Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Micah 7:14-15, 18-20            | Exodus 17:3-7                          |
| Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 | Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 | Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16 | Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 | Psalm 105:16-21                 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9<br>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 |
| Luke 6:36-38             | Matthew 23:1-12                  | Matthew 20:17-28    | Luke 16:19-31         | Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46         | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32              | John 4:5-42                            |

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**Sharing God's Blessings**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                 | <b>Feb. 21 + 22, 2026</b> |
| <b>Collection</b>           | <b>390 &amp; 940</b>      |
| <b>Missions in the U.S.</b> | <b>75</b>                 |
| <b>Mass Attendance</b>      | <b>17+ 10 &amp; 59</b>    |

Thank you for your contribution

**Liturgy Schedule**  
**RISEN LORD CHURCH**

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**  
**Liturgy Schedule**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

**Sat: 4:00 p.m.** (Sunday Vigil)  
**Sun: 11:00 a.m.**

WEEKDAY: **Tue & Wed: 4:00p.m.**  
**Thu & Fri: 8:00a.m.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Every Tuesday at 4:00p.m.  
 prior to Mass

**RECONCILIATION:**

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
- *Other days by appointment*

**Thank You for Your Prayers**

The weather was good.

A great number of people could join.

The **Rite of Reception and Election Celebration** were filled with joy and blessings.

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Risen Lord**

Every Sunday at 8:00 am

**Stations of the Cross**  
**St. Thomas Church**

at **6:00pm** on Fridays  
 — after **5:30 pm Mass**

**Lenten Penance Service**

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Soup & Bread lunch after 11:00 Mass,  
 followed by Penance Service  
 with Fr. John Finnell and Fr. Dominic

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 1, 2026**

Vocation Views:

**“Rise, and do not be afraid.” So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and/or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart.**

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Readers</b>    | <b>Bring up the Offertory Gifts</b> | <b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>    |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 1     | Connie Moore      | Harmans                             | Mac Bailes/<br>Westley Carpenter  |
| March 8     | Theresa Sutton    | Carpenters                          | Tom Teubert and<br>Candy Teubert  |
| March 15    | Westley Carpenter | McLaughlins                         | Pat McPherson/<br>Mac Bailes      |
| March 22    | Mac Bailes        | Shavers                             | Westley Carpenter/<br>Fred Friend |

**RISEN LORD**

**FAMILY NIGHT**

**February 12, 2026**



**Next FAMILY NIGHT**

Thursday, March 12, 2026  
 5:30pm — 7:30pm

**CCD**

Sunday, March 1st & 15th, 2026  
 Stations of the Cross—March 13th  
 6:00pm

**Parish Council & Finance Council**

**Special Meeting**  
 After today Mass  
 in the Church Hall

**OCIA**

Monday, March 2nd, 2026  
 2:00pm

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**Easter Flower donation** —  
 ongoing until Palm Sunday

**Community Lenten Luncheons / Ecumenical Services** 3/30 - 3/31  
 - 4/1 Locations and time TBA

**Holy Thursday** — April 2 — 6:00 pm

**Washing of the Feet:**  
 Need 12 volunteers

**Good Friday** — April 3 — 6:00 pm

**Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil** —  
 April 4 — 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** — April 5 — 11:00 am  
**Easter Egg Hunt** following Mass  
 for the children

## RISEN LORD FOOD PANTRY

### Special Thanks!!!

to Benefactors & Volunteers  
for St. Thomas Food Pantry  
February 26, 2026:

Ann and Mike Hall, Vicky Grose,  
Cheryl and Vernon Hensley,  
David Linkinoggor, Tim Hahn, Mike Mance,  
Megan, Madison and Michael Murphy  
Duane Smith, Rick Allen,  
Kathy and Larry Schoonover.

Your sacrifice and service made it possible for  
**248 families** to experience  
the love of neighbors and of God,  
especially in times of need.

*May God's  
abundant grace  
and blessings  
continue to  
pour upon you,  
your families  
and friends  
throughout this  
Holy Season  
of Lent  
and Easter  
when it comes*



## St. Thomas Food Pantry

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to Benefactors & Volunteers  
for St. Thomas Food Pantry  
February 12, 2026:

Marian Agostino, Kathy Bronkhurst, Pat McPherson,  
Louise & Dale Elwood, Connie & John Moore,  
Candace & Tom Teubert, Kari Friend,  
Erica Mauldin, Scott Lazur, Michael Marcum,  
Dot Shimko, Rick Allen.

The **101** families and **20** Moms were surely  
experiencing the warmth of God's love  
and community's love during the freezing weather  
through your dedication and sacrifice.

