

HOLY MASSES

at Our Lady of the Skies Chapel

Saturday, February 27 at 5:00 PM for Gary Lewandowsky

Sunday, February 28 at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, March 2 at 12:15 PM

Wednesday, March 3 – NO MASS WILL BE OFFERED

Thursday, March 4 at 12:15 PM

Friday, March 5 at 12:15 PM

Saturday, March 6 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following sick:

Sue McCormick

Maureen Ramazzotti

Anthony DiBenedetto

Yolan DePhillips

Maureen Devine

Walter McNally

Barbara Paredes

Louise Cirillo

Lindsey Jefferies

Linda Cavello

Mike O'Sullivan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following deceased:

Anthony D'Amato

William Howley

Henry J. Doherty

William Colmar

John Plunkett

Ed Leopold

Please let us know about anybody who needs prayerful attention by calling our office at (718) 656-5348 sending us an email at jfkchapel@gmail.com.

You can schedule confessions, spiritual direction, busy person's retreats (one-on-one), blessings or inquire help in any sacramental issues by contacting our Fr. Chris. Call the office and let us make it happen...

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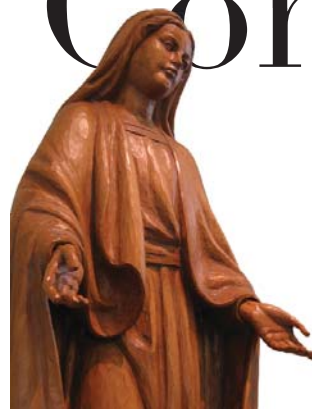
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FEBRUARY 28, 2010 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This Sunday begins the second week of Lent, and at the same time ends another episode of one of the most interesting and energizing series in the history: Olympic Games. As always, they give us so many inspiring thoughts, examples and reflections. Even the simple fact that people from so many different countries, sometimes remaining in open conflicts with one another, can compete in the name of something deeper and more inspiring. It is great, that the world-wide community can meet together and celebrate in this way a triumph of positive strength over human weaknesses. I believe, we can learn from these games quite a lot spiritually as well.

The games in Vancouver started with death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili, proving once again how high were the stakes, and what people are willing to risk in the name of competition and a passion that plays such a big

role in peoples' lives.

OLYMPIC GAMES

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SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

by FR. CHRIS PIASTA, OFM

Then the time came for excitement, joy, surprises, awe and admiration. The new generation of future athletes has received a big dose of inspiration to continue their dreams and take upon them the legacy of so many people before them.

Towards the end of the games, came death again. This time of a 55-year-old mother of Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette. In an instant, the whole world became sympathetic to this young athlete, who dedicated her competition to her deceased mother. Yes,

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THE word

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

LUKE 9:28B-36



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SOMETHING TO sit WITH

again death, yet this time with a different meaning, showing so much love of a daughter, so much love of a skater and so much empathy of sports fans everywhere. This death, although tragic and sad, had a hint of a new dimension, somewhat uplifting and positive.

Oh, how much we need such moving moments in the world torn by greed, wars, competition, and selfishness. We are tired and exhausted by politics, weather, flight cancellations, and Toyota recalls. Yes, they all matter at a certain time and a certain point, yet they don't change us, they don't inspire, and if they really move us any deeper inside remains a valid question. That is why we are yearning for something deeper, more meaningful, and touching us on every level, including spiritual.

The second Sunday of Lent and the gospel passage speak of transformation. Historically speaking, the custom of reading this gospel fragment near the beginning of Lent may have come from an ancient tradition which held that transfiguration of Jesus took place forty days before Good Friday. For us, however, the meaning should be quite simple, yet demanding: a need for change and transformation in our lives.

Change and transformation remain one of the most difficult processes, and maybe even the most hesitated to be made. Why? Because we love status quo, no matter what it means and how sad and uninspiring that might be. Yet,

we stick to it, we repeat it day after day. Even Dr. Phil asks on TV while analyzing somebody's problems and ongoing "solutions": *Does it work for you? -- No?-- So, why do you stick to it?*

I tend to believe that we, just like Peter, James and John, we too have had our own moments of transfiguration, and for some reason, we do not remember them, or fail to connect the dots. Maybe these moments did not have the same splendor and awe, as the one we find in today's gospel, but these were ours, very personal and intimate. Maybe we fail to notice them in our daily routines, or feed of them.

One of my friends wanted to give up on his religious life. He went to see his superior and explained the reasons for such decision. The superior's response

was simple, yet very wise: *I understand your reasons, but I want you to be 100% sure that this is the right decision you are going to make. That is why I am not accepting your resignation just yet. I want you to take some time, say a couple of days, and think of everything you have done, and everything you have experienced in your religious life. Then come, and tell me what is your final decision.* So did my friend. While going back in his memory, he discovered so much that he had not seen before. He decided to stay and he is happily serving many people now.

So, make sure that you think of yours too, as you continue your spiritual journey one transformation after another.

