

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18

Phil 3:17–4:1 or Phil 3:20–4:1

Lk 9:28b–36

Who Was This Man?

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law, and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

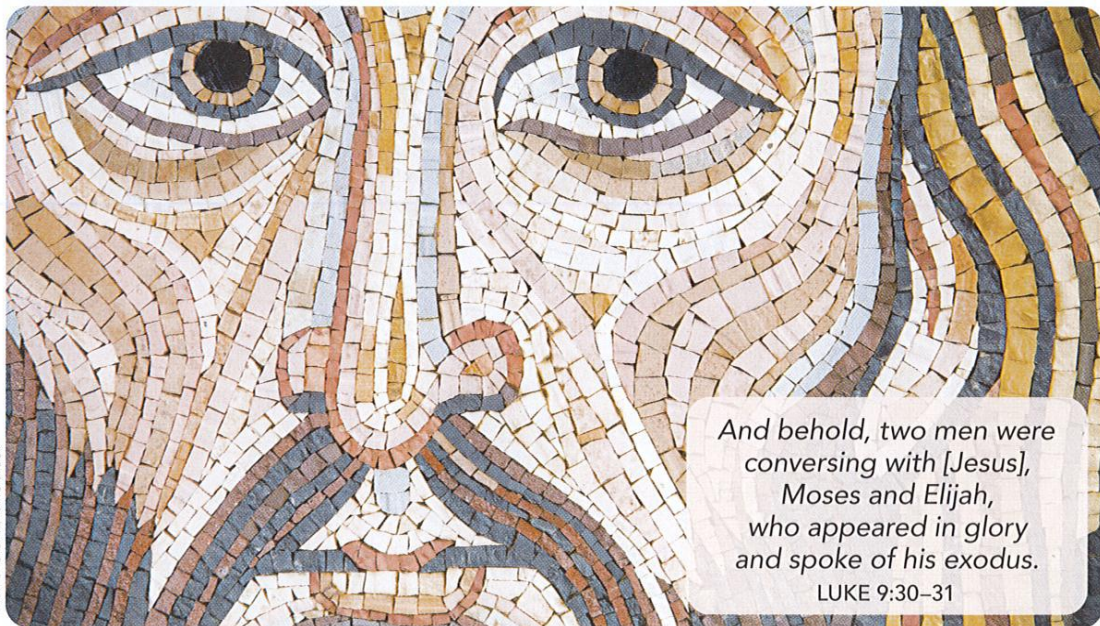
Jesus’ own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it’s likely the disciples still had to learn what being God’s Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus’ relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Give praise and glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ What does Jesus mean in your life?



And behold, two men were conversing with [Jesus], Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus.
LUKE 9:30–31



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

*From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9 (506) 857-0425

St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St, Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 (506) 536-1460

St. Clement's, 14 Church St, Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 (506) 538-2262

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MASS TIMES-WEEK OF MARCH 14-20, 2022

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM & 12:00 NN (St. Patrick's Day Mass)
	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Saturday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Saturday @ 7:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14-20, 2022

Thur	Mar. 17	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Marge McCarthy	Her Children
Thur	Mar. 17	12:00 PM	Special Intention	Juanita
Fri.	Mar. 18	9:30 AM	Late Zella O'Dell	Arline Cormier
Sat.	Mar. 19	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Susan Fortin	Family
Sun.	Mar. 20	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Minnie Burnett	Ross, Sharon & Family

OFFERINGS

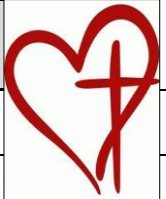
MARCH 5 & 6, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,648.00	New Years Day	\$ 55.00	
Loose	\$ 77.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 25.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 872.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00	
Capital Campaign	\$ 557.00	Donation	\$ 10.00	
Share Lent	\$ 40.00		\$	

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....
Sincere sympathies to the families of:*



Joseph Robert "Frenchie" Arsenaault

Brother of Stella Petersen (Don)

Gloria Cormier

Mother of Odette (Floyd) Meunier

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...



*Ecclesiastes 3...
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

Beth Purcell

Michelle Bastarache

Marcelline Lokoka

Cathy Steeves

Della Tower

Peter Steeves

And for all who care for them.



*****Sunday In person sessions***

Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM; Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM;

Session date for both groupings:

13 March 20, 2022

14 April 3, 2022

#15 April 10, 2022

#16 April 24, 2022

*****Tuesday In person sessions @ 6 PM – Years 1-2-3***

#13 March 22, 2022

#14 April 5, 2022

15 April 12, 2022

16 Apr 26, 2022

Masks are required for all in person sessions.

Sunday Confirmation In person Session

12 March 20, 2022 Retreat @ 3 PM

13 April 3, 2022 Preparation Session 3 @ 3 PM

14 April 24, 2022 Wrap up Session 4 @ 3 PM

Zoom Sessions

Monday years 4-5-6 @ 6:15PM

Session #112 Mar 14, 2022

Session # 13 March 28, 2022

Session # 14 April 4, 2022

Session # 15 April 25, 2022

Session #16 May2, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3 @ 6PM

Session # 12 March 16, 2022

Session # 13 March 30, 2022

Session# 14 April 13, 2022

Session # 15 April 27, 2022

Session # 16 May 11, 2022

Sacrament of Holy Communion May 8th @ 11 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation TBD

Sacrament of Confirmation May 8th @ 11 AM Mass



EVENING PRAYER

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priests, encourage us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer? It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship.

All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer

Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM - March 17, 24, 31 & April 7.

Adoration and the Way of the Cross St Augustine's Church March 18th

We will gather to pray the Way of the Cross in loving Adoration of our Lord. Doors open at 6:15pm with the Way of the Cross beginning at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome!

Solemnity of St Joseph Mass at St Augustine's March 19th

Come and celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph and pray for his intercession for peace for Ukraine and Russia. Doors will open at 9am with Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am. Ite ad Ioseph!

MESSAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods. In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving

ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panel. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion. Watch the video at devp.org/lent/act.

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Development and Peace is taking online donations to help the thousands of people affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. You can make a donation on our website (www.devp.org), by calling 1 888 664-3387 or by sending us a cheque by mail (425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7) made out to Development and Peace and marked "**Ukraine Emergency**". Thank you for your generosity in showing your affection for the women, men and children injured or forced to flee their homes.

Provincial COVID-19 restrictions to be lifted March 14, 2022

On March 14, the provincial government intends to remove all remaining measures related to COVID-19.

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It is still important to remind people to continue to be cautious as we have unvaccinated and vulnerable children, youth, and people in our churches.

Even if the government removes the health measures, the virus does not disappear. It can still wreak havoc.

Disinfectant. We will continue to have bottles of disinfectant at the entrances of the churches. In addition, priests and communion ministers are to continue to disinfect their hands.

Distancing: People are encouraged to respect a certain distancing, but not imposed.

Registering for Mass: You no longer need to register to attend a Mass.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

Ellen - 857- 9952 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com; Trevor - 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

VBS EXPRESS 2022

Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School (for children having finished kindergarten up to the end of 6th grade), which will again be held virtually on Zoom from June 6th-9th from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. This year's theme is **MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness**. There are a limited number of spaces available, so register early by contacting Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879. A \$20 registration fee will be required, but will be refunded at the end of the program.

Faith Experiments Express

Our next FEE will be on Monday, March 21st at 6:00 PM. Faith Experiments Express is a program designed for children in kindergarten up to 6th grade and teaches lessons in faith and scripture through science experiments your children will do at home. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879 for more information or to register.

Mondays @ The Movies

Our next film discussion will take place on Monday, March 21st at 10:30 AM on Zoom. The film we will be discussing is the (1994) film *The Shawshank Redemption*, starring Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879 to register. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

Upcoming Meetings:

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.



The Way of the Cross

will be celebrated Fridays during Lent at 6:30 PM,
March 18, 25, April 1, 8 & 15.

To make this prayer available to as many as possible,
it will be celebrated in different churches as follows:

March 18	St. Augustine's
March 25	St. Bernard's
April 1	Holy Family
April 8	Holy Family
April 15	St. Bernard's



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:

ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425



Saint Patrick

Although legends abound concerning the life and works of Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, he tells us about himself in his confession. At 16, Patrick was carried off from Wales in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain, where a life of prayer and asceticism marked him forever. After serving his master for six years, Patrick heard an inner voice tell him that he would return to his homeland, and he escaped. Landing in Gaul (Western Europe), Patrick had many adventures before reaching his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood, eventually becoming a bishop.

When the missionary to Ireland, Saint Palladius, died, Patrick took his place. By the time of his death in 492, he could see the fruits of his work: a native clergy was in place, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established. He is a patron of Ireland and Nigeria, of engineers, of several Canadian dioceses, and of those who fear snakes.

St. Patrick's Day Mass

Thursday, March 17th, 2022 @ 12:00 noon



Congratulations & God's blessing to:

Wayne & Cathy Wartman

on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

on March 3, 2022



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:

Donated by:

Address:

Envelope #

Amount \$



*He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.
By his wounds you are healed.*



Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen offers basic, nutritional meals to all who come, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. They depend on private donations of both cash and foodstuffs to keep their doors open. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support.



Lions recycle for Sight - Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time:

Used eyeglasses are recycled, cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, then packaged and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. A Lions Recycle for Sight box will be at the main entrance of the church for you to drop off unwanted eyeglasses. Thank you.



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.





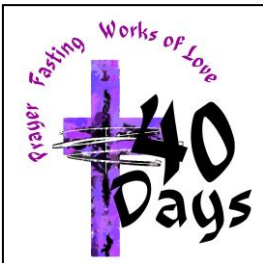
Remember that Lent is a joyful march toward Holy Easter and that all the readings, rituals and penitential practices are not done mournfully, ***but with the Risen Christ in mind and heart.*** ***Yet, it is also a time of ritual lamentation, of acknowledging the brokenness and pain in our lives and in our world.*** Lent allows us to articulate the grief and anger we feel through prayer texts and song, to seek repentance and healing by turning to Christ, to do something concrete by works of charity, and to fast in order to give food to others. The prayer and action are the work of the entire community, children as well as adults. ***Prayer, fasting and almsgiving*** are not just Lenten disciplines – they are, rather, the year-round regimen of Christian living; the disciplines that many would say, form us as disciples. **Lent is like a retreat.** Throughout the year the church is directed out into the world, but during these 40 days we pull back into ourselves for reflection and self-examination. **We make ourselves “right with God”.**



Prayer for Lent:

Free us, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs our way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges.

Remove smudges of resentment & bitterness. Cleanse us of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity. Create space in our lives for more kindness & less spitefulness, greater generosity & few self-centered needs, stronger compassion and weakened judgment of others. Enlarge our hearts with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that we recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around us.



Lent – A sense of Season:

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. **The highest point in the Church's year of prayer is the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus.** We prepare for this three-day period by the season of Lent and prolong it for the great 50 days of the Easter season. Together, Lent, the Triduum and the Easter season make up the “paschal season”, the springtime of the Church.

My Lenten Journey

Now is a good time to make concrete resolutions towards a meritorious Lent. Prayerfully ponder ways you want to improve in your spiritual life. What can you do this Lent to foster and deepen your desire and efforts for the salvation of souls?

Ideas for Prayer, Reparation & Penance:

- Attend daily Mass (or virtually if you are shut in).
- Make frequent visits to the Eucharistic adoration chapel and/or to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Be more faithful to or increase your current holy hours.
- Make Acts of Spiritual Communion during the day.
- Invite or bring someone to Mass, Evening Prayer or adoration.
- Pray for a different person each day.
- Commit to going to frequent or regular Confession i.e. weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Choose a particular point or defect to overcome with a corresponding virtue to practice each month. Theological virtues: faith, hope, charity. Cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. The Seven Capital Virtues: humility, generosity, chastity, meekness, temperance, brotherly love, diligence. Practice cheerfulness, politeness, courtesy, patience, thankfulness.
- Fast from sin and sinful habits
- Improve or begin the habit of making a daily Examination of Conscience followed by an Act of Contrition. Pick a regular daily time that works for you and stick to it i.e. right after you pray the daily family rosary
- Pray the Rosary or more rosaries alone or with a friend
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in reparation for sin
- Commit one daily act of either a spiritual or corporal work of mercy
- Commit to fasting (i.e. Wednesdays, Fridays) and abstinence throughout Lent (i.e. unhealthy/junk food, processed food, sweets, refined sugar/foods, pop, caffeine, fast food etc.)
- Commit to a prescribed time of half an hour to an hour of daily physical exercise based on one's abilities – the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy could be prayed while exercising
- Refrain from or limit use of conventional and social media.
- Bless yourself, your family, and your residence with holy water at bedtime.
- Do your daily duties better and with a smile.
- Every day offer up little inconveniences, prayers and sacrifices for souls.
- Improve your family's emergency preparedness.

"In His anguish He prayed even more earnestly, & His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood." (Luke 22:44) ***Jesus did this for us, let's give Him our best efforts this Lent.***

To facilitate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernard's will be open Monday through Friday from noon to one o'clock (12:00 -1:00), and on Sundays from two to three o'clock (2:00 – 3:00).

Building Committee Update 2022

Vision: As a vibrant faith community, we will create an environment that promotes a sense of belonging for all generations while reinforcing Saint Bernard's history and architectural presence.

In 2006, the Building Committee authorized a Building Committee Assessment (BCA), that served as a guide for major repairs and renovations to the Church.

It was agreed by your current committee members that this BCA should be updated to identify building deficiencies that need to be addressed in the next ten years.

This assessment was completed over the summer and early fall of 2021.

Work completed in 2021 totaled \$191,500 and included the following:

	Building Improvement	Cost
1.0	Roof Replacement (North Side)	\$61,000
2.0	Chimney Removal	45,000
3.0	Drainage system (North Side)	48,000
4.0	Masonry	27,500
5.0	BCA Report	<u>10,000</u>
	Total	\$191,500

Work planned for 2022 will include the following:

	Building Improvement	Estimated Cost
1.0	Foundation Wall south side and repointing	\$60,000
2.0	Asphalted Areas	15,000
3.0	Landscaped areas	5,000
4.0	Stone Foundation South Side	15,000
5.0	Bell Tower Roofing	7,000
6.0	Front Entrance Roofing	5,000
7.0	1962 Expansion	30,000
8.0	1962 Expansion windows	4,000
9.0	Stained glass windows	<u>30,000</u>
	Total	\$171,000

Funds from past donations are available for the **2022** expenditures.

A major expenditure that will have to be considered in the near future is the Rose window. The building report states "From the exterior, visible signs of weather /water damages. Some glass panes are broken. Restoration specialist required to create restoration plan for the wooden components. True degree of decay will not be known until disassembly begins. To be conservative, anticipate that the restoration effort will be extensive, lasting in the range of 6 months." The cost of this expenditure could be easily **\$200,000**.

We want to thank all of you who have donated so generously to our Building Fund. We are asking you to continue this strong support so that we can address the outstanding repair and renewal expenditures and Saint Bernard's Church remains a viable facility for many years into the future.

-Lew Cummings
Building Committee Chairman

Dear Padre,

What is the rationale for believing in God?

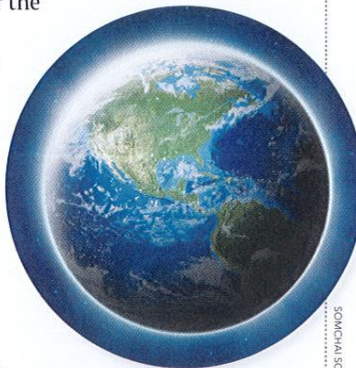
While Scripture tells us in story form how God created heaven, earth, and humanity, science tells how he has really done so: from a Big Bang of unharnessed energy; to the formation of Earth and the universe; to the evolution of life; and finally, to us! Creation's unfolding is like a magnificent symphony formed from nothing by a powerful, omniscient composer. This "musical score" of evolution rises and falls, inexorably leading to its culmination—intelligent beings who can ponder the beauty and awe of God's creation.

The odds are totally against an accumulation of "lucky breaks" that make creation possible: our Earth being in a narrow habitable zone, neither too near nor too far from the sun; the appearance of oxygenating plants, allowing us to breathe; a dinosaur-destroying asteroid collision permitting mammals—and eventually us—to evolve. How could all of that be accidental?

Indeed, multitudes have dedicated their lives to God's existence. For more than two millennia, our Church has taught about a loving God in the person of Jesus Christ. Not only do we learn Jesus' teachings regarding God's compassion, forgiveness, and the promises of eternal life, but we see that compassion and forgiveness at work in today's ministry.

A loving relationship with anyone is impossible without trust and faith. So it is with God. We must entrust ourselves to him, opening ourselves to knowing and loving him. For this reason, belief in God is always a grace, a gift freely given from God, which we ask for ourselves.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others.

ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP
(FRATELLI TUTTI), OCTOBER 3, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20

Mt 20:17–28

Thursday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,
17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or

Lk 2:41–51a

Sunday

MARCH 20

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15

1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12

Lk 13:1–9

**Know Someone
Overly Anxious About Sin?**
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.