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## UKRAINE:

**We have been watching the terrible tragedy in the Ukraine on TV and feeling utterly helpless in reaching out in support of the people. We can do something. We can donate essential supplies that Fr. Kouchir of St. Sophie's Ukrainian Church will send to Poland, and then transport to the Ukraine. The needs are: Sanitary Supplies such as Soap, Toothpaste, etc., Baby Food and Diapers, Medication such as Pain Killers, Anti-Inflammatory Drugs, and Meds for Nausea.**

**If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to Mass next weekend and leave them in the baskets at the doors of the Church. Thank you for generously supporting our suffering Brothers and Sisters.**

**WARDENS:**

**Last Sunday following the 11am Mass, we held our Warden's Election. We thank all who participated in the vote and would like to congratulate our newly appointed Warden, Ms. Widat Kebede.**

**We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. John Dike for his years of service as Warden and his on-going dedication to St. Monica's Parish.**





## March 13, 2022 – Second Sunday of Lent

Readings:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

“Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’”

— Luke 9:35

### Listening from the heart

The story of the Transfiguration is one of the highpoints of the Gospels. Jesus has just announced to Peter, John and James what awaits him: his death and resurrection. At the same time, a voice confirms Jesus in his mission with the command, “Listen to him!” To listen is to be attentive to someone’s words. It is to act according to what is asked of us. It is to pay attention, not only with our heads, but also especially with our hearts.

Today, more than ever, the public square and social media are full of false prophets claiming to offer salvific words to men and women. So well-crafted are advertising messages that we sometimes cannot help but be surprised enough to stop and “listen.”

In this world of advertising, of electronic and visual solicitation, there is little room for the voices of the poor and the weak. And when they do manage to make themselves heard, do we take the time to listen to them from the heart?

Reminding us that “Nature is filled with words of love,” Pope Francis asks, “[H]ow can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions, or the cult of appearances?” He adds, “An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle...” (*Laudato Si'*, 225).

Will we be able to recognize the voice of the Father saying, “This is my Son... listen to him!” To listen to the beloved Son is to accept to open our hearts to His invitations, even when His Word calls us across a desert or to the Passion.

On this Transfiguration Sunday, in the silence of the mountain, the Father invites us to listen to his Son. Will we be able to recognize his call to solidarity with our partners in Madagascar? Let us not be afraid to listen. He will show us how we can help our sisters and brothers transform their own lives. Heeding our sisters and brothers living in contaminated surroundings in Madagascar, the Andohatapenaka Development Council (CDA) chose to support them to adapt and transform their environs.

CDA’s work on climate change adaptation is part of its effort to engage citizens in public life and to support local initiatives to improve and preserve sanitation, infrastructure and the environment.

Madagascar is a country especially vulnerable to climate change. CDA operates in a part of the country that is often flooded and insalubrious due to heavy rains. To show that people can be equipped to manage and transform their neighbourhoods despite multiple vulnerabilities, CDA helped rehabilitate a contaminated area into a community garden and supported 51 micro-projects for adaptation to climate change. Through two management committees and a villagers’ commitment charter, CDA also helped residents of one of the region’s most vulnerable communities to collectively transform their neighbourhood into a self- managed ecological village. Today, each of the village’s 50 households has its own vegetable garden, stove and solar panels. This transformation, the fruit of popular mobilization, reflects a true ecological conversion.

Within this ecological village and other communities involved in the micro-projects, hundreds of people have benefited from workshops on climate adaptation practices like composting, agro-ecological methods, urban agriculture, making biomass charcoal or raising animals adapted to an environment prone to flooding. The Share Lent campaign invites us to solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, whose troubles are being exacerbated by conflict, climate change and the pandemic. And, as Pope Francis reminds us, “justice and solidarity are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 11).

Thanks to the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John became prophets, spokesmen and witnesses of the Lord’s love for everyone.

And what about us? Are we ready, with Him, to transform the world, so that life may be reborn?

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## **Week 2: March 13**

### **Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change**



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 panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Watch the video at [devp.org/lent/act](http://devp.org/lent/act).

## **MASS INTENTIONS: 12 - 18 March, 2022**

### **Saturday, 4:00pm – March 12, 2022:**

*Giuseppina Lucci*

*Aniello D’Addio*

*Leonard & Terry Winslade*

*by Giuseppina Pendenza & Family*

*from Franca & Children*

*from Bob & Do Parsons*

### **Sunday, 9:00am – March 13, 2022: 2nd Sunday of LENT**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

### **Sunday, 11:00am – March 13, 2022: 2nd Sunday of LENT - Livestreamed**

*Leonardo Ricciardi*

*The Cullen Family*

*Fr. Adelchi Bertoli*

*by his Wife*

*from Jane Cullen*

*from Teri Laberge & Family*

### **Tuesday, 8:30am – March 15, 2022: 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of LENT**

*Aniello D’Addio*

*from Franca & Children*

### **Wednesday, 8:30am - March 16, 2022:**

*Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella*

*from the Family*

### **Thursday, 7:00pm – March 17, 2022: Saint Patrick**

*Evelyn Adam*

*by Pat Donnelly*

### **Friday, 8:30am – March 18, 2022: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*