

# The Pastor's Corner

“We all have those pleasant surprises in life: an unexpected visitor comes to us when we least expect it. Perhaps a family member announces an engagement or an addition to the family. Maybe at work we get that raise that is even higher than we could've anticipated. All of these moments are surprises to be sure, but they are aren't just that. They change life in a way that makes it even better than before.



God does not limit Himself in our lives to working in just the ways we might expect or want. Look at the example of Abraham. God gives him far more than he could've ever expected- a son, even at the old age that he and Sarah had attained. Or when he asked for Abraham to sacrifice that son- this truly was unexpected. Abraham remains faithful, and even though he doesn't actually sacrifice his son, he is greatly blessed by his faith. Or when it comes to Jesus in the Transfiguration- He appears to the disciples in a way that they are not used to, but in a way that is pleasantly surprising, and one that prepares them for the trials yet to come.

All too often, we try to limit God to where we are comfortable with Him operating. We like Him helping when things get too hard, or perhaps when something very unexpected happens in life. Yet, God wants to work in even bigger and more majestic ways- and perhaps to give us some pleasant surprises as well!

Are you and I willing to open up to let God give us those pleasant surprises and blessings along the way?

-Fr. Belken

## TUESDAYS ON TABOR

Adoration at St. Denis Parish  
from 7:30-10:00pm on Tuesdays  
Confession from 7:30-8:00pm

*Come away from the busyness and rest a while  
with our Lord in the Eucharist!*

## Readings for Next Sunday

### The Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

## ST. DENIS SCHOOL 2024



### DINNER AUCTION

*Let The Shenanigans Begin*  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND**

Please mark your  
calendars and plan  
to attend the  
annual St. Denis  
School Dinner  
Auction! Your  
support is needed  
and immensely  
appreciated!

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