

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Old Barns and Old People

A fellow visiting the country from a large metropolitan area approached a local farmer with a request to purchase his old, dilapidated barn. He was offering what seemed to the farmer to be an outrageous sum of money, far more than the barn was worth. And so he asked, "Why would you want to purchase my old barn? It's in terrible repair and falling apart. Why do you want it?" The city slicker was quick with an answer. "I realize that it might not have much value to you, but I would like to use this beautifully-aged wood in a new house I am building."

The farmer thought to himself that the city fellow had a rather strange sense of beauty but then he was not opposed to the idea of making some money on the barn, which for him was both an eyesore and a burden. So the city fellow purchased the old barn for a premium price and hauled off the weathered wood for his new house.

Later as the farmer reflected on the deal he realized that perhaps he had missed something important. He realized that people are a lot like that old barn wood. We turn grey with age and lean a bit more than we did when we were younger and full of sap. We might not be thought by many to have as much value or usefulness as when we were younger. And yet, perhaps aging is God's gift after all.

As the years pass, the Lord is busy using the hard weather of our lives. The dry spells and the stormy seasons of our lives can beautify our souls in a way that nothing else could. The wounds and knocks we receive give us character. And age itself has its own value in that we can look back on life as well as forward. And all of this despite our frequent complaints to God about the course our lives were taking.

The beautiful, weathered wood from the old barn went for walls in a new house. And someday you and I will be called to heaven to be part of God's beautiful plan for all eternity. And I suspect we will be more beautiful because of the seasons we have lived through. May you find peace in God, knowing you are exactly where you are meant to be, growing aged and beautiful according to the divine plan!

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this week's readings from the Gospel of Matthew we are introduced to Jesus' Transfiguration and the appearance of Moses and Elijah. The custom of reading today's Gospel near the beginning of Lent may have come from an ancient tradition which held that the Transfiguration of Jesus took place forty days before Good Friday. The Divine words heard by the disciples "This is my beloved son" are the same words as are heard at Jesus' baptism.



***THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM WELL
PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.***

Worship Opportunities	
Wednesday March 4	9 AM Mass and Adoration
Thursday March 5 <i>(First Thursday)</i>	9 AM Mass and Anointing of the Sick
Friday March 6 <i>(First Friday)</i>	9 AM Mass, Stations of the Cross and Adoration 10:30 AM Confessions 6 PM – 7PM Confessions
Saturday March 7	9 AM First Saturday Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please remember to participate in our 40 cans for 40 days of Lent Campaign. All canned food items go to the Saint Francis Village Food Pantry to assist those needing food who reside in the Village.



For SFV residents the Chapel is open 24-hours-a-day for Visitation and Prayer.



Altar Servers We are in need of additional Altar Servers if you are interested contact Cat in the Chapel office. Training will be provided.

Attention non-residents attending Mass at St. Francis Village (SFV) Catholic Chapel: **After March 14th**, if an SFV Chapel Vehicle sticker is not displayed on your car windshield, you will not be permitted entry into SFV. To obtain an SFV sticker, please give your completed "Chapel Vehicle Registration" form to the Security Guard at the Village Gate so the Village can issue your sticker.

In closing this week's updates I came across an article on Pope Leo's comments to a group of Priests in Rome. Pope Leo urged Priests not to use artificial intelligence when writing their Homilies. He stated that to give a true Homily is to share faith, and artificial intelligence will never allow you to share your faith. Continuing on, he counseled that for a Priest to properly share faith he must have a life of Prayer.



*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in heaven God Give You Peace
Mike Pierson*

Mass Intentions

Mar. 1, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Mar. 2, 2026	Intentions of Janet Suess Family By Deacon Howard Herring
Mar. 3, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
Mar. 4, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Fr. Hoa's Mother (Bá Anna Lê Thi Thuy-Tiên) By Father Ken
Mar. 5, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Manus Donahue By Pat Donahue
Mar. 6, 2026	Repose of the Soul of James Butler By Deacon Howard Herring
Mar. 7, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Fr. Hoa's Mother (Bá Anna Lê Thi Thuy-Tiên) By Father Ken (9:00 AM First Saturday Mass)
Mar. 7, 2026	Repose of the Souls of John & Catherine Carroll (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)