

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

### Gospel

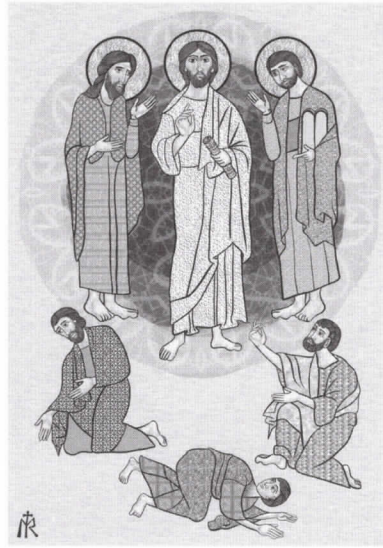
Luke 9:28b-36

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.

### Readings for the week:

#### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18  
Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,  
13-14  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
Phil 3:20-4:1  
Luke 9:28b-36

#### Monday

Dan 9:4b-10  
Ps 79:8, 9, 11  
and 13  
Luke 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

Isa 1:10, 16-20  
Ps 50:8-9,  
16bc-17, 21  
and 23  
Matt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20  
Ps 31:5-6, 14,  
15-16  
Matt 20:17-28

#### Thursday

Jer 17:5-10  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4  
and 6  
Luke 16:19-31

#### Friday

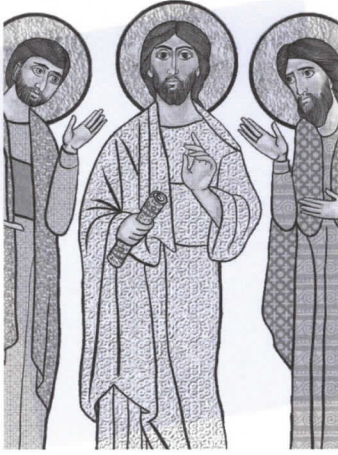
Gen 37:3-4, 12-  
13a, 17b-28a  
Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21  
Matt 21:33-43,  
45-46

#### Saturday St. Joseph

2 Sam 7:4-5a,  
12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Luke 2:41-51a

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exod 31:8a, 13-15  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,  
6-7, 8, 11  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9 (or  
other readings)



### Opening Prayer

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

As observant Jews, Jesus and the disciples had all celebrated the feast of Tabernacles (or Booths) from their childhood. That feast commemorates not only the wilderness wandering of Israel when the people lived in fragile, portable tents, but also the later dwelling of the cloud of God's glory, the Shekinah, in the Jerusalem temple.

At Jesus's transfiguration, God "tents" over Jesus and the disciples with divine glory, overshadowing them with a cloud, and calling them into its mystery. Over Moses on Mount Sinai, over Daniel's Son of Man, over Mary of Nazareth, the cloud was witness to and symbol of God's transfiguring presence. Now it embraces the tabernacle of Jesus's body and those who are his companions. Terrified, they enter and hear the Father's assurance, given only to Jesus at his baptism but now announced to disciples of all times: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Then there is silence, and Jesus alone is with them. They will go down from the mountain, onto the plain; and the struggle to understand Jesus goes on.

On the plains of our everyday life, we struggle to respond to the Father's command: to listen to the Son, to become children of the light in his light, brothers and sisters who are ready to risk the unfamiliar and new because we are enveloped in the security of God's presence and promise. After the mountain of Jesus's transfiguration comes the hill of his crucifixion. Our pilgrim legs have to be strong for both climbs, and though we may not always recognize it, the "mountaintop" experiences are often occasions where God allows us to catch our breath for the next and harder ascents.

### Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Transform our hearts, just as you transfigured on the mountain. May the radiant glory of your transfiguration help us remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

#### For Reflection:

- What are your own experiences of transformation? How is Christ calling you to transformation today?

#### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Announcements**  
**03/12/22 to 03/13/22**

**Financials: 02/28/22 – 03/06/22**

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Weekly Collection Goal \$2400</b> | <b>Total \$2810.00 Over 410.00</b> |                |
| <b>In Church</b>                     | \$                                 | <b>2410.00</b> |
| <b>Mail In</b>                       | \$                                 | <b>400.00</b>  |
| <b>On Line Giving</b>                | \$                                 | <b>.00</b>     |

**Bread Day is Tuesday, March 15. Volunteers always needed. Kitchen help will start at 3:30 pm on Monday afternoon, March 14<sup>th</sup>- others to follow at 4:30 pm. Bread pickup is following day, March 15<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 am. – Noon. Immediately after Sunday Mass will need help to configure the hall for this endeavor.**

**Next weekend, Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need.**

*Have a Blessed Week!*