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SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCE PACKET

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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.

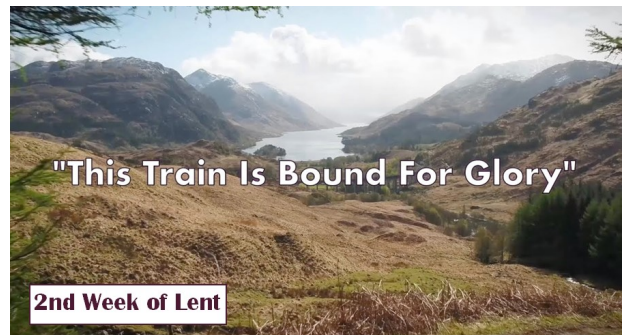
Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

“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.



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As we are presented with this glorious event of the Transfiguration this Sunday, there are numerous lessons we can learn from it. The passage above presents us with two particular lessons.

First, Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep while Jesus was transfigured in glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. This line could suggest many things. It could mean that Peter was weak and more concerned with his human condition than he was with attentiveness to the important journey he was invited to take with our Lord. It could reveal a kind of spiritual sloth. It is easy in life to become weary of the journey and to become drowsy at the times that we should be most attentive to our Lord. For example, think about any time when you knew you should pray but instead, sat daydreaming or distracted, or chose to fill that time with something mindless. Peter and his companions, therefore, teach us that it is easy for us in our fallen human nature to “doze off” during those times when God wants to speak to us, especially while at Mass.

Another interpretation of this line comes from the Church Father, Saint Ambrose. He suggests that this sleep of Peter and his two companions was primarily a result of them encountering “the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature.” As Jesus was transfigured, the initial vision was too much for them to comprehend, and so this vision began with them asleep as a symbol of the fact that we are all incapable of seeing the glory of God in our weakened state. But then they became “fully awake,” which implies that it took time for them to open their eyes to see the glory of God. This lesson teaches us that we all must wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God as He reveals Himself to us.

After becoming fully awake and encountering the incomprehensible brightness of the divine nature, Peter says, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” The Gospel writer then goes on to say that Peter “did not know what he was saying.” Again, if we turn to Saint Ambrose, he points out that Peter’s experience is commendable because he not only had earnest feelings but also took the initiative of good deeds. He wanted to build three tents so that Jesus, Moses and Elijah would remain with them. But another Church father points out that Peter “did not know what he was saying” because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus, the Law and the Prophets. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.

You, too, are entrusted with the responsibility of building up the structure of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if you continually seek to become fully awakened to the glory of God as He reveals Himself to you and, in the joy of that encounter, go forth to build up God’s Church by your earnest desire and intentional acts of charity.

Reflect, today, upon Peter and his two companions, James and John. Prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. Reflect upon them waking up and beginning to realize what was taking place before them. Consider Peter’s excitement and amazement and the effect that had on him. And then ponder how these disciples eventually did go forth to build the Church, the house of God, so that they and many others would come to meet Christ. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps.

If you have any personal intentions you would like to add they will be added to our list, contact Tom 546-7980 or tbrefka@clementmanor.org:

Weekly Prayer Intentions:

- **For the Sick** Lord, bless those residents who are sick, that they may feel Your healing presence.
- **For Repentance and Renewal** Lord, as we journey through this season of Lent, grant us hearts open to repentance and renewal. May we turn away from sin and embrace Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- **For the Suffering and the Lost** Lord, we lift up all who are burdened by suffering, doubt, or despair. May they find comfort in Your presence and strength in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- **For a Spirit of Generosity and Service** Lord, as we fast and pray, help us also to give generously and serve those in need. May our sacrifices draw us closer to You and to one another. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.



Now—A Word a Day

Now is the right time to listen, the day to be helped—2 Corinthians 6:2

Most of us spend a lot of time re-playing the past or thinking about the future. Both can be stressful. Each removes us from the present and cheats us of the full blessing of this life, this day, this moment—this “now.”

The single, simple word now can be a way of awakening yourself to the beauty of your own life, a way of fully breathin in and breathing out the blessing of being alive...now. Or, when things are happening fast and the need for God’s intervention is urgent, a sharp, single word—“now”—can say it all.

Whatever the past has been, whatever the future may hold, praying “now” can be a helpful way to focus and calm your mind and heart, or call into action the help you need, right here, right now.

—Bob

Lord, thank You for “now.” Help me to live it. AMEN

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Learning to See Anew—Daily Reflections for Lent: Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Reflection: The transfiguration is one of those well-known stories from the Gospels that does not often receive the deep reflection and consideration it deserves. Many of us assume that the transfiguration—when Jesus takes some of his closest followers up a mountain and something rather dramatic unfolds—is the unveiling of Jesus’ full divinity. And this is certainly an understandable interpretation.

However, if we hold too closely to the idea that Jesus is pulling back part of the curtain to show some secret divinity, then we may start to veer into the theological territory of an ancient heresy known as “Docetism.” This was the belief that Jesus Christ was merely “God in disguise” or that Jesus only “appeared” to be human. A modern way of describing this might be “Undercover Boss Christology”—a play on the popular TV show—where God is merely pretending to be like us but retains all the power and benefits of divinity with none of the risks and frailty of humanity.

But what if the transfiguration is less about what is happening to Jesus and more about what is happening to those who are with him? What if Jesus’ followers are simply seeing him for who he actually is—seeing his full identity, his True Self?

At one point or another, we all struggle to recognize the fullness of one another’s identities and goodness. Our failure to see ourselves and everyone else as beloved of God has led to so many forms of violence and dehumanization. What if we were able to see one another shining like the sun, transfigured before us, not as a result of some magical physical transformation, but because we have learned to see one another anew, to see each other as God sees us?

Mediation: One way to view the transfiguration is to see it as an invitation to look past surface appearances and judgments in order to recognize the beloved status of all God’s children. What can I do today to see and love others differently?

Prayer: God of light, illuminate the darkness of my heart that I may see the radiance of your love in all creation. Help me love others as you have first loved us. Help me see the truth of each person’s goodness and dignity.



**Ash Wednesday — March 5 -
9:30am Mass with Distribution of Ashes**
Ashes will be available all day in Chapel for you to bless yourself.

Stations of the Cross

**Join us for the Stations of the Cross
March 7, March 21 and April 11
Following 9:30 Mass
in Chapel and channel 3.1**

Lenten Reflection

**“Reflections on Fasting, Praying and Service”
March 13
At 6pm in Chapel and Channel 3.1**

Candle Service

“Last Seven Words of Christ”—RSVP required**
March 26
At 6pm in Multipurpose Room**

Lenten Reconciliation Service

**Thursday, March 27
Following 9:30 Mass in Chapel
Followed by opportunity for Individual Reconciliation**

Individual Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment — Call Fr. Bob—546-7383

Pope Francis' March 2025

Monthly Intention: For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church-Milwaukee



Heavenly Father, we lift up families in crisis, asking for Your healing grace. Soften hearts burdened by hurt, and guide them to forgiveness. May they recognize the gifts within each other, even amid differences. Restore love where it has faded, trust where it has broken, and hope where despair lingers. Let Your peace reign in their homes, uniting them in compassion and understanding. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

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.

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Join us on Clement Manor Channel 3.1

**Monday & Tuesday—
9:30am**

Word & Communion Service

**Wednesday—Friday &
Sunday 9:30am**

Saturday — 4:00pm
Mass

Individual Reconciliation
Available upon request call
Fr. Bob 546-7383

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

Sunday March 16, 2025

Reading 1, Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Gospel, Luke 9:28-36

Reading 2, Philippians 3:17-4:1



Daily Reading for

Monday March 17, 2025

Reading 1, Daniel 9:4-10

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 79:8, 9, 11, 13

Gospel, Luke 6:36-38

Daily Reading for

Friday March 21, 2025

Reading 1, Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Gospel, Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Daily Reading for

Tuesday March 18, 2025

Reading 1, Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12

Daily Reading for

Saturday March 22, 2025

Reading 1, Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Daily Reading for

Wednesday March 19, 2025

Reading 1, Second Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Gospel, Luke 2:41-51

Reading 2, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Daily Reading for

Sunday March 23, 2025

Reading 1, Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

Gospel, Luke 13:1-9

Reading 2, First Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Daily Reading for

Thursday March 20, 2025

Reading 1, Jeremiah 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Gospel, Luke 16:19-31



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