

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S BELOVED

On the Second Sunday of Lent the focus is on Jesus' transfiguration. This speaks into the experience in Matthew's audience of suffering and even death. With Jerusalem and Jesus' imminent suffering looming, he takes Peter, James and John on to a 'high' mountain, the place of divine encounter. The reference to 'high' celebrates the mountains' divine closeness. Here, alone, they are in the presence of God who comforts Jesus before what will shortly unfold in the Sacred City. Two Old Testament figures appear, Moses (the traditional author of the Torah—the first five books of the Bible) and Elijah (the first recognised prophet of the Old Testament). Their appearance confirms that what is about to take place for Jesus will reveal God's protective presence. That presence is confirmed by the 'cloud [that] covered them with shadow' and the heavenly voice that attests that Jesus will always be God's Beloved and delightful One. The disciples' response to this experience is palpable. They are overcome with 'fear' – a deep sense of reverential awe in what they have just witnessed and experienced with Jesus, even though Peter earlier wanted to capture it by building three tents.

The scene is not a literal 'twitter-feed' of what actually or historically happened to Jesus. It is a story of theology and religious meaning for disciples aligned with Jesus who know the experience of suffering and death in their own day. At those times, we, too, must go up on to our 'high' mountain, accompanied by faithful friends, and allow God's presence and word to accompany us. We, too, need to hear that we are God's Beloved and delightful Ones.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

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FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. R.

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. R.

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. R.

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not



because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 11pm

Friday: 8pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Proceso Batin, Philomena DeSouza, Esperanza Patriarca, Vanya Shishrin, Maria Kim Dune, Gerardo Equibal, Bailan Daguob Dalisay, Ken Brown, Diana Brown, Jeswanth, Romy Pena, Charlie Agius, Annard Pillar, Vincent Paul Onuoha, Laurance, Maria, Philip Buttigieg, Zenaída Yubili, Tony Mamo, Charlie Mamo, Anne, Mamo, Melicent Loquias, Anard Pillar, Dominga Lérias, Ernesto & Joselito, Pedro Manzano, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Salvina Cremona, Ricardo de Guzman Viray, Chaiel Balcombe, Iryna Zarutska, Donald Vincent Kempster

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THANKSGIVING: Nrece Dedalija family, Consolacion Tagala, Aleena Gigi, Roman & Romell Catuaan, Anna Losonski

THIS WEEK: 1 March 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Alister R	Dulce T	Eva O	Diana T	Andrea C
1st Reader	Colleen D B	Richelle C	Katherine T	Maria Mizzi	Kirk D G R	Jeslie M
2nd Reader	Gregg S	Telmo E	Wynna D	Julie Ann M	Tami M	Xavier B
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Royson D Rochelle R Della J Nick S L	Stefan P Alister R	Ferdinand T Roland B Cedric B Ronald D	Lidia L Joe M Eva O Froilan M	Rafael V Gloria T Oliver T Jacqueline R	Michael D Maria Sulfaro Joe C Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielie
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	Butch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Emmaus	CFCA	Samoan DVM

NEXT WEEK: 8 March 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Perly C	Richelle C	Mario N	Roger S J	Toniette S	Frances R
1st Reader	Rency C	Glenda A	Divina N	Mariou S J	RJ Baculo	Christina M
2nd Reader	Manoj L	Deepak J	AA Aguilar	Maria Sulfaro		Sophia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teo C Antonietta C Paul M Anna C	Stefan P Alister R	Loirenz N Cedric B Shirley T Rukmal M	Froilan M Don C Cathryn D Joe M	Kirk D G R Jacqueline R Candida D S Vernon A	Joe C Gloria T Michael D Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielie
Choirs	MWF with LIHM Sisters	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CFCA

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday at 7:45am and 6:15pm before evening mass during the entire season of Lent

SPC Sunday School. Sundays at 11am to 12pm Marian House. For Grade 6 (six) and below. Contact: Sr Catherine LIHM 0425157651

"Animo" SPC Youth Group.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Karmel Hall SPC Parish Hall) For Grace 7 (seven) and up. Contact: Sr Lawrence LIHM 0405190286

Legion of Mary. Meetings every Friday at 9.15am in the Chanel Meeting Room. Contact: Delia Jarina 0424996140

Lenten Regulation 2028. Printed information on Lenten Regulation For Parishioners are available in the Foyer of the church. Please get a copy

Next Week: 8 March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent - A

IMPORTANT REMINDER.

A gentle reminder to all, to please **DO NOT LEAVE** any valuables in your car and ensure your car doors are locked. Thank you.

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.