

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 1, 2026**

Today's Gospel excerpt from Matthew's recitation is an account of Jesus' Transfiguration. On the mountain, Jesus' true identity breaks forth in a classic theosophy, a manifestation of God to the apostles Peter, James and John. By themselves, with Jesus, they grasp the true identity of their friend: the fulfillment of the tradition of the Law and the Prophets, in the persons of Moses and Elijah.

This mountain experience captures the insight and understanding of who Jesus is, and the proclamation from the cloud:

‘While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them,  
and from the cloud a voice said,  
“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”  
(Matthew 17:5)

At this point in the Gospel, the apostles have been struggling to understand how Jesus intends to proclaim the Kingdom, through service, compassion and justice. Counter-intuitive to human wisdom, Jesus invites them and us to recognize that Jesus, as the Son, verbalizes the voice of the Father. Their journey is pointing to Jerusalem, the passion and death which Jesus is preparing for. Though they hear the voice of God asking them to listen to Jesus, their faith development is not yet complete, they must still grow.

Through the discipline of Lent, we have embarked on growing in our faith and understanding. We are encouraged to grow, to expand our horizons. Our lives move forward with confidence and hope. May new insights and experiences support and lift us during this holy time.

Blessings of peace!

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We continue to pray for peace in our world, listening to the Word of Jesus.