

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, hear him.'
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GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.



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Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

24/25 February 2024

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



'LISTEN TO HIM.'

Jesus revealed his oneness with sinful humanity by his baptism in the river Jordan. On the mount of transfiguration he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the cross. But, as Abraham learned, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience'.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 115:10, 15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—2/3 Mar 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Richard Dale Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woidt Antonetta Bartley
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	17/18 Feb 2024
Planned Giving	\$545.00
Open Plate	\$468.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1013.00

This week's contribution to the
Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$655.00



Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.


For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
 In this season of Lent, let us retreat into the 'desert'. May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness. .

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NOTICES

Lent Season
Stations of the Cross for this Friday 1st March
After Morning Mass & 7:00pm at night
Stay tuned for the schedules of coming Fridays.

Free Online Course on Synodality from Boston College: *Toward a Constitutively Synodal Church* 2-15 March 2024
How does synodality work in the everyday realities of the Church? You are invited to participate in a free online course from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to explore the practices and dimensions of practical synodality. All videos will be facilitated virtually in March 2024 and will be offered at no cost to participants worldwide. Lectures which are pre-recorded and available in Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, Italian, Polish and German can be watched at any time throughout the month of March. The detailed programme and registration is also available at <https://bit.ly/3S79GKc>

Easter Good Friday at The Monastery – Volunteers Needed
Every year, many people from around Adelaide come to The Monastery to walk with Christ on his last journey. It's our busiest day of the year and we simply could not do it without the help of our generous volunteers. If you would like to offer your time on Good Friday to lead small groups in prayer around the Sacred Garden or assist with parking on our oval, please contact our office on 833 8700 or email officeadmin@themonastery.net.au

Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace
First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (*Saturday March 2*) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, **to pray for peace** in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). **All welcome.** For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod – Legion of Mary – 0414 769 635

Sunday Night Choir – 1st Sunday of the Month (starting March 3)
Come and Sing! The Sunday Night Choir is a new initiative for 2024, sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are no strings attached to performing, no Masses to rehearse for, it is simply an evening to gather, sing, get to know one another in all of our diversity and feel like we are home. If you are over 18 and enjoy singing or have done so in the past, come and see what this Sunday Night Choir is all about. There will be songs in four-part harmony so an ability to read music notation is beneficial. Rehearsals are the first Sunday of every month, starting on **March 3 at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall** (free car parking available).

Towards 2024 Synod Public Gathering
An opportunity to provide feedback to both the Synthesis Report from the First Synod and respond to the questions outlined in the 'Towards 2024' document.

Lefevre Catholic Community – Adult Faith Formation
Lefevre Catholic Community faith formation session:
Sunday February 25 from 4-5pm
Topic: Compassion – presenter Sr Marie Egan RSJ
Venue: Sacred Heart Church Parish meeting rooms; 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

Fringe Festival 2024 - Pipe Organ Recitals
Cathedral of St Francis Xavier
February 25, 1pm: Festival of Hymns by James Lloyd
February 28, 1pm: Jacinta Jakovcevic
March 6, 1pm: Graham Bell
March 17, 1pm: Young Organists

Confession and Prayer for Peace, on Friday Night at St Laurence's
Every Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Laurence's Church, Cnr Hill and Buxton Streets, North Adelaide. The intention is to ask for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. Come when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Confession will be available from 7.30pm.







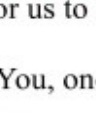





World Day of Prayer 2024—Palestine Friday 1st March 10am
Location: Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel St Magill
Contact: Rev. Jenny Swanbury 0407807602

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 25th February**
We appreciate your support.




The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 2024

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Use the pictures to help read the story from today's Gospel reading!

Jesus Shows His Glory

 Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.

Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



Answers to Abraham Puzzle: Yes! He stopped him and sent a sheep instead.