

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.
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On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt. On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this 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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GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Rite of Election 2025 – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Sunday March 9

Do you have anyone in your community preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil?
Please register any catechumens from your parish to attend the Rite of Election using this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) by February 28. All information regarding the liturgy and event details can be found in the Information Pack available to download from the website: ofw-adelaide.org.au/rite-of-election. If you have any further questions regarding this liturgy, please call 8210 8130 or email worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society Campaign

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdpsa@svdpsa.org.au

Volunteering at Calvary – The power of a smile: You can make an impact volunteering at Calvary Adelaide Hospital which has several volunteers 'patient support' positions available. These roles provide valuable support to patients, visitors, and staff - enhancing the service provided by Calvary to the community. contact Jessica on 0427 012 336.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give
Restoring Right Relationships

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED
BEFORE THEM

STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH:

In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary. Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.' **The word of the Lord**

SECOND READING Phili 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 26:1,7-7,13-14

R.
The Lord is my light and my Salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
Have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face. **R**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
You have been my help. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
In the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord. **R**

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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—22/23 Mar 2025 3rd Week of Lent

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Aloysium Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Anne
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	08/09Mar 2025
Planned Giving	\$487.00
Open Plate	\$599.60
PARISH TOTAL	\$1086.60

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$ 751.75

Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March 2025
This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.
You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.
Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Let's pray together

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:
John Joseph Elavumkal,
Evelina Ross, Nora Fe Anciano &
Eva Anna Lai

*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.



"I think of the many people who find various ways to be close to the sick, becoming a sign of the Lord's presence for them. We need this "miracle of tenderness" to accompany those who face adversity, in order to bring a little light into the night of pain." *Pope Francis*



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30 am Mass
on
Sunday 23 March 2025
Thank you for your support!



We Journey in Hope

Lenten Reflection 2025 booklets are available at each entrance of our church. Please pick up one and read it at home.

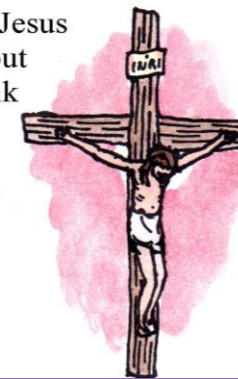
Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.



Answer to St. Joseph Puzzle:
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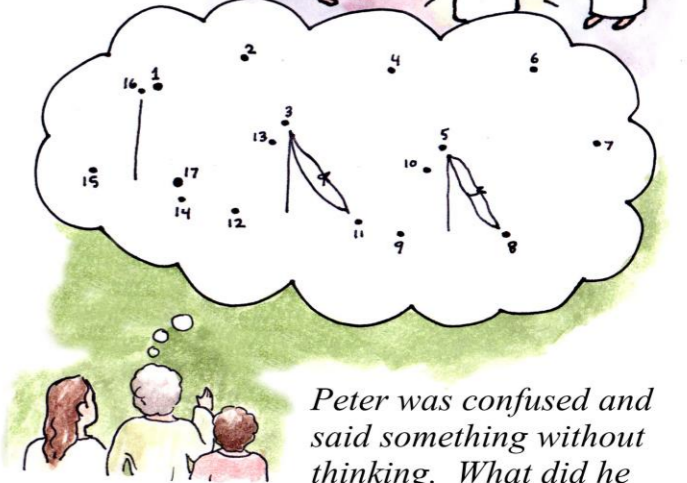
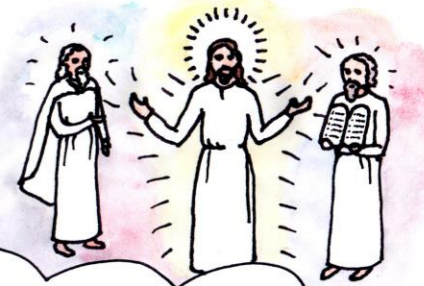
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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
March 16th, 2025

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.

Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

Parish Notice

1. Stations of the Cross – Every Friday During Lent

During the season of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the Holy Mass. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and drawing closer to Christ through His Passion. All are welcome to join and journey with the Lord in His suffering, leading us to the joy of the Resurrection. Let us walk this Lenten path together in faith and devotion.

2. Calling for Extraordinary Ministers of the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

We invite parishioners to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Liturgy of the Word in our parish community. This sacred ministry allows you to assist in the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass, lead the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service when needed, and bring Communion to the sick and homebound. If you feel called to this ministry, please inform Fr. Roy John, or contact the parish office as early as possible. Training will be provided to all new ministers. Let us serve the Lord with faith and love.

3. Tap & Go donation Machines

We now have two **Tap & Go donation machines** available for your convenience. You can use your card to make a donation to the church by selecting one of the preset amounts: **\$5, \$10 or \$20**. Simply press the desired amount and place your card on top of the machine. If your wish to contribute more than \$20, please press the **OTHER** button and enter your preferred donation amount. Your generous support helps sustain our parish and its mission. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. **God bless you.** Fr. Roy John Elavumkal

4. Project of compassion box

As part of our Lenten journey, we invite you to participate in our Compassion Box Project. Compassion Boxes are available at each entrance of the church. We encourage you to pick up one, use it as a way to offer your Lenten sacrifices, and return it on Good Friday. Your generous contributions will help those in need and allow us to share Christ's love in a tangible way. Thank you for your kindness and support. May this season of Lent bring you closer to God through acts of mercy and compassion.

We welcome your generous donations to the church electronically. Please use our Tap & Go Machine for easy and secure digital transactions. Thank you for your support.