

Welcome to Week 2!

2nd Sunday of Lent Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured before them

Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray, and revealed to them something of His divinity, and the glory of heaven; this was to strengthen them for the passion that was to come.

Lord, reveal to me something of Your divinity, and strengthen me with Your grace for any trial we face, great or small. Help me to know your Holy Spirit is always with me to guide and strengthen me. Lord, let us see your glory in our lives.

Saints Perpetua and Felicity (3rd century) Tues 7th March

Saints Perpetua, a young noble woman, and Felicity, a slave, lived in the Roman Empire at a time when Christians were persecuted. They were catechumens - that is, learning about the faith before being baptised - when they were arrested by the Roman authorities. They would not give up their faith because they loved God more than life itself. Perpetua left behind a diary describing her terrible suffering in prison before her execution. They were both martyred together. Since Perpetua had a little baby, and Felicity was expecting a baby at the time of their martyrdom, they are the patron saints of mothers and expectant mothers.

Perhaps I could pray to Perpetua and Felicity to intercede for my mother. What does my mother need most of all that I can ask them to pray for? Saints Perpetua and Felicity pray for us.

Saint John of God (1495-1550) Wed 8th March

Saint John of God had a very poor and difficult childhood. He spent the first part of his adult life being a soldier and having various adventures, but never married or stayed in one place for very long. Then one day he heard a famous and very holy man preach - the man we now call Saint John of the Cross - and he was instantly converted to a deep faith. He had a vision of the baby Jesus who

gave him the name John of God, and he also had a vision at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadeloupe who encouraged him to help the poor.

He was very generous and was always giving away his cloak to poor people - so much so that one day a bishop gave him a religious habit, and this was the start of what became the world-wide religious order the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God, which is still working to help the needy to this day.

Not surprisingly, Saint John of God is patron saint of hospitals and the sick.

Do I know anybody who is sick? Can I help them? Perhaps I could pray to St. John of God for them. Saint John of God pray for us.

Belong and Believe!

Activity and Prayer

- ❖ Light a candle, find somewhere quiet or take a moment before Mass to pray to Saints Perpetua and Felicity for your mother or grandmother.
- ❖ Take a moment to pray to Saint John of God for someone you know who is ill or who needs healing. Maybe you could send or give a card to them.
- ❖ Pray to the Holy Spirit to help you grow in love and holiness this Lent:

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come like a mighty wind! Come breathe new life in all areas of our lives.

Come strengthen us in Your love and guide us into truth.

Come fill our hearts, our homes, our parish.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Confirm within us the Father's love and draw us ever closer to Jesus.

Purify our hearts and help us discern that which is true, good, and holy.

Fix our eyes on heavenly things and give us a new thirst for You.

Transform us and burn away all that keeps us from following You.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

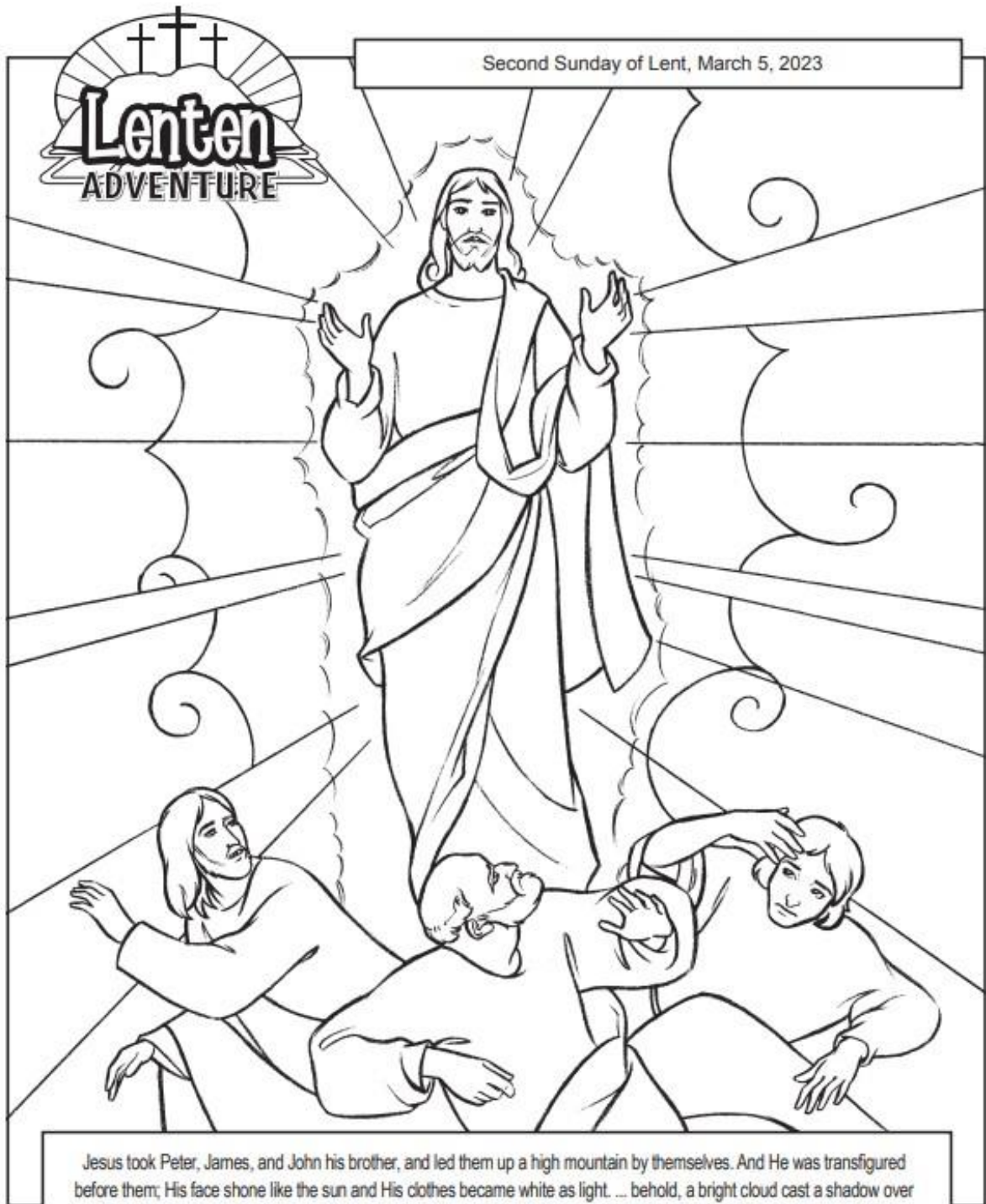
Stir up in us a joyful faith and awaken in us the graces of our baptism.

Give us eyes of mercy and compassion and help us recognise those in need.

Raise us up and equip us to be courageous witnesses to the Gospel.

Bless us and send us out as channels of God's love, hope and healing.

Amen.



Second Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. ... behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."
(Matthew 17:1-2,5)

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Transfiguration

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The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



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FLASH	LIGHTNING	MOSES	JOHN	MOUNTAIN
CLOUD	PETER	CHANGED	VOICE	JESUS
JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES



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