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IGLESIA SAN PABLO



*2nd Sunday*  
**OF LENT**

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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

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**PUZZLE**  
Find the matching shadow:



**MISSION**  
Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.



**GROWING WITH THE Gospel**  
CYCLE B

**COLOR**  
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Lent • Mark 9:2-10

### Sharing the Gospel

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

**Prayer:** God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

**Something to Draw:** Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.

### Mission for the Week

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## Second Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LP



## Segundo Domingo de la Cuaresma

“Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo”. (Marcos 9:7). Si recordamos, al ser bautizado el Señor, se escucharon palabras desde el cielo que decían. “Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, mi Elegido”. (Marcos 1:11). En ese momento de su bautismo iniciaba su misión, ahora, en el momento de la Transfiguración inicia su recorrido hacia Jerusalén para vivir su Pasión ya cercana. La fiesta de la Transfiguración, marca prácticamente la Cuaresma como recorrido de arrepentimiento y conversión. A lo largo de estos cuarenta días, la Iglesia invita a sus feligreses a un cambio. La palabra transfiguración, significa un cambio de forma y revela su verdadera naturaleza y cultura. En este caso se revela la verdadera naturaleza divina de Jesús.

¿Qué debemos nosotros transformar en esta Cuaresma? ¿Qué cambios hubo en la forma de vivir después de la pandemia? Toda transfiguración tiene un recorrido de metamorfosis. La Vida Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús, vislumbran el futuro nuestro. También, significa que no somos de este mundo, somos peregrinos, avanzamos a una vida nueva que podemos empezar a vivir ya desde aquí en la tierra. Últimamente, con todos los acontecimientos que la humanidad ha experimentado a raíz de la enfermedad y falta de trabajo, se espera que por lo menos a causa de estos, las personas se den cuenta que Dios es el que lleva el control y debemos escucharlo como hijos-hijas amados por él. Mantengamos esta semana esta palabra. Escuchar, a la familia, escuchar al hijo-hija, al amigo. El consejo del Papa Francisco es el siguiente. “Escuchad a Jesús. No lo olvidéis”. (16 de Marzo 2014). ©LPi

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## **When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane**

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Misas de la Semana † Masses for the Week**

**Saturday/sabado February/febrero 27, 2021**

6:30 En Acción de Gracias Oscar Patino Cervantes  
+Maricela Alvarez

**Sunday / domingo February/febrero 28, 2021**

8:00 En Acción de Gracias Grisel Maciel  
En Acción de Gracias Norma Ponce de León  
+Mauricio Rodríguez

+Efraín Lopez  
+Constantino Medina  
+Fernando Medina  
+Carmen Garfias

10:00 +Shirley Burbage

12:00 +Maurilio Rodríguez  
+Ma. Concepción Valadez  
+Federico Sahagún

2:00 En Acción de Gracias por:  
José y Juana Orozco en su 25 Aniversario de Matrimonio  
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+Vicente Horta  
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