Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.

February 28, 2021—2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Columban Parish

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Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9:00AM
Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments
Anointing of the Sick: By Appointment
Confession: Fridays 4:00—5:00PM
****5:30—6:30PM during Lent****

Faith Formation
Offered Sundays before and after the 10:30AM Mass, depending on grade
RCIA: Tuesdays 6:30PM

Adult Education & Outreach
Contact the parish office for more information

Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30PM

Hispanic Prayer Group
Tuesdays 6:00PM

Rosary Prayer Group
Mondays 7:00PM

The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer

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Mass Schedule
Sunday 8:00 AM
Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments
Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM
Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

Adult Education & Outreach
Contact the mission office for more information

Bible Study Thursdays 10:00AM

Mission Statement - We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

March 3—Mary Kruger

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Joseph Waters, Jess & Jessica Nash, Maria Luisa Fregoso, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, Lindy Parse and all those in harm's way.

Financial Stewardship

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	$5,762	$712
February 21	$4,866	$1,193

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, Pope

The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendor that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.* Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us. In another place he says: You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified. What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: *The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*. In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: *This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Pax et bonum,
Fr. Dean.

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation

March 2nd

Sacraments of Healing: Penance & Anointing of the Sick

Tuesdays at 6:30PM in the Religious Ed Bldg. Rm. 103. *Also available via Zoom*

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

Last weekend 7 students prayed 213 prayers over the prior week.

"Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in the company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the LORD is their joy; God's law they study day and night." -Psalm 1:1-2

Living Out the Pillars of Lent

PRAYER
Table Time
Theology

What is something about Catholicism that confuses you, or that you want to know more about? How can you learn more about that topic so it is not as difficult to understand?

ALMSGIVING
Acts of Kindness

Be more courteous in your attitude, words, and deeds.

FASTING
Family Fasting

Fast from criticizing others aloud or silently in your mind. Seek to understand instead.

All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS
In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed with the following safety measures in place.

- Masks will be required. Those with a medical exemption will be seated according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
- Attendance will be limited to 90 people per Mass at St. Columban and 40 people per Mass at St. Peter.
- The cry room at St. Columban is limited to one family per Mass and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

Reservations at St. Columban: call the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

Reservations at St. Peter: call the mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.

Please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation

Important Things to Remember

- Only persons who are under the same reservation will be seated together.
- **Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass.** You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher. Seating is first come, first – served.
- We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.
- Please do not sing along with the Cantor in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

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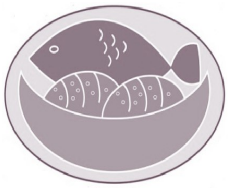

In place of our customary Soup Suppers during Lent, we are accepting donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

Please mark your envelope "for SVDP" and place it in with the regular offering.

March 5 6:00PM	**Stations of the Cross** Both Locations
March 7 10:30AM	**1st Scrutiny - RCIA** St. Columban
March 14* 10:30AM	**2nd Scrutiny—RCIA** St. Columban

**Daylight Savings Begins: 1 Hour Ahead*

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: $307, 368

As of: January 7, 2021

Total Pledged: $164,000 **53% of Goal**

Number of Families Participating: 292
Potential Share: $24,600

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: $54,327

As of: January 7, 2021

Total Pledged: $105,000 **193% of Goal**

Number of Families Participating: 45
Potential Share: $43,350

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Soup of the Week

on behalf of the Altar Servers

Southwestern Corn Chowder

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
6 cups frozen corn kernels
1 pound red potatoes, cut into ¾" cubes (about 3 cups)
1 large red onion, chopped
1 poblano pepper (optional)*, seeds and ribs removed, chopped
1 red bell pepper, chopped
2 celery ribs, chopped
¾ teaspoon salt, divided, to taste
½ teaspoon chili powder
2 medium cloves garlic, pressed or minced
4 cups (32 ounces) vegetable broth
2 cups water
1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces
¼ cup chopped cilantro
¼ cup sour cream
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Suggested garnishes: Grated sharp cheddar cheese, thinly sliced green onion, additional cilantro leaves and/or a tiny pinch of chili powder

INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium/large Dutch oven or soup pot, warm the olive oil over medium heat until shimmering. Add the corn, potatoes, onion, poblano, bell pepper, celery, ½ teaspoon of the salt, and ½ teaspoon chili powder. Stir to combine. Cook until the onions are tender and translucent, about 7 to 10 minutes, stirring every couple of minutes.

Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds to 1 minute, while stirring constantly. Add the broth and water and stir to combine. Drop in the bay leaf. Bring the mixture to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat as necessary to maintain a gentle simmer. Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. It's not done until the potatoes are fully cooked through and very easily pierced through with a fork.

Remove the pot from the heat. Using kitchen tongs, remove the bay leaf. Carefully transfer about 3 cups of the soup (about half liquid, half solids) to a blender. Securely fasten the lid and be careful to avoid the hot steam as you blend until completely smooth. Add the butter and blend again.

Pour the mixture back into the pot. Add the cilantro, sour cream and lime juice. Stir to combine. Season with the remaining ¼ teaspoon salt and be generous with the black pepper, to taste. If you'd like more spice, add up to ½ teaspoon more chili powder, to taste.

Divide the chowder into bowls, and you could top with garnishes such as sour cream, monterey cheese, green onion and cilantro. Leftover chowder will keep well in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 5 days or for several months frozen.

From *The Catechism Explained* — Spirago-Clarke

The Effects of Penance

It is not any easy matter to do penance; confession, the sincere acknowledgment of sins of which we are ashamed, in itself requires great self-conquest. On this account penance is liberally rewarded by God. Confession is, moreover, an act of profound humility, and to the humble God giveth grace (*1 Pet*. v. 5).

By worthily receiving the Sacrament of Penance we obtain the following graces:

1. The guilt of sin is remitted and the debt of eternal punishment; yet there remains the debt of temporal punishment to be discharged (Council of Trent, 6, 30; 14, 12).

God says in Holy Scripture: "If the wicked do penance for all the sins which he hath committed, he shall live, and not die. I will not remember all his iniquities that he hath done" (*Ezech*. xviii. 21). Thus Our Lord said to Magdalen: "Thy sins are forgiven thee" (*Luke* vii. 48). To those who confess their sins Christ is not a judge, but an advocate and protector. In the Last Judgment the sins that have been expiated by penance will be no more remembered against the sinner; they alone will be hidden, when all else is revealed. Seneca used to say: "He who repents of the wrong he has done is no longer guilty." Through the absolution the debt of eternal punishment is changed into a temporal debt. God acts like the monarch who commutes capital punishment into imprisonment for a term of years. Holy Scripture furnishes many examples in which God imposed a penalty for sin forgiven: He forgave Adam, yet He cast him out of paradise and laid severe penances upon him. Moses, who offended God by not believing His word, was pardoned, but not permitted to enter the Land of Promise (*Numb*. xx. 12). The Jews who murmured in the wilderness were forgiven upon Moses intercession, but were condemned to die in the desert (*Numb*. xiv.). David was forgiven when he had committed two mortal sins, but the child that was born to him died (*2 Kings* xii. 14). No sin is left unpunished; either we punish ourselves by doing penance, or God lays chastisements upon us. For every sin satisfaction must be made either in this world or in purgatory; the more we have sinned here, the more we shall suffer hereafter. Our transgressions are rightly called debts; as debts must be paid, so sins must be blotted out.

The debt of temporal punishment for sin must be discharged either in this world or in purgatory.

In this world we make satisfaction by performing the penances enjoined on us by the priest in confession; by works voluntarily undertaken, such as prayer, fasting, almsdeeds, or other pious acts, and also by bearing patiently the punishments inflicted on us by God; for instance, accepting death willingly, and finally by gaining indulgences (Council of Trent, 14, 13).

God in His wisdom never leaves sin wholly unpunished, lest we should think lightly of it (St. Augustine).

At baptism all the punishment due to sin is remitted, but in the Sacrament of Penance this is not so. Sin committed after baptism is much more grievous than that which is committed before; those who sin before baptism sin in ignorance, but after baptism in malice, for they have been enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and consequently have a better knowledge of sin. Those who are regenerate, more over be it remembered, when they sin knowingly violate the temple of God (*1 Cor*. iii. 17), and are guilty of breaking their promise; for by sin on the one hand they banish the Holy Ghost Who dwells within them, and on the other hand they break the solemn vows taken at baptism. A good father forgives his child's disobedience the first time, if he promises amendment; but if the child repeats the offense, his father forgives him, but does not this time let him go unpunished. God acts in a similar manner; at baptism He remits both the sin and its penalty hut afterwards He is not so indulgent to the transgressor.

The more perfect our contrition., the greater will be the amount of the punishment remitted to us.

"Many sins are forgiven her, for she loved much," Our Lord said of Magdalen. Sometimes God touches the heart of man so profoundly that his contrition avails for the complete remission both of sin and its penalty.

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.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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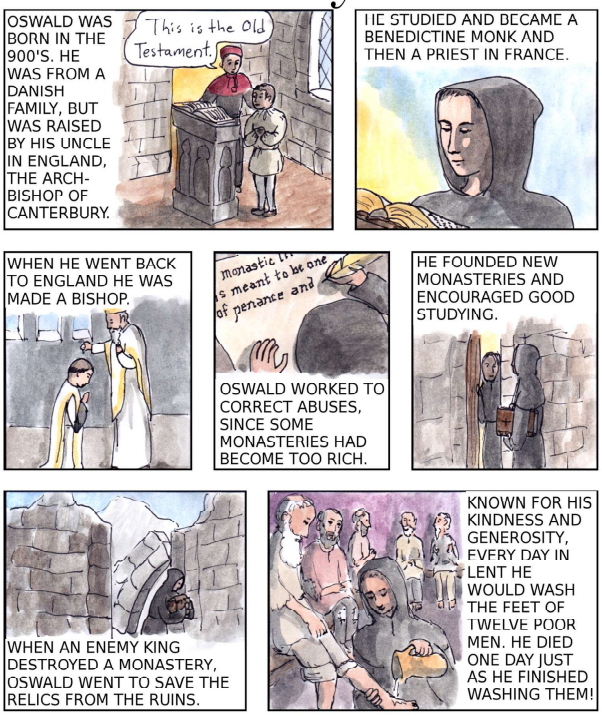
Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build : one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah?" Then a came over them, and a voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then only was there with them. Coming down the , He told not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

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

Saint Oswald
February 28



SAINT OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE MONKS IN ENGLAND. HE KNEW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE HOLY MEN PRAYING, WORKING AND STUDYING TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH CLOSE TO GOD. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MONK OR A NUN?

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ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith.
He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God? _____
3-3=__

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son, or did he stop him?

He _____ _____ and _____ a
3+4=__ 6+4=__ 5-1=__

_____ _____ .
5-3=__ 1+5=__

0 YES	4 SENT	8 BURNED
1 NO	5 KILLED	9 SWORD
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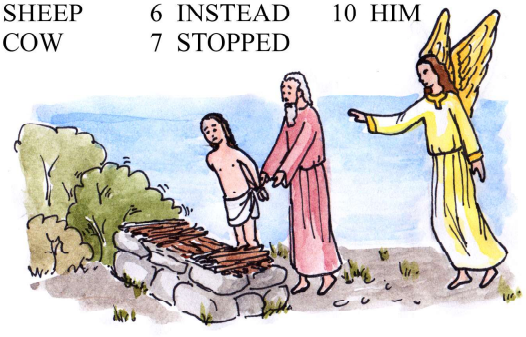
3 COW	7 STOPPED	



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PICK OF THE WEEK

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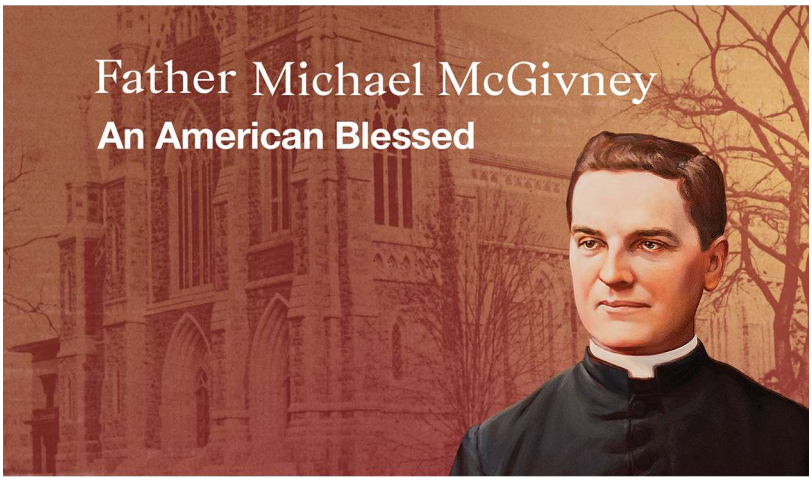
WATCH

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: AN AMERICAN BLESSED

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



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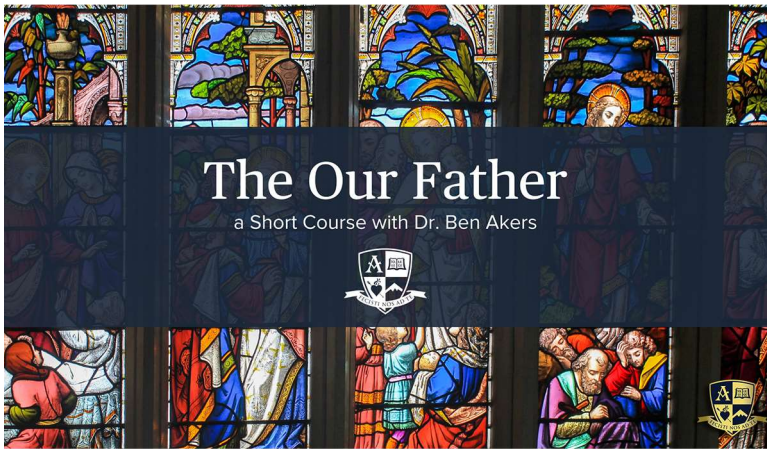


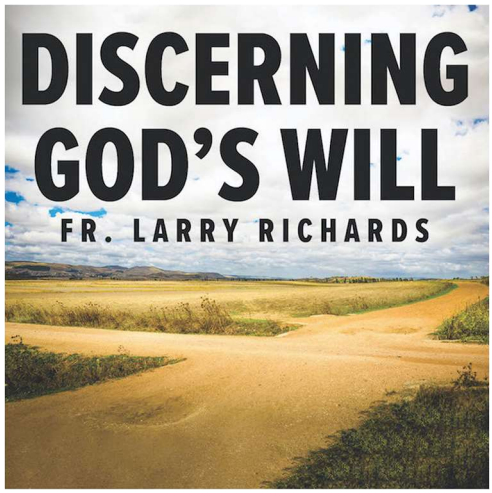
JESUS: THE MODEL AND MASTER OF PRAYER

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

LISTEN

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!



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God Works through Salvation History
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At Home with Faith

It helps to know the story of how God has been working through human history to bring us back to himself. Our salvation story helps us to understand how God can work in our lives.

While speaking to a group of 5th grade students about the faith, one of the students approached me during the question and answer period, holding her Bible open to a modern version of Rembrandt's painting of the binding of Isaac (see image to left) and said: "Explain this."

When our first reading describes how Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, it's natural to feel ambivalent at best. Why would God ask Abraham to lead his son, whom he loved very much, up a mountain in Jerusalem, carrying the very wood on his back that would be used to sacrifice him?

The answer comes hundreds of years later when God did the same thing with his son, Jesus.

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

I will bless you because you obeyed my command.

Psalm 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

My vows to the Lord I will pay.

Romans 8:31b-34

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Mark 9:2-10

This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

For more resources, visit us online at:
https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Here are some ways to teach your child about salvation history:

- **Ask them if they noticed the first reading from this Sunday.** If they did notice the binding of Isaac, now might be a great time to help them through the challenges that story can present to children. If they didn't take note of it, no need to focus on it.
- **Ask them about a time when they had to learn one thing before they could learn something else.** Maybe your child had to play T-ball before learning to play baseball. Maybe they remember having to learn to learn the alphabet before learning to read. Let them know that it worked that way for us as human beings with Jesus. We had to experience the Covenant and had to be corrected by the prophets before we could understand how much we needed Jesus.
- **Ask them if they know the people (Moses and Elijah) that Jesus spoke to during the Transfiguration.** If they don't know, now is a great time to teach them. Moses was the prophet who had a very close relationship with God, led the people of Israel out of Egypt and helped them receive the Covenant with God. Elijah was a great prophet who challenged the people to live up to their promises. Both helped prepare us for Jesus.
- **Tell them that sometimes it takes time to figure out who Jesus is.** Let them know that, just as Israel had to learn from Moses and Elijah before they could understand Jesus, it takes us time too. But Jesus is happy to walk with us as we figure it out.

Lent makes more sense to us when we understand what the Church calls Salvation History. It goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden, and it's the story of how God worked through people like Moses and Elijah to teach us and to prepare us for a relationship with Jesus.

When our Gospel reading tells us about the Transfiguration, when Jesus meets with Moses and Elijah on the mountaintop, it demonstrates how Jesus is pulling together the elements of Salvation History. He is preparing for the moment when he will offer himself on the mountaintop. That's why he tells his disciples not to speak of what they have seen until then: they need the whole story to understand.

The same goes for us. Take the time this Lent to learn about Salvation History. One easy way to do this is through the Ascension press The Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schitz. If you weren't listening until now, no worries! Just jump in and get started. It's a great thing to listen to in the car with your children to introduce them to the beautiful story of Salvation History.

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MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Annual Mental Health Luncheon

March 10, 2021 | 1:00PM to 2:30PM
via Zoom

Join us for a presentation of "In Our Own Voice" from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This is a unique public education program where trained speakers talk openly about their own mental health experiences.

To register, please contact Erica Cohen Moore at ericac@seattlearch.org

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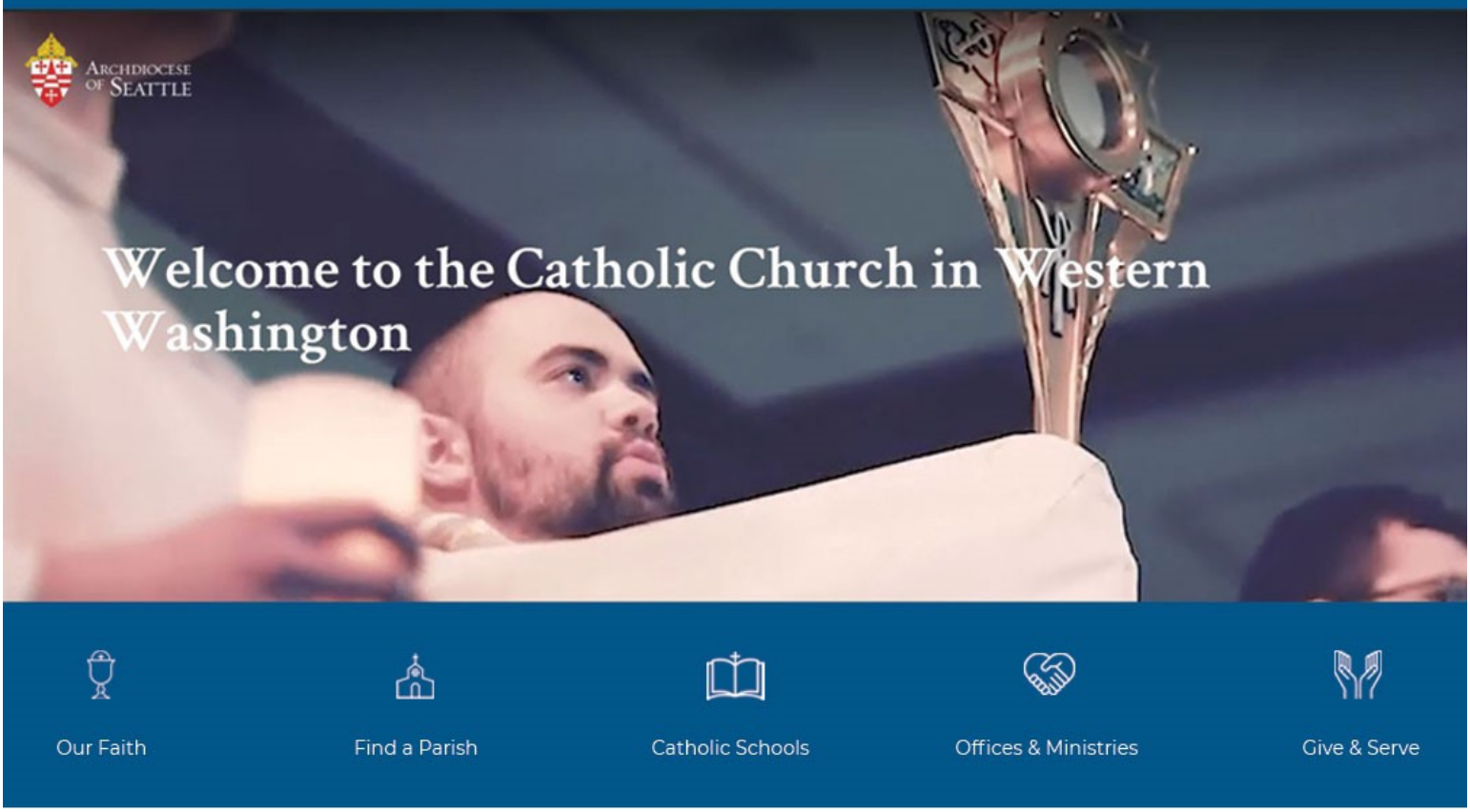

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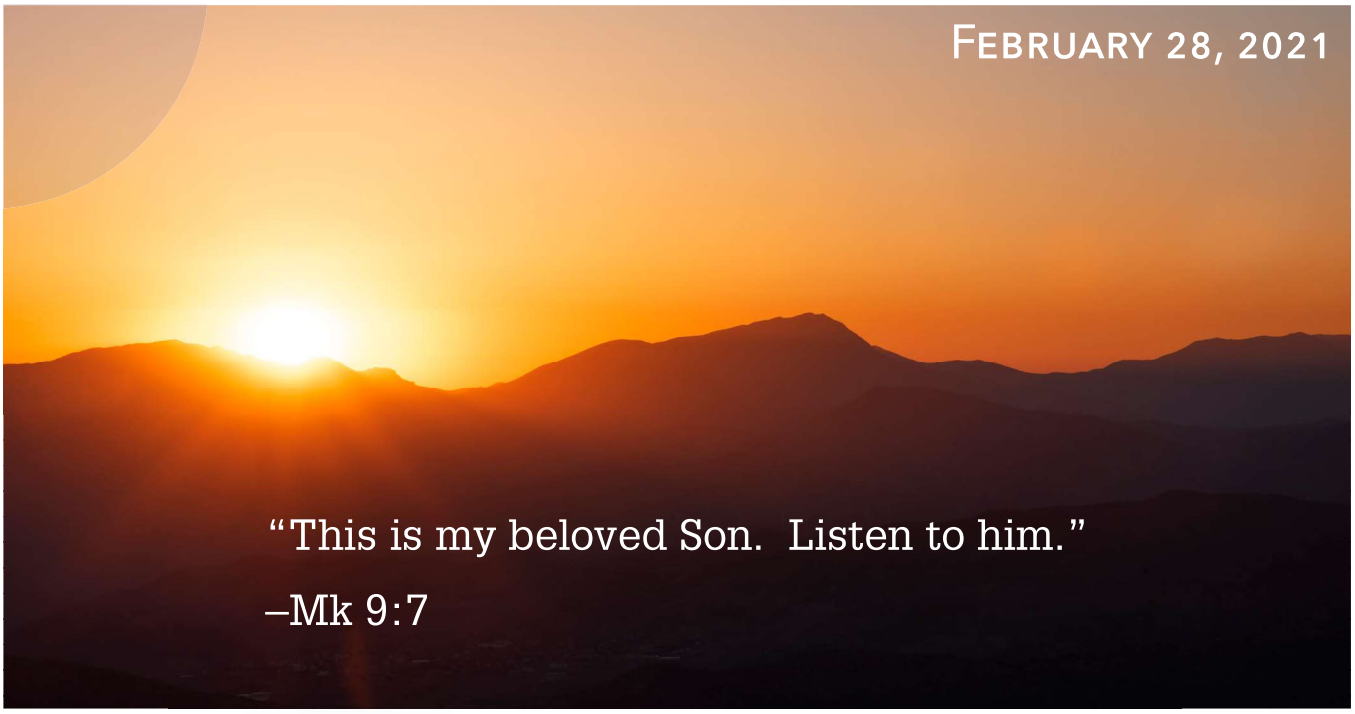
The Second Sunday of Lent



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As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent, check in with yourself. How are you doing with your Lenten sacrifice? In what ways have you succeed and where is there room for growth?

Saint of the Week

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

"Katharine Drexel is an excellent example of that practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate which has long been the distinguishing mark of American Catholics. May her example help young people in particular to appreciate that no greater treasure can be found in this world than in following Christ with an undivided heart and in using generously the gifts we have received."

—St. John Paul II, Homily, October 1, 2000

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A Brief Examination of Conscience

Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.
Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.
Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.
Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.
Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.
Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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- Mk 9:7-8

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SUN 2/28	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
MON 3/01	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
TUE 3/02	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
WED 3/03	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
THR 3/04	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
FRI 3/05	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SAT 3/06	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
SUN 3/07	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

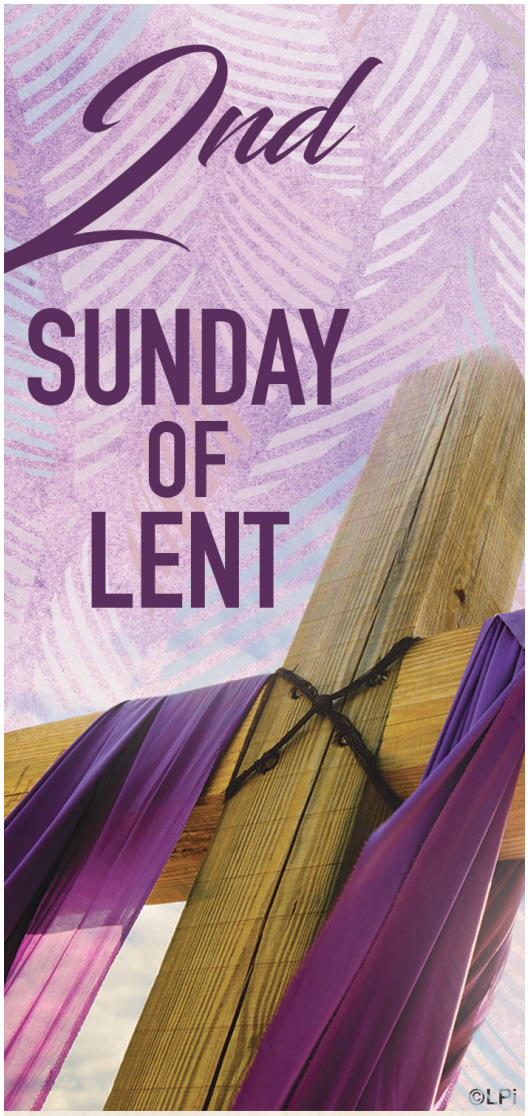
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Casimir
Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



"God is waiting for you."

– POPE FRANCIS

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

God put Abraham to the test.
(Gn 22:1)

PSALM

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
(Ps 116)

SECOND READING

If God is for us, who can be against us?
(Rom 8:31)

GOSPEL

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
(Mk 9:7)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

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RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

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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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives. The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

– Mk 9:2-3

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

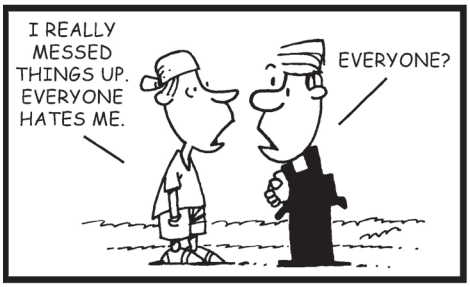
Second Reading

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

Gospel Reading

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



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3 EASY STEPS
To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.

Wash Your Hands
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

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.

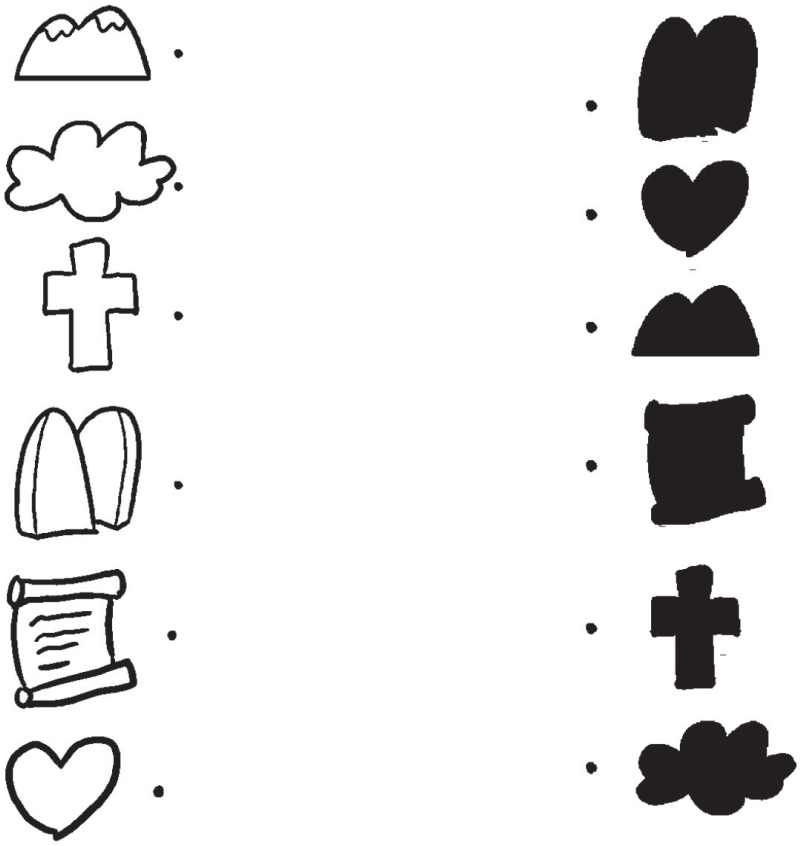
PRAYER

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

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Mission for the Week
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.

Find the matching shadow:



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