

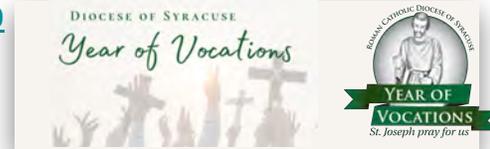


1st Reading: Gn 22:1-2,9, 10-13, 15-18

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

Second Reading: romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10



God's Glory Revealed

A few weeks ago, as we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus, Mark told us that a divine voice broke through the heavens to reveal Jesus as the “beloved Son”. Here again, this voice came from the heavens reiterating, “This is my beloved Son,” all while Jesus was transfigured into a dazzling white, a brightness beyond any other white and glory. And with those words from heaven, Moses and Elijah depart, leaving the disciples, Peter, James and John, with Jesus. Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt... the excitement, the joy, the wondering, the questions... it was so much for them to understand at that moment, though the divine revelation has only just began. Jesus knew that the disciples were not yet ready to tell others what they saw. What remains for the disciples to understand is how Jesus’ Transfiguration in glory is tied to his future death and Resurrection. And so, Mark shares that the disciples “kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.”

Question for Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

Question for Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Adults: Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

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Year of Vocation

Jesus is so caught up in the Kingdom of God in these verses that he is transformed – he is dazzling, he is beautiful, he is more who he is than he was before. Our calling should be like this, it makes us more alive in the kingdom, we are still who we are, but we also become more ourselves in Christ. Vocation and calling is something new and unseen, but still familiar. There should be something about our vocation that makes the people walking alongside you say ‘wow’, but also ‘yes, this is no surprise.’

Lord give us strength to continue in our vocations, to serve you in love for your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

Prayer: Pope Francis’ prayer intention this month is: “*Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*” Prayerfully reflect on places in your life that need the renewal of reconciliation.

Fast - Here’s a suggestion for fasting. Fast from complaining. Fasting from complaining calls us to be a solution, rather than contribute to a problem.

Give - Give a compliment to someone every day!

The Month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of March to St. Joseph and urges believers to pay special attention to his life and example. Learn more about St. Joseph at loyolapress.com Order your FREE St. Joseph Activity Pack for your family at loyolapress.com

Lenten Recipe of the Week!

Grilled Tilapia with Pineapple Salsa



The ABCs for Fostering Vocations

Encourage your children to be involved in the liturgical life of the parish as servers, lectors, musicians, etc. (and see to it that they get there on time).



Make the “Transfiguration of Jesus” Sun-Catcher!

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

CatholicInspired.com - *Transfiguration of Jesus, Sun-Catcher craft* (Children’s Faith Builder)

NCRegister.com - *Ten things you need to know about Jesus’ Transfiguration* (All ages Faith Builder)

CatholicCuisine.org - *Grilled Tilapia with Pineapple Salsa* (Family Faith Builder)

wikipedia.org- *Transfiguration of Jesus in Christian art*. Explore many pieces of sacred art here! (All ages Faith Builder)

BustedHalo.com - *Pray, Fast Give, Interactive Calendar* (Youth and Young Adult Faith Builder)