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## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners and Visitors,

It takes time to get to know a person. It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus. Three of them got to know Jesus better when he was transfigured on the mountain and saw his divinity revealed. They got to know him better again when Jesus revealed that he would suffer and die in Jerusalem even though they did not understand until later. They got to know Jesus better again during the Last Supper, his agony in Gethsemane, his Passion, death, and resurrection. The entire time the apostles were with Jesus, they were getting to know him better and what following him as his apostles meant but they really didn't understand Jesus' mission properly until after they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We also gradually grow in our love for, and knowledge of, Jesus and we also grow in understanding what Jesus is asking of us.

When Peter, James, and John saw Jesus' divinity revealed, their attitudes to Jesus must have been transformed as they saw Jesus was transformed. We could say that is what Lent is all about, transforming ourselves and our attitudes so that we can see Jesus more clearly. During this season of Lent, we examine our lives to see where we stand before God and each other. The Collect for Mass today expresses beautifully our hopes for Lent to our heavenly Father:

be pleased, we pray,  
to nourish us inwardly by your word,  
that, with spiritual sight made pure,  
we may rejoice to behold your glory.  
It is really a prayer that we be transformed during Lent.

In the Gospel (Luke 9:28-36), the Father spoke to the three apostles, Peter, James, and John and said, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." (Luke 9:35) That is what Lent is about, listening to Jesus. Are we giving God sufficient time to speak to us? Is the Lord asking something of us this Lent? If so, the Father's advice is, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." This Lent may we all listen to Jesus more, with His grace transform our hearts so we can see him more clearly in others and daily events.



Have a Blessed Second Sunday of Lent 2026!

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