

Thought To Ponder

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

— *Helen Keller*

Stations of the Cross

This will be prayed during the Season of Lent. You are reminded to either pray the Stations at home, or join us every Friday in Church (Covid-19 restrictions applicable). We will begin immediately after our 6.00pm Mass.

Fr. Howard will lead the Stations each Friday.

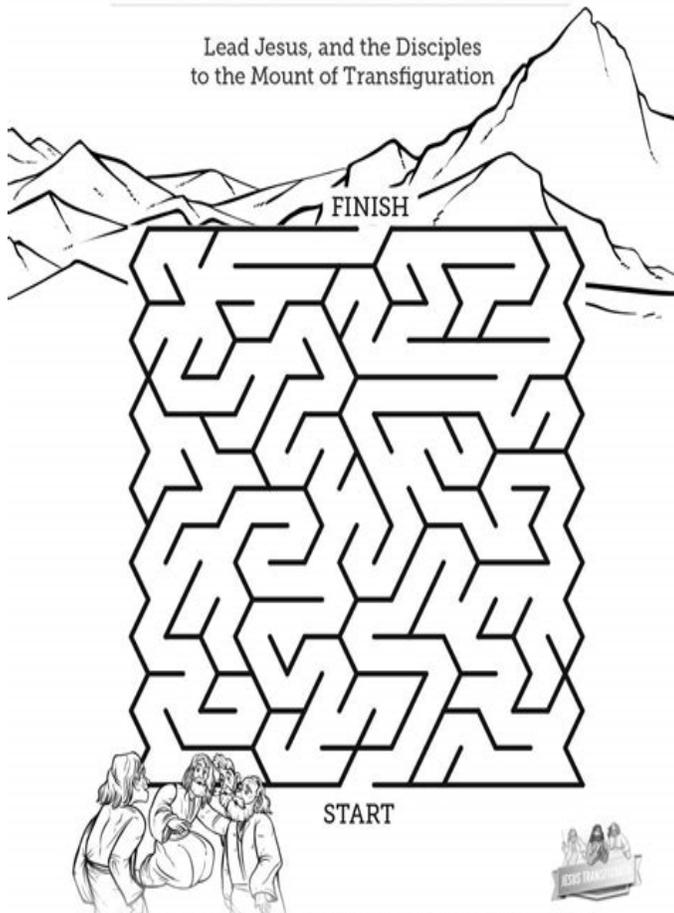
Children's Sunday School

Sunday School classes resume February 28th at 12.15pm on Zoom. Kindly see the website for the Term 2 calendar.



JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples
to the Mount of Transfiguration



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MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Monday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

Second Sunday of Lent



Year B - February 28, 2021

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Gn. 22:1-2, 9-13

2nd Reading:

Rom. 8: 31-34

Gospel Reading:

Mk. 9: 2-10



Response: I will walk in the presence of God
in the land of the living



Beloved in Christ,

Today's stunning feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mk. 9:2-4) provides complete satisfaction for our senses and our spirits. Peter, James and John were called by Jesus to accompany Him to the mountain top where the hunger spurred by their curiosity would now culminate in the fulfilment of their thirst for answers. Like the disciples, we can enter into this transfigured experience with our senses appeased as follows:

- Sight - the normal gives way to the supernatural. Jesus and His garments become brilliantly transformed, and the dead (Moses and Elijah) appear with the living Lord
- Sound - as at Jesus' baptism, a loud voice is heard proclaiming that He is the Son in whom God is well pleased. It is followed by the command, "Listen to Him" (Mk. 9:7)
- Smell - the 'aroma of holiness' is evident by being attentive in the moment of encounter
- Taste - scripture says, "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8). Jesus is now confirmed as the chosen Servant of God who fulfils the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah)
- Touch - in the experience unfolding, the disciples can take comfort that Jesus is in their midst and they can hold each other and Him for strength and assurance.

In addition to the senses, the spirit of every disciple is also addressed. The believer is told to deny yourself (especially in Lent), take up your cross and follow Jesus (Mk. 8:34). But carrying the cross is neither pleasant nor easy. The reality of watching Jesus later carry His own physical cross and ending in painful death would neither motivate nor inspire others to follow Him. Hence the transfiguration provides the hope, reason and visual assurance that are needed. The experience of the transfiguration reveals the glory of the Lord, affirming His words that the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom (Mt. 13:43). We who say "yes" to Jesus and the cross, are given the promise that "our bodies will change and become like His glorious body" (Phil. 3:21).

Today, let us pay attention to the event that is the transfiguration, since it satisfies our senses and spirits. We can face each day with confidence, knowing that "the sufferings in this life cannot be compared to the glory that is to come" (Rom. 8:18).

FR. HOWARD THOMPSON



Happy Birthday

28th February
Mackenzie Moncrieffe ♦ Annette Phillpotts ♦

1st March
Justin Francis ♦

2nd March
Lynneve Nash ♦

3rd March
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Lilly Young Sang ♦ Johann Campbell ♦
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Sandra Collings ♦ Shirley Fombrun ♦

4th March
Gianna Fuller ♦ Patricia Harrison ♦

5th March
Dave Atkinson ♦ Andrew Chin ♦
Ramise Clare ♦ Peta-Gay McDonald ♦
Grace Lowe ♦ Yanique Forbes-Patrick ♦

6th March
Joan Grant ♦ Natalie Debellis ♦ Yannick Lyn-Fatt ♦
Roy Howell ♦ Janet Sharp ♦ Nicholas Wong ♦



Happy Anniversary

1st March ❖ Derrick & Rowena Nembhard
3rd March ❖ Trevor & Lea Campbell

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