

## Second Sunday of Lent: March 01, 2026

**“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him”**

Today, as Lent has begun, the Liturgy of the Word invites us to contemplate the mystery of the Lord’s Transfiguration: “Jesus (...) led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them” (Mt 17:1–2), an experience they would never forget (cf., for example, 2 Pt 1:16–19). That Christ transforms our lives is something that, in one way or another, all of us can testify to. So often the Lord gives us life by turning small gestures of our ordinary existence into extraordinary events.

So many times, our prayers and petitions become reality and surprise us, like the radiant presence of Jesus, who today leaves Peter, James, and John astonished. For Jesus is the revelation of the Father’s love within us. And then we can make Simon Peter’s words our own: “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Mt 17:4).

But immediately afterward, the Father invites us to take on an attitude that is often difficult for us to put into practice: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him” (Mt 17:5). On several occasions, Pope Leo XIV has reflected that “Christ transforms life and calls us to listen to Him.” This is the key to the Transfiguration: to listen to the Son of God. To listen to the Word... also means paying attention to our shepherds, listening to a son or daughter who is troubled, or to someone who lives in loneliness or despair, or to the sick... and, above all, listening to our heart in prayer, from where the Lord speaks to us.

“Rise, and do not be afraid” (Mt 17:7), Jesus Christ tells them at once. The Transfiguration is also a foretaste of the Resurrection. It reminds us that beyond the cross there is Glory. In moments of darkness, illness, or suffering, this scene gives us hope: the final word does not belong to pain, but to light. May this attitude of wonder, hope, and listening accompany us especially during this second week of Lent.

### Summary of Lunar New Year 2026 Fundraising

#### Food Sales:

Food Sales Revenue: \$40,609

Expenses: -\$13,589

Profit: \$27,020

#### Lottery Tickets:

Lottery Ticket Sales: \$15,795

10 Prizes: -\$6,000

Profit: \$9,795

Donations: \$12,260

**Total Fundraising: \$49,075**

**Time Change:** Daylight Saving Time will begin next Sunday March 08. Please turn your clock or watch an hour ahead on Saturday night March 07 before bedtime.

## Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### Today’s Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations:** the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined ob-

ligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

\* **Ash Wednesday (Feb 18, 2026) and Good Friday (April 3, 2026)** are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age *14 onwards*. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the *ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

\* **All Fridays in Lent** are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

\* We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

As the Holy Father noted in his address, “I invite everyone to make next Feb 18, Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace. I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.”

**Rice Bowl:** CRS Rice Bowl begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026, 75 percent of Rice Bowl donations support CRS’s humanitarian relief programs in more than 100 different countries. Additionally, Catholic Relief Services allows each diocese that participates to keep 25% of the collection in the local community to be used for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, these funds support food pantries and other programs.

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### Holy Father's Intention for March:

**For families in crisis:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### Becoming like God

In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly "discloses His divine glory" (CCC 555). Moreover, "the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (CCC 556).

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that "He was made man that we might be made God."

We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* states that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.

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### Offering for Feb 22, 2026

**Total Sum. Collection \$3,274.00**

Candles \$ 119.00

World Market \$ 400.00

### Second Sunday of Lent:

"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design..."

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**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

### Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Sun 3/01:** \* Louis Canh by Holly Le

\* Ancestors both sides, all souls & thanksgiving by Uyen  
\* Francis Xavier and Maria by An Truong

**Mon 3/02:** \* Ancestors both sides by 1 person

**Tues 3/03:** \* Joseph, ancestors & peace for family by Chi Mai

**Wed 3/04:** \* Louis Canh by Cuong Ngan

**Thurs 3/05:** \* Peace for family by Minh Thuy

**Fri 3/06:** \* Maria by Duc Vo

\*Ancestors both sides, forgotten souls & thanksgiving by Uyen

**Sat 3/07:** \* Thanksgiving, peace for family and intention by Soan Nguyen