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## Second Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2021 Year B



The three transformations in our lives in our journey towards eternity: The first change begins at Baptism, which washes away original sin, transforming us into children of God and heirs of Heaven. The second transformation takes place through our victory over the trials and tribulations of life. Every challenge, every difficulty, every moment of suffering, is an opportunity for transformation and spiritual growth. The third transformation takes place at death. Eternal life in Heaven, perhaps after a period of further transformation in purgatory, is granted to those who have been found worthy. The last transformation or transfiguration will be completed at the Second Coming when our glorified body is reunited with our soul.

The transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are changed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

Nel mistero della Trasfigurazione, o anima mia, considera quanto il Signore abbia voluto confermare la nostra fede, sia per mezzo della duplice testimonianza della legge e dei profeti che sono rappresentati dall'apparizione gloriosa di Mosé ed Elia in compagnia di Cristo, sia per mezzo della testimonianza di Dio stesso, manifestatosi contemporaneamente nelle tre persone (la voce del Padre, la gloria del Figlio e la nube luminosa dello Spirito Santo). Osserva quanto abbia voluto, per mezzo della gloria della sua Trasfigurazione, incoraggiare tutti i suoi discepoli a sopportare pazientemente le pene, le fatiche, le croci e le persecuzioni di questa vita, nella speranza di condividere la gloria eterna di cui egli ci ha dato, in certo modo, un'idea proprio in questo mistero... Ma dobbiamo anche far tesoro della lezione che apprendiamo dalla voce del Padre celeste nella Trasfigurazione di nostro Signore, cioè che la via retta verso la felicità eterna e verso ogni bene consiste nell'ascoltare il Figlio di Dio e nell'obbedire. (*LaParola.it*)

### Joke of the week

A certain missionary on a study trip to the Holy Land was visiting Jaffa (Joppa) where Peter was residing when he baptized Cornelius (Acts 10). The breath-taking beauty of this small seaside town was such that it inspired him to come up with this joke: At the Transfiguration, Peter offered to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Jesus said, "And what about you, Peter?" And Peter replies, "Don't worry about me Lord, I got a better place in Jaffa." (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann

**Recently deceased:** Wladyslaw Stopa, Rosa Lattanzio, Peppino Amoroso, Antonio Francione, Lisa Toatoa, Doris Sorrentino, Marucuzzo Bianca, Valerie Weaver, Alex Henderson, Shirely Leal, Laura Della Valle, David Morrison, Tom Moore, Giovanni Natale, Myrtle Burke., Kate Boyd, Domenico Bisignano, Rocco Feraina, Edward Slavich

**We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Elena Mariani, Fred Peake, Sebastiano Barresi, Jonas Montealegre, Di Camillo Family, Rocco Liberato, Margaret Verzin, Youssef and Nagebie Lebnan, Christopher Robinson, Filippo Orifici, Antonio Comito, Rita Vaina, Shanie Liyanage, Joyce De Silva, Mille Weerasinghe, Sherine Adolphus, Pietro Capparelli, Salvatrice Maria Grosso, Michele Malarbi, Paola Cutello, Francesca Buccheri, Nino Di Guglielmo

**We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.**

### Letter from Archbishop Comensoli re Vaccine Program

A letter from the Archbishop regarding the Vaccine roll out. Paper copies are available in the church foyer— or see the link below.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

### Mass times

**Weekday:**  
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am  
 Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm  
 Stations of the Cross: Friday: 7.00 pm

**Weekend:**  
 Saturday Vigil mass: 6.00 pm  
 Sunday: 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

### Rosters for weekend masses Mar 6/7:

Lectors:  
 Saturday 6.00 pm : L. Psaila  
 Sunday 9.00 am : M. Markis

Special ministers:  
 Saturday 6.00 pm : B. Gauci  
 Sunday 9.00 am: T. Scicluna

Bus drivers:  
 Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Caparelli  
 Sunday 10.30 am: D. Surace

The location of the Transfiguration was probably Mount Hermon in North Galilee, near Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus had camped a week before this wondrous event. Mt. Hermon was a desolate mountain, 9200 feet high. The traditional oriental belief that Transfiguration took place on Mount Tabor is based on Psalm 89:12. But Mount Tabor is a small mountain or a big hill in the south of Galilee, less than 1000 feet high, with a Roman fort built on it. Hence, it would have been an unlikely place for solitude and prayer.

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