



Introduction:

Last Sunday we reflected on the temptations of the first parents and the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the Transfiguration of the Lord – an occasion of His glorification. Between the two Sundays, we realize that we are engaged in a spiritual battle where temptations are going to be part of our lives and yet we are called to look forward with hope to the glorification which is our promised destiny. Let us pray then that we too may experience this glorification in our lives as we follow the gospel values so that we too become the ‘beloved’ children of the Father.

Readings:

First Reading: Gen 12: 1-4a
Psalms: Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22
Second Reading: 2 Tim 1: 8b-10
Gospel: Mt 17: 1-9

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, as we journey through Lent, let us with confidence lift up our prayers and petitions to our Father in heaven.

Response: Merciful Father, listen to your children praying.

- For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious men and women, that we may always listen to the voice of God and be transformed by the light of Christ. We pray to the Lord
- For Holy Father’s Universal Prayer Intention, *for disarmament and peace*: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. We pray to the Lord
- For those who struggle in their faith, that the vision of Christ’s glory may strengthen them to persevere through trials and doubts. We pray to the Lord
- For the sick and suffering, that the presence of Christ may strengthen and comfort them in their trials. We pray to the Lord
- For our parish community, that we may persevere during this Lenten season to make it a time of true conversion, leading us in a deeper relationship with Christ. We pray to the Lord
- For our personal intentions, we now pray to the Lord in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Abba Father, we are your beloved children; with hope in our hearts, we believe that you answer all our prayers and intentions which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.