**FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR. 15-16, 2025**

Second Sunday of Lent

**Gospel Reading**

Lk 9:28-36

About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and

James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his

clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and

Elijah,

who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was

going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but

becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men

standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,

“Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one

for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know

what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow

over them, and they became frightened when they entered the

cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my

chosen Son; listen to him.”

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell

silent and did not at that time[\*](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/9#50009036-1) tell anyone what they had seen.

**Intercession**

Jesus calls on us to continue His mission of building God’s kingdom on earth. We can follow in His apostles’ footsteps by supporting initiatives that help fulfill God’s will, such as the Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal.

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In today’s gospel, the apostles get a glimpse of God’ future glory. Christ’s clothing became “dazzling white,” and Moses and Elijah “appeared in glory” alongside Jesus. On the mount, the two prophets “spoke of [Jesus’] exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.” His earthly mission is about to end; Calvary is close. Jesus will soon have a glorified body, but this will only happen through the scandal of the Cross.

We all experience our own darkness: times of ill health, job insecurity or dissatisfaction, relationship trouble, spiritual desolation. It is part of the human condition. But in these bleak times, belief in Christ and His promises provides hope. Just as Jesus rose from the dead after the darkest of time – His Passion – so, too, will a better, blessed future await us, if not on earth than with God in heaven.

We can help those experiencing darkness through the programs that the Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal supports. Please prayerfully consider sharing Christ’s light through a gift to the BAA.

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Have we “been overcome by sleep” and need to become “fully awake” like Peter, John, and James? The apostles have dedicated their lives to listening to Jesus preach and serving Him. But what lies ahead – Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection – are difficult to comprehend. Jesus shares that His earthly existence is coming to an end, but at the same time His glorious ministry is beginning. His apostles will have a pivotal role in building His kingdom on earth and preparing for His coming again.

Along with Peter, James, and John, *we* are Jesus’ disciples, charged with the task of proclaiming God’s glory. When we sustain programs and organizations that bring the Gospel message to those who need to hear the Good News, like the Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal, we are heeding the voice in the cloud “that said, ‘This is my chosen Son; listen to him.’”

**Social Media Post/Content**

Photo: Bright skies with rays of light shining down.

Header: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” – Luke 9:35

Copy: Drown out society’s noisy din and focus on God’s word. Jesus repeatedly says that He came to serve, not be served. We follow this example when we give of ourselves, like contributing to the Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal.