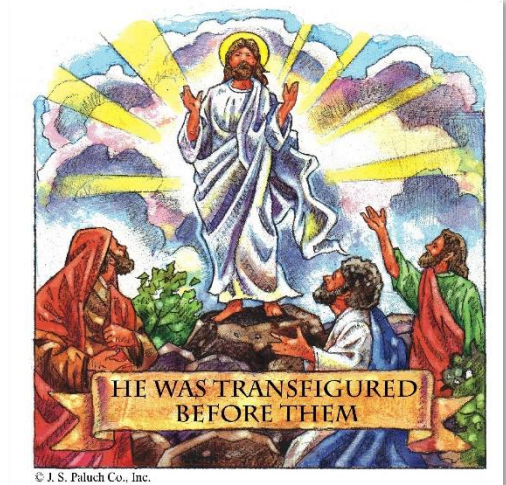


Second Sunday in Lent – Year A 2019-2020

A Message from Fr. Mark

Dear Parishioners,

In 2014 a movie came out about the life of Jesus called "Son of God." It was not the best of movies about Jesus, but nevertheless, I liked it because it clearly showed that Jesus is the Son of God with the power to do miracles like healing the paralytic, multiplying fish and walking on water (some movies skip over the miraculous). Yet at the same time, it depicts Jesus as a fairly ordinary man who seems to really need the friendship of Peter and the other disciples. The actor who played Jesus did a pretty good job of playing the role of the one who is both true God and true man. It is probably impossible for an actor to portray a human and happy Jesus who is at the same time the Divine Word of God who continually sustains all creation in existence.



In today's Gospel, we see Jesus choosing his best friends Peter, James, and John to keep Him company on Mount Tabor. They saw the Face of the Divine Jesus transfigured and shining like the sun. The same three friends would later see the same Face covered with sweaty blood in the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus suffered a very human agony before ascending Mount Calvary.

Lent is a journey of conversion so that more and more we can be Jesus' friends whom He needs for the work of salvation. Although we have human weakness, we can share in the Divine: like Jesus and with Jesus!

We contemplate the Holy Face of our Friend. We ask that we may too share in the Divinity of Jesus who humbled himself to share in our humanity!

Sincerely,
Fr. Mark