

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

### Gospel: (Mark 9:2-10)

Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white... Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

### Reflection:

We can find the rhythm of the dying and rising of the paschal mystery everywhere. In the gospel we see the transfigured glory then allusion to Jesus' dying. In our daily lives we see the "dying and rising" between our work and leisure, between times with loved ones and times away, between success and failure, between doing something we would enjoy and doing something someone else would enjoy more. In our daily lives as we see the paschal mystery unfolding, the distance between the religious and secular spheres of our lives becomes less and less. Instead of putting religion in a neat box it becomes truly the very way we live. (Living Liturgy, p.78)

### Vincenzian Meditation:

"Pope John Paul II says to the laity: "There cannot be two parallel lives in your existence as lay men and women: on the one hand, the so-called 'spiritual life', with its values and demands; on the other, the so-called 'secular life,' that is life in a family, at work, social relationships, in the responsibilities of public life and in culture.... Every activity, every situation, every precise responsibility are the occasions ordained by Providence for a 'continuous exercise of faith, hope and charity.'" (US Manual of the SVDP, p.59)

**Discussion:** (*Share your thoughts on the readings after a moment of silence*)

**How have you found that you no longer have "two parallel lives?"**

### Closing Prayer:

When we struggle with our own weaknesses,

**-Change our hearts, O God!**

When we resist the call to conversion,

**-Change our hearts, O God!**

When we become bitter and judgmental,

**-Change our hearts, O God! Amen**

