

**Sundays in Lent: Prayer, Adoration and Benediction, 3pm -4.20 pm**

**Wednesdays in Lent: Stations of the Cross led by parishioners after 10 am Mass**

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## **Second Sunday of Lent.**

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### **“This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him” (Luke 9:28-36)**

In the Bible, when someone went up a mountain, there was often an encounter with God. In the Gospel today, Jesus brings his core group of disciples, Peter, James, and John, with him when he ascends the mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, these apostles witnessed a unique and incredibly special moment, a moment of transformation.

They were privileged to see Jesus as Son of God, in all his majesty and glory. Peter, overwhelmed by the experience, wanted to stay there; he wanted the experience to last. But Jesus knew that his mission lay elsewhere at the bottom of the mountain, he knew he had to continue his journey to Jerusalem and the cross that awaited him there. Without that there could be no resurrection. The three apostles were given a brief vision of who Jesus really was, as a preview of the future, and to sustain them in the challenging times ahead.

Times of connection with God through prayer, contemplation, and the Eucharist are meant to sustain us as we go about our lives in their ordinariness, their messiness, their challenges, and their disappointments. We cannot stay on the mountaintop no matter how spiritual or deep our encounters with God. The challenge of being a follower of Christ must be lived out at the bottom of the mountain, being Christ to everyone we meet, supporting and sustaining others, helping to bring justice and fairness to our unjust and unfair world.

The family in the Trócaire campaign this year, Julio and Ilma and their four children, live in Guatemala, a country that is one of the least responsible for climate change but is one of those severely affected by it. The country is threatened by increasingly extreme weather, droughts, hurricanes, floods and landslides, due to the effects of climate change. Please do what you can this Lent to support Trócaire who are working in Guatemala to alleviate the effects of these inequalities and injustice.

As we stand in solidarity with them, we also pray that our national and global leaders take the necessary actions for climate justice and listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Find out more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

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