

2nd Sunday of Lent

Matthew 17:1-2. Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.



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When the apostles went up on the mountain and looked at Jesus, Moses and Elijah they were dumbfounded. Sometimes I'm that way about my Catholic faith. I'm a cradle Catholic and sometimes I go to church and wonder what exactly is happening. I can relate to those apostles. Sometimes I wish I had Theology 101 because I don't understand everything about my faith. I'm still learning. I think a lot of us are that way. We go to church. We stand, kneel and sit when we're supposed to, and it becomes automatic. We need to stop and realize exactly what is happening during the mass.

I think we have to take what we hear during the mass back out to where we work. We don't have to think that we have to do great things to change the world, but everyone can do great things in small ways. I think about the times that we might stop and talk to someone at work and offer them a smile or a word of encouragement. It's the little things we do that can make a big difference in someone's life.

And these good things can make a difference in our lives, too. Every day at the end of the day, we can challenge ourselves to think of one good thing that happened to us during the day. Maybe we can share that with someone in our lives. Eventually, we will see more than one good thing happening in our life and we can focus more on the positive rather than negative. That's when transformations happen.

I'm so happy to be part of the bell choir and the Celebration choir. Someone in the choir once said, "We can always count on Laura to make us laugh." I'm the one who makes a silly comment to ease the tension and give someone a reason to smile. That's what I do. It's the way I am. Maybe that laughter will be something good that happened to a person that day!

Being part of the music ministry in our parish has been transforming for me, too. I've made new friends and I've grown a lot. It's fun and it's challenging. I'm

asking a lot of questions about my faith and that's a good thing. I think God is calling each of us to learn more about him.

If you are interested in serving the parish as a lector or eucharistic minister, please contact our office staff at 653-2377.

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