

Becoming “Fully Awake”

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

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. [Luke 9:32–33](#)

As we are presented with this glorious event of the Transfiguration this Sunday, there are numerous lessons we can learn from it. The passage above presents us with two particular lessons.

First, Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep while Jesus was transfigured in glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. This line could suggest many things. It could mean that Peter was weak and more concerned with his human condition than he was with attentiveness to the important journey he was invited to take with our Lord. It could reveal a kind of spiritual sloth. It is easy in life to become weary of the journey and to become drowsy at the times that we should be most attentive to our Lord. For example, think about any time when you knew you should pray but instead, sat daydreaming or distracted, or chose to fill that time with something mindless. Peter and his companions, therefore, teach us that it is easy for us in our fallen human nature to “doze off” during those times when God wants to speak to us, especially while at Mass.

Another interpretation of this line comes from the Church Father, Saint Ambrose. He suggests that this sleep of Peter and his two companions was primarily a result of them encountering “the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature.” As Jesus was transfigured, the initial vision was too much for them to comprehend, and so this vision began with them asleep as a symbol of the fact that we are all incapable of seeing the glory of God in our weakened state. But then they became “fully awake,” which implies that it took time for them to open their eyes to see the glory of God. This lesson teaches us that we all must wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God as He reveals Himself to us.

After becoming fully awake and encountering the incomprehensible brightness of the divine nature, Peter says, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” The Gospel writer then goes on to say that Peter “did not know what he was saying.” Again, if we turn to Saint Ambrose, he points out that Peter’s experience is commendable because he not only had earnest feelings but also took the initiative of good deeds. He wanted to build three tents so that Jesus, Moses and Elijah would remain with them. But another Church father points out that Peter “did not know what he was saying” because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus, the Law and the Prophets. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.

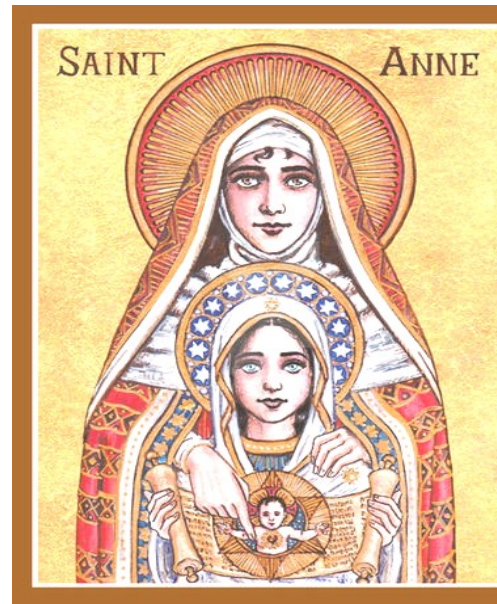
You, too, are entrusted with the responsibility of building up the structure of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if you continually seek to become fully awakened to the glory of God as He reveals Himself to you and, in the joy of that encounter, go forth to build up God’s Church by your earnest desire and intentional acts of charity.

Reflect, today, upon Peter and his two companions, James and John. Prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. Reflect upon them waking up and beginning to realize what was taking place before them. Consider Peter’s excitement and amazement and the effect that had on him. And then ponder how these disciples eventually did go forth to build the Church, the house of God, so that they and many others would come to meet Christ. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday’s ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

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welcome
to our Parish



**PRAY FOR our priests
and Bishop Daly!**

**Regarding the Rite of
Election and Calling of
Candidates**

A previous notification about the Rite of Election has caused some confusion, which is clarified below:

This liturgy will be a *combined rite*, meaning both the **Rite of the Election of Catechumens** and the **Calling of Candidates to Continuing Conversion**.

It will occur on **Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 pm** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane. The Catholic faithful are welcome to attend and pray for these catechumens and candidates.

Please note:

Mass Intentions take approximately two (2) weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

16	Sunday	Pro Populo
17	Monday	
18	Tuesday	
19	Wednesday	
20	Thursday	
21	Friday	
22	Saturday	
23	Sunday	Pro Populo

**St. Anne ... Pray for us!
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!**

**March 15, 2025
Spokane, WA**

with **Curtis Martin**
founder of FOCUS

Tickets now available
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Lenten Fridays



- 5:00 PM —Confessions
- 5:30 PM—Mass
- 6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
(no Adoration)
- 6:30 PM—Soup Potluck in the Hall

**Meatless SOUP POTLUCK Supper
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

Second Sunday of Lent

Lectionary #27C - Liturgical color: violet

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14
 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20
 Gospel: Luke 9:28b–36

No Gloria

Penitential Rite for the Candidates Seeking Full Communion

Novena to Saint Joseph

Prayed from March 10-18



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ **5:00 pm**—confession @ 4:30 pm
 Sundays @ **9:00 am** - confession @ 8:30 am

**Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.**

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— **6:00 pm** Mass
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - **9:00 am** Mass

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My Transfigured Lord, the glory that shone forth from Your divine face in radiance must have been beyond human description. Your true glory in Heaven is something that I hope to one day behold. Please instill in me a desire to more fully understand Your glory and to work tirelessly to be an instrument of that glory to all I meet. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Events!

**Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.**

Tuesday, March 11 @ 6:00 PM
 Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

Wednesday, March 12 @ 9:45 AM
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Friday, March 14 @ 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
 5:00 PM —Confessions
 5:30 PM—Mass
 6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM—Soup Potluck in the Hall

Wednesday, March 19 @ 9:45 AM
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Friday, March 21 @ 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
 5:00 PM —Confessions
 5:30 PM—Mass
 6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM—Soup Potluck in the Hall

Schola & Sacred Music Opportunities

Children’s Stations of the Cross

Children’s Station of the Cross will be on April 11 at 5:15 PM.

Children in grades K-8 are invited to sing in Choir for this special Station. They will sing “At the Cross Her Stations Keeping” and possibly another piece.

Rehearsals: Thursday April 3 & 10 from 5:30-6:30 PM in O’Conner Hall. No auditions is required. The group will be led by Victoria Solenberger.

The *Catholic Institute of Sacred Music* is offering sacred music courses this summer at St. Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park, CA. Free tuition and reasonable room and board.

<https://catholicinstituteofsacredmusic.org/summer-courses/>