

The Second Sunday of Lent Year C

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Readings: 1) Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 2) Philippians 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1 3) Luke 9:28b-36

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: Jesus is beloved Son and fulfillment of God's promises.

At this early point in our Lenten journey, our readings remind us of God's promises to humanity and his faithfulness to those promises. Full of the same hope that once spurred Abraham on to leave his homeland and Paul to preach the Gospel with commitment and fidelity, they now seek to encourage us in our Lenten disciplines.

The promises made to Abraham go beyond his wildest dreams – he will be the father of a great nation, as numerous as the stars in the night sky. Saint Paul challenges the Philippians to imitate him and to stand firm and faithful in the Lord. The glory of the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of the glory of the risen Christ.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

As we journey through Lent, may we, like Christ, enter into deep prayer with our God and bring before him our needs and hopes.

For the Church, in this holy season of Lent may we experience anew God's faithfulness and so come to share in the promise of the risen Christ
We Pray to the Lord.

For peace in our world, that the Holy Spirit will manifest, in the hearts of leaders, God's transforming peace and love.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit, may they be surrounded by compassion.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died, may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glory.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those in this faith community preparing to be baptized this Easter.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (Long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Almighty and ever-loving God, help us to remain steadfast in our baptismal calling.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.