

Sunday, March 5, 2023

The Second Sunday of Lent

- 1) Genesis 12:1-4a
- 2) 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
- 3) Matthew 17:1-9

FOCUS: A holy encounter with God calls us to act on our faith.

When Peter witnesses the transfiguration of Jesus, and the appearance of Moses and Elijah, his first instinct is to “freeze that moment,” by providing tents for the three of them. But that encounter, like any encounter with God’s majesty and providence, is not meant to be frozen or hidden in a tent. It is meant to move us forward in, and to act upon, our faith.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Abram is sent by God to a new land, so that from him, God will create a new nation. In the second reading, Timothy is encouraged to bear his share of the hardship in living and proclaiming the Gospel. In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain where he is *transfigured before them*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Rejoicing in the glory of Jesus, we place before the Father our needs this day.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may he continue to be strengthened by the glory of Jesus at work in him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit guide them in embracing sound and moral principles in solving the issues before them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are facing adversity or burden of any kind, may the glory of Jesus calm their fears and bring them peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our community of disciples, may the graces of this sacrament help us as we go forth from here filled with the glory of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they know the complete and eternal glory of Jesus this day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious Father, hear the prayers we ask this day through your Son, Christ our Lord.