



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called "elect" during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism.

It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

SORE SHINS

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you

(Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace

(2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Act of Contrition

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 4:30 pm

Daylight light saving time begins next Sunday be sure to set your clock ahead Saturday night

DON QUIXOTE

The Don Quixote of one generation may live to hear himself called the savior of society by the next.

MARCH 12TH 2023

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