



March 5, 2023

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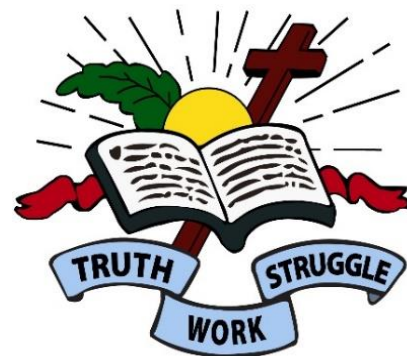
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Second Sunday of Lent

A Sabbath Thought

From the depths of last Sunday's desert, we climb today's mountain of the transfiguration. The glory that beams from the transformed Jesus lights our way.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 12:1-4

Abraham, our ancestor in the faith, began his journey with God by letting go of all that was comforting and familiar to him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

We whom God has blessed with a legacy of Abraham are, like the patriarch of old, called to a journey of faith that will lead us through death to life.

MATTHEW 17:1-9

More light than we can bear shines through the transfigured Jesus, a testimony to God's favor, an invitation to our faith, a guarantee of our salvation.

ENTRANCE RITE – Philippians 3:9

V. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law,

R. But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TRACT – James 2:14, 17, 24 26b

V. What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

R. See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. So also faith without works is dead.

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 17:1-9

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. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

Today March 5th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Wednesday March 8th

Stations of the Cross

7:00PM

Lenten Meal preceding at

6:00 PM

(No charge, free will donations accepted)

Sunday March 12th

SOLEMNITY

The Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00AM today. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

Wednesday March 15th

Stations of the Cross

7:00PM

Lenten Meal preceding at

6:00 PM

(No charge, free will donations accepted)

Sunday March 19th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS



INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lisha Rowe, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Brunson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel and Laura Alfano. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 13th; The first meeting of the Picnic Committee will be held in the library at 7:00 PM. I encourage all to attend to prepare for the Annual Parish Polish Picnic.

Tuesday, March 14th; The YMS of R will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. I encourage all of the men of the parish to attend and to join if you are not already members.

Thursday, March 16th; There will be a combined Book Club and ANS Meeting at 6:30PM. Pizza will be served.

Saturday, March 25th; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 26th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous egg sandwich sales after each Mass. Don't miss out on this tasty treat.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 28th, 29th, 30th; The Annual Workshop of the National Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC will be held here, at Saint Stephen the Martyr. Registration is free. More info to follow soon. I hope that many of you will attend and welcome our brothers and sisters from around the country.

Saturday, May 6th; We will be holding a Mother's Day Craft Event from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM with outside vendors offering their wares. For this to be successful, we need to get the word out to the community. Please spread the word to all you come in contact with. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. Please contact Cheryl Weinhold for more information.

Friday and Saturday, May 19th & 20th; The National SAMBS (Ladies Adoration Society) Convention will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville Connecticut. Please pray for our sisters as they meet and plan for the future of the ANS. Contact Cheryl Weinhold for more information.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross every week leading up to Holy Week. This will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM. I hope that everyone will plan on participating in at least two of these gatherings and that you will urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well. This is a beautiful and moving form of worship and it helps to focus our thoughts and prayers on our Lord and Savior as we reflect on His Passion and Death. I hope to see many of you there. And don't forget the free meal offered at 6:00 PM preceding worship.