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Second Sunday of Lent

A Sabbath Thought

Today's Lenten celebration invites us to look to the mountain, a place where our faith may be tested as was Abraham's. But the mountain is also a place where Jesus reveals his glory as a pledge of our triumph.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

In a dramatic and haunting scene, Abraham finds his faith tested to the limits.

PSALM 116:10, 15, 16- 17, 18-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

ROMANS 8:31-34

Jesus Christ is God's pledge of our salvation. What harm can come to those for whom God's Son has died?

MARK 9:2-10

On a mountain, Jesus reveals his glory and disturbs his disciples with talk of rising from the dead.

ENTRANCE RITE: Deuteronomy 5:24; Psalm 104:1b-2a

V. The Lord, our God, has indeed let us see His glory and His majesty! We have heard His voice from the midst of the fire and have found out today that a man can still live after God has spoken with him.

R. Lord, my God, You are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

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: 2 Peter 1:3-4 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him, Who called us by His own glory and power.

R. Through these, He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

**TODAY – February 25th
Second Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

WEDNESDAY – Feb. 28st

**Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM**

**Meatless Lenten Meal
will be served at 6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY – March 3rd
Third Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

WEDNESDAY – March 6th

**Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM**

**Meatless Lenten Meal
will be served at 6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY – March 10th
Solemnity**

**Institution of the Polish
National Catholic Church**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

**Daylight Saving Time
Begins!**

**Remember to set your clocks
ahead!**

WEDNESDAY – March 13th

**Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM**

**YMS of R Fish Fry will be
served at 5:45 PM**

**SUNDAY – March 17th
Passion Sunday**

**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, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, 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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik, Cheryl Weinhold, Shawn Siedel and Father Carmen Bolock. **Our Father...**

If there are changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, February 25th; The Picnic Committee will meet in the Library at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, March 3rd; The ANS will meet in the library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Saturday, March 9th; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

LENTEN WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Lenten Worship Booklets are on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and refer to it daily during Lent for prayers and reflections on our Lord's Passion.

PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. We are starting early this year in order to avoid the last minute rush in preparing food for the Annual Picnic in August. Help is need on each of the designated days. If you can volunteer to help it would be most appreciated. No experience is necessary. We will teach you how.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross each and every Wednesday starting this week and leading up to Holy Week. I hope that everyone will plan on attending to join together and that you 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.

WEDNESDAY FREE MEALS DURING LENT

There will be free meatless meals offered each Wednesday during Lent, before Stations of the Cross. A Flyer detailing the offerings as well as some other offers is available on the table in the vestibule near the Bulletins. On the reverse side is a request for a head count for the Fish Fry sponsored by the YMS of R on March 13th as well as on order form for takeout orders. If you are planning to attend the Fish Fry, please fill out the form and return it to Tom Schalata or Fr. Sr. Donald no later than March 6th.

23rd ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 23rd Annual Mission and Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC will be held this year at Saint Barbara's Parish in Houtzdale, PA, April 12th through April 14th. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. See Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.