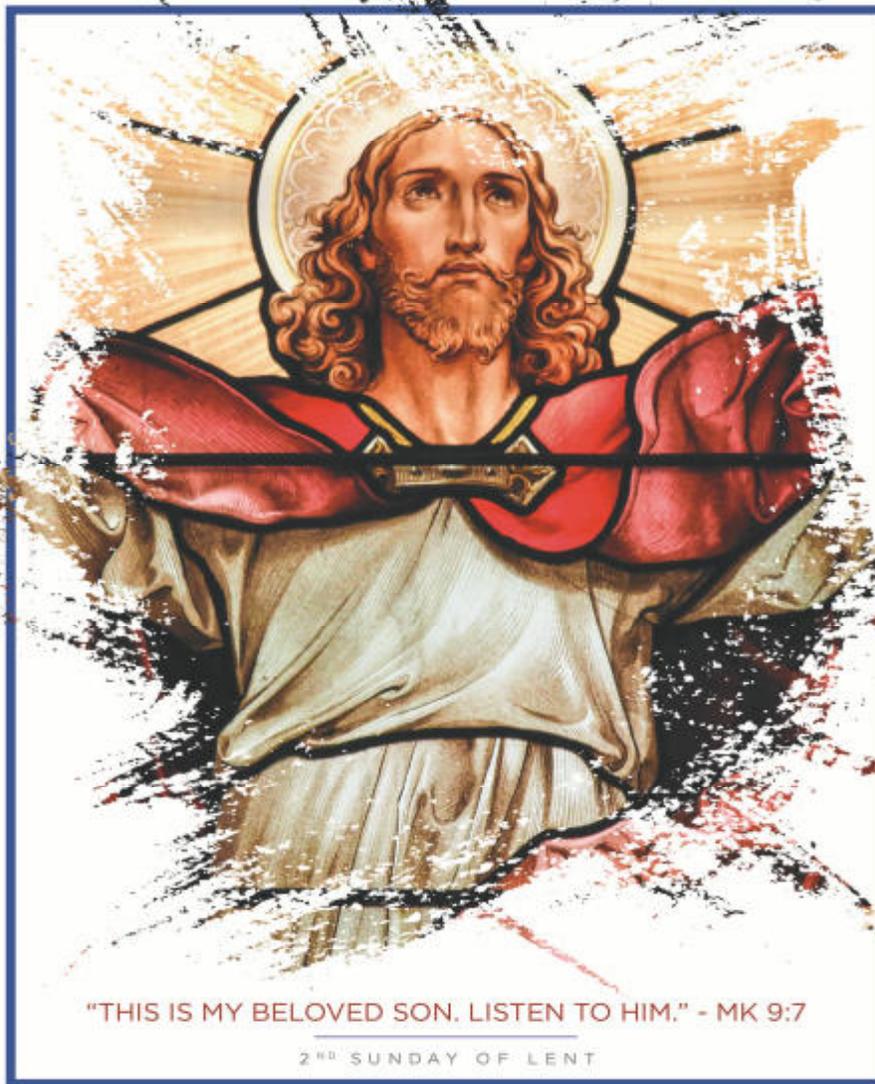


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February 28, 2021      2nd Sunday of Lent      **Mountaintop Experiences**

*“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.’”- Mark 9:7*

“It is good that we are here.” I’ve heard this said by those who go on a retreat and have even said this myself. Even Bishops get to go on retreat each year so that we can focus and grow in our relationship with our Lord. The experiences at retreats can be emotional and profound. We sometimes refer to these as “mountaintop experiences”. There are mountains where, on a clear day, you can see over a hundred miles away. You have a clear view of everything, and it can be a breathtaking experience, even transformative experience seeing the beauty of nature and God’s creation.

In this weekend’s Gospel from St Mark, we read that Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain. It was just the four of them—a little retreat, or getaway, if you will. Then, after arriving at the top of the mountain, suddenly Jesus’ clothing becomes dazzling white. Elijah and Moses appear and a voice from the clouds proclaims “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” In an instant, all of that goes away and it’s once again just the four of them.

What does this mean for us? Climbing to the top of the mountain takes effort and sacrifice. It’s not easy, but once you’re there, it’s a great experience. You might discover more about yourself and the others on your journey up. On the mountain top we hear of in today’s Gospel, Peter, James, and John get a glimpse of Jesus’ glory. Through this experience they were also transformed, not in a physical sense like Jesus, but in a spiritual way. They would eventually come to know that after all the suffering and death that Jesus was to endure, and that they would witness, there is glory.

This reality is for us as well. As we journey through life, no doubt we’ll experience challenges, suffering, and one day, death. Yet beyond all of that, we are also called to glory – the glory of heaven. So, never lose hope in the midst of the trials of our life. Endure them with courage, and trust that one day we’ll be with Jesus for all eternity in glory.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

<b>Mass Schedule:</b>		
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Monday Thru Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
	<b>Thursday- Live Stream Mass</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
	<b>Friday-Church closed for Maintenance</b>	
<b>Weekend:</b>	<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00pm-Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>
		<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	<b>Saturday During Lent</b>	<b>2:30-3:45pm</b>

## Second Sunday of Lent

**Reading I** [Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#) God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am!” he replied. Then God said: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.”

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD’s messenger called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am!” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.” As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command.”

### **Responsorial Psalm** [116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19](#)

R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. I believed, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.” Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. O LORD, I am your servant; I am our servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Reading II** [Rom 8:31b-34](#) Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING to the *Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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- 2.) Click on the corresponding image.
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Why do we use incense at Mass?

#### Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives. The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

### PRAYER

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Mission for the Week  
Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

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Sun, 2/28	8:00am	† Louise Wilcox † Annette Coakley	Closed
	10:00am	† John J. Burke † Nida Soldo	
	4:00pm	For the St. Luke Parish Family	
Mon, 3/1	8:00am	† Josephine Devaull Scott M. Levey	8:30am-12pm
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Wed, 3/3	8:00am	Sister Briega McKenna Ellen Tilow	
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*A Message from Father Paul:* My Sincere gratitude and appreciation to those who contributed to APA in 2020. You may have received materials for the 2021 campaign. Since you are well informed regarding APA, no further mention of APA will be given during the weekend Masses. However, I encourage you and thank you to continue to contribute as you have done in the past.

May God Bless you.  
Father Paul

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