

March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Ps. 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

A Promise of Eternal Life in Christ

What is it you would like to have most? Would it be a roof over your head or a full stomach or some luxury? Might it be Eternal Life?

Today's Gospel reading gives us hope in Eternal Life. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ. There Jesus is with Moses and Elijah. The scene points to the eternal Heavenly life. While Jesus tells the Apostles he will suffer and die he gives hope in this vision of him in his glory.

You might ask yourself, "do I really want to risk following Jesus? After all, I can see it is difficult." Truly, there is a cost to being a disciple of Christ. A disciple of Christ does not find much earthly glory and comfort. The life of a disciple is often more than challenging. In fact, it includes persecution. However, truly the reward is eternal life.

We earthly creatures cannot find eternal life on our own. God and everything godly must be revealed. God must reveal himself to us. While one may speculate there is something greater than me "out there" one cannot know God. God must say, "here I am." Trying to find the ultimate meaning of life and a way through it to eternity on one's own leads to emptiness.

We are blind guides of ourselves. St. Paul's understanding is that God takes hold and charge of us. It is God's grace that leads us through life. We have not earned His guidance. It is a gift. If one stands firm in faith and practice of it, one will notice God's grace working. Paul says, "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself."

The promise of Eternal Life is a promise made by God. God is good to his promise. This is illustrated in the First Reading from Genesis.

God promises Abraham he will possess the promised land. God enters into a covenant with Abraham and thus the people of faith. The sign given by the illustration of a flaming torch passing between "those pieces" is this. All the biblical code language "translated" means this. God is putting himself on the line. He is committing to Abraham. God would be cut up like the animals if he ever went against his promise to Abraham! That is God's commitment to us!

Brothers and sisters, we have not yet fully arrived. We are not yet fully to the point of our salvation. Each of us is still a work in progress. It is important to know none of us may

reach salvation on our own. Each of us and indeed all of us as the Church are renewed by God's grace through Jesus Christ's whole act during his earthly life. By his ministry, passion, death, resurrection, ascension to heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit we all are led to eternal life and saved from this earthly life.

Do not give up on yourself nor on the people of God, the Church. Surly, do not give up on God. God has profoundly promised to deliver his gift of salvation and eternal life.

Next week's scripture readings.
Third Sunday of Lent!
Ex:3:1-8a,13-15;1Cor10:1-6,10-12;Lk13:1-9

Time, Talent, Tithing
It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	284
Tithes Collected:	\$9,627.00
Online Giving:	\$544.00
Total:	\$10,171.00

2nd Collection for The Church in Latin America:	\$553.00
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Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive
ABCD
Disciples in Faith. Missionaries of Hope. Servants for Charity.

Please make your pledge. Make sure your pledge card designates your pledge originates from Blessed Sacrament Parish. We must claim our quota.

Our Goal
\$62,000.00
Let Us Do It!

SPIRITUALTY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Thursday Evening During Lent
7:00pm

This "Stations" is a dynamic scriptural based presentation. On some occasions our youth of the parish will lead us. This has been very popular in our parish. Join us if you have not in the past.

(RCIA and Faith Formation students are expected to participate.)

Solidarity With Christ and His Faith Community During Lent.
What do We Do?

Our corporate disciplines during Lent help us remain one with each other in the faith. We stand proudly together. Our Lenten practices guide us in reflection and lead us to give example of a Grace filled life. That is why we do what we do during Lent.

**Fast and Abstinence
On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

To fast is to eat lightly. That is to eat the equivalent of one meal for the whole day.

To abstain means to refrain from something. In this case we abstain from eating meat other than fish.

Abstinence on all Fridays of Lent.

Abstaining from something.

Giving up something for Lent has been a part of Lenten practices for a longtime.

- Fast from fault finding and nagging, a critical tongue or closed mind.
- Give up impulse purchases.
- Give up an unhealthy habit, like smoking, drug addiction, pornography.
- Limit time watching T.V. or surfing the WEB.
- Give up fast food and donate the money you save.

DO Something.

Do something good that you have not been doing. Sin is also the sin of omission.

- Go to Mass in the middle of the week besides on Sunday.
- Attend the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings during Lent at 7:00pm.
- Read the up-coming scripture readings that are prescribed for Sunday Mass. (Listed in the Bulletin every week.)
- Volunteer at an apostolate.
- Get up early to pray.

**Operation Utility Bag
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

It is time to pick up your "Utility Bag" for this year's drive to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bring the bag home. Fill it each day with money you would have used on a "treat" for yourself. Or, simply place change, large or small, in the bag each day and let it multiply.

At the End of the Easter Season return the Utility Bag to the church.

This money is used to help pay utility bills for clients of the Society.

Thank You in Advance!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, May. 13-15, 2022

You're invited to deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. A series of presentations made by the Presenting Team, consisting of 3 married couples and 1 priest. Each presentation builds on the last as we examine ourselves, our behaviors and attitudes, our relationship with our spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways on areas that can deepen their intimacy and connectedness. After the Weekend couples often return to their lives and families, refreshed, with a renewed commitment to each

other. Sign up here: www.wvme.org, Fort Lauderdale is the location. \$100 Non-refundable registration fee applies.

Contact Information: For more information contact- Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078/954-801-0661 or Roberto & Maria Ibarra, 954-972-8129



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Liggett, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12

- 4:00 p.m. † Michael Mawhinney by Albert Family
- † Brent Barash by Jose Gonzalez & William Caruso

Sunday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m. † Fernando Armenti by Angiolina Armenti
- 10:45 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Monday, March 14

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood by Flood Family

Wednesday, March 16

- 8:00 a.m. † Msgr. James Reynolds by Mary Miller

Thursday, March 17

- 8:00 a.m. † Ida & Frank Polumbo by Fr. Bob

Friday, March 18

- 8:00 a.m. People of the Ukraine by Parish

Saturday, March 19

- 4:00 p.m. † Josephine Marotta by son Carmine
- † Joseph de Paola by sister Concetta

Sunday, March 20

- 9:00 a.m. † Jean Yves Dartois by Catherine & Donald Dunn
- 10:45 a.m. † Jaime Portell by Mazzurco Family
- † Lois Lee & Albinas Gincas by Family