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2nd Sunday
of
Lent

Message by Parish Priest



Dear Friends,

The common theme of today's readings is challenge for metamorphosis or transformation, especially during this Lent season. How? We have to transform our dull and sleepy spiritual life into dynamic Christian life during Lent. How? By cooperating with the grace of God or the strengthening of the Holy Spirit by prayer, fasting and sharing our blessings. Result expected? A renewal of our spiritual life during Lent by our Spirit-filled lives radiating Christ's love and mercy around us.

Scripture lessons: The first reading explains how his trusting faith in his God's mercy and power and his blind obedience to his God's order to sacrifice his only son of his old age, transformed the life of Abraham, making him the supreme model of Faith. Second reading: God showed His love for us by allowing the transformation of the glorious preaching and healing ministry of His Son to a tragic end, proving that God's love has no limits. In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. A third aim was to give Jesus the conviction that he will be the Son of God his loving Father even during his suffering and death. Finally, by describing the theophany of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

Life messages: (1) Every sacrament we receive transforms our lives: for example, Baptism transforms us into children of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation transforms us to brave witnesses of and warriors for Christ. Reconciliation transforms sinners to saints. (2) The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transformed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. (3) Christ's transfiguration gives us the message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, pains and suffering, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to him in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross and finally may share the glory of his second "transfiguration," namely, his Resurrection.

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Fr. Arockiya Raj

Fr. J. John Britto

Mass Timings

Saturdays6.00 pm (Eng)
Anticipated MassSundays7.30 am - Malayalam
9.00 am - English
10.30 am - Hindi
11.45 am - English
4.00 pm - Hindi
6.00 pm - EnglishWeekdays6.30 am - English
1.00 pm - English
6.00 pm - English

Celebrants

English 9:00am

Msgr. Susai Sebastian

Hindi 10:30am

Fr. MariaArokia Dass

English 11:45am

Fr. Lawrence

Hindi 4:00 pm

Fr. Alphonse Shah

English 6:00 pm

Msgr. Eugene

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

1st Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God tests Abraham for his faith. When asked to offer his son Isaac in sacrifice, Abraham agrees.

Response Ps 116

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the Land of the living.

2nd Reading: Rom 8:31b-34

Paul argues that if God goes so far as to let his only Son to suffer and die on the cross for our sake, then God will also give all necessary things for our life through his Son.

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

At the transfiguration Jesus appears to his disciples in heavenly glory.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

पहला पाठ: उत्पत्ति ग्रंथ 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18

इब्राहिम ईश्वर के आदेश पर, अपने एकलौते पुत्र को भी बलि चढ़ाने के लिये तैयार हो गये। इस आज्ञापालन के कारण वह ईश्वर के कृपापात्र बन गये और उनके वंश में मसाह उत्पन्न हुए। इस तरह इब्राहिम के द्वारा सब राष्ट्रों का कल्याण हुआ।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 115

मैं प्रभु के निकट, जीवितों के देश में टहलता रहूँगा।

दूसरा पाठ: रोमियों के नाम 8:31-34

ईश्वर मनुष्यों को इतना प्यार करता है कि उसने हमारे लिये अपने पुत्र को भी क्रूस पर मरने का आदेश दिया। इसलिये हमें ईश्वर के प्रेम पर दृढ़ भरोसा रखना चाहिये।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मारकुस 9:2-10

प्रभु येशु मसीह शिष्यों के सामने अपने को ईश्वर के पुत्र के रूप में प्रकट करते हैं, जो मृत्यु पर विजय प्राप्त कर सकता है। वह हमारा भी रूपान्तरण करेंगे और हमें भी अपनी विजय के भागी बना देंगे।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

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CHURCH NOTICES

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1. There will be **Stations of the Cross** every Thursday in Malayalam at 6.45 pm and every Friday at 5 pm in Hindi and 6.30 pm in English. Stations of the Cross in Khan Market Shrine will be at 6.30 pm and in Mater Dei School at 6.00 pm every Friday. The collections taken after the Stations of the Cross will be for the Campaign against Hunger and Disease.
2. Priests will be available for the **Sacrament of Confession** in English on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon and on Fridays from 5 pm to 7 pm.
3. We have resumed the **Sunday Mass in Mater Dei School** on Sundays at 7.30 am.
4. Next Sunday, there will be a combined **meeting of the Parish Council and Catholic Association** after the 9 am Mass. All the members are requested to attend this meeting.
5. 5th March, being the first Friday of the month, there will **Divine Mercy Mass** at 3.00 pm.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 01 Mon: Dan: 9:4-10 / Ps 79 / Lk 6:36-38
- 02 Tue: Isa 1:10, 16-20 / Ps 50 / Mt 23:1-12
- 03 Wed: Jer 18:18-20 / Ps 31 / Mt 20:17-28
- 04 Thu: Jer 17:5-10 / Ps 1 / Lk 16:19-31
- 05 Fri: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 / Ps 105 /
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 06 Sat: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 103 /
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



-Pope Francis-

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words
and say kind words,
Fast from sadness
and be filled with gratitude,
Fast from pessimism
and be filled with hope,
Fast from worries
and trust in God,
Fast from pressures
and be prayerful,
Fast from bitterness
and fill your heart with joy,
Fast from selfishness
and be compassionate to others,
Fast from grudges
and be reconciled,
Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

--Pope Francis

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 01 Mon: St Leolucas of Corleone
- 03 Wed: St Katharine Drexel
- 05 Fri: St Kieran

- 02 Tue: St Agnes of Prague
- 04 Thu: St Casimir
- 06 Sat: St Colette

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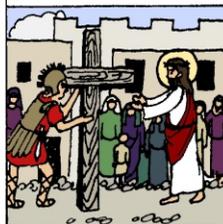
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The Stations of the Cross

1. Jesus is
condemned to death



2. Jesus takes up
His cross



3. Jesus falls the
first time



4. Jesus meets
His mother



5. Simon helps Jesus
carry the cross



6. Veronica wipes
the face of Jesus



7. Jesus falls the
second time



8. Jesus speaks to the
women of Jerusalem



9. Jesus falls the
third time



10. Jesus is stripped
of His clothing



11. Jesus is nailed
to the cross



12. Jesus dies on the
cross



13. Jesus is taken
down from the cross



14. Jesus is buried
in the tomb

