

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: [Genesis 12:1-4A](#)

Second Reading: [2 Timothy 1: 8b -10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)



Lent is our journey from this place ....to where...? to what...?

Is this journey one of asking for God’s favor on our community...?, our country...?, our world...?

Abraham is promised to be the father of a great nation and a model of blessings for all other nations **IF** he obediently goes forth “to a land that I will show you.” He **listened** and followed this **inspiration trusting** in God’s favor of blessing.

How many times are we inspired? Do we dwell on the thought or insight and follow through with a plan or action that brings help and hope to someone or something?

Or are we frightened by what the effort calls forth in us?

### **What inspires us this Lent?**

We are beloved by God as a “temple of God” where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have come to make a dwelling place. We can hold within us the beginning of an insight or inspiration, which if listened to is the start of something wonderful. When we breakthrough and follow these inspirations **we** may experience transformation..... even for a little while.

Christ was transfigured before Peter, James, and John; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah also appeared speaking with Christ.

Wanting to capture that moment, Peter suggests a tent for each. But, a bright cloud and a voice frighten the apostles and they fall prostrate in fear. But Jesus touched them, saying “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

If we can follow inspirations that may come to us at times.... perhaps an unexpected request will arise. How do we respond to that urgent need? What is our response? Listen to the Father saying: “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Rise, and do not be afraid.

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