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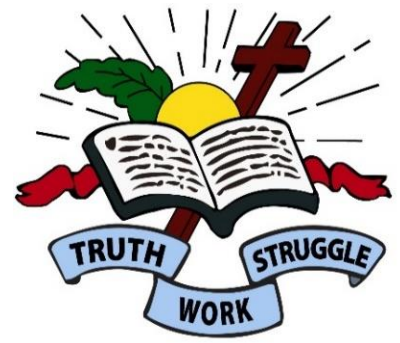
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Second Sunday of Lent

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 28th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – Low Mass
9:30 AM – High Mass

WED.– March 3rd

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

SUNDAY– March 7th

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM – Low Mass
9:30 AM – High Mass

Swearing in of new Committee Members for 2021.

WED.– March 10th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

SUNDAY– March 14th

**Solemnity
Institution of the Polish
National Catholic Church**

8:00 AM – Low Mass
9:30 AM – High Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross each and every Wednesday 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.

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 Edward and Anna Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, John Aldershoff, Jane Aldershoff and Bernice Biroscak. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross begins

We will be observing the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent. **Sunday, March 7th, 9:30 AM – Swearing in of new Committee Members for 2021.** All new committee members should plan on attending the 9:30 Mass.

Monday, March 8th, 7:00 PM – Mission Commission Meeting

The Mission Commission will meet in the Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 PM – YMS of R Meeting

The Young Men's Society of the Resurrection will meet in the Church Hall. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend.

Monday, March 15th, 7:00 PM – Fund Raising Committee Meeting

The Fund Raising Committee will meet in the Church Hall. All are Welcome to attend.

All events are subject to review and the appropriate health and safety restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Take care, stay safe and stay well.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found on the table in the vestibule near the offering baskets. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

