

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

What does God ask of us? This question can be answered by turning to the Baltimore Catechism and answer that God has created us to love and serve Him. This is a correct answer that can help us have focus as we continue in our Lenten Journey. But today in our first reading taken from the Book of Genesis we hear of God calling on Abraham to take his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer him up as a holocaust. As people of faith, we know that it was God that enabled Sarah, the wife of Abraham to conceive and bear a child in her old age.

It was God that informed Abraham through the message of three Angels that Sarah would conceive a child and he would be the father of a great nation. But today in our first reading we hear of God demanding that Abraham take his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer his son up as a holocaust. It is amazing to see how Abraham responds, he does not question God or remind God that he had promised him that he would be a father of a great nation. What Abraham simply does is to trust in God.

In our Gospel reading this Sunday we have Peter, James and John, going with Jesus up a high mountain and these three apostles see Jesus transfigured before their eyes. They see Elijah and Moses join Jesus and have a conversation with Him. Then a voice from heaven spoke and said “*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.*” The three Apostles were terrified and did not know what to make of all that was taking place. In the end they chose to trust in Jesus.

It might be time to once again ask the question that this reflection started with, which is what does God ask of us? The example of Abraham, Peter, James and John can and should show us the way, we in this Season of Lent and every day of our lives as followers of Jesus must trust in Him. For it is in Christ we find happiness and peace, it is in Christ we find eternal salvation. To follow our Lord, we must be willing to do as Abraham, Peter, James and John did, they were willing to give of themselves completely to God and to trust in Him. May you and I be able to do the same, to give of ourselves completely to God and to trust in Him

Prayer for Second Week of Lent Virtual Fish Fry

Enteral God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion is inexhaustible. Look kindly upon your servants who continue their Lenten journey. Bless our families and our Community. Bless our Church and our Nation. And Bless this food that is the work of our hands. Amen.