

What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

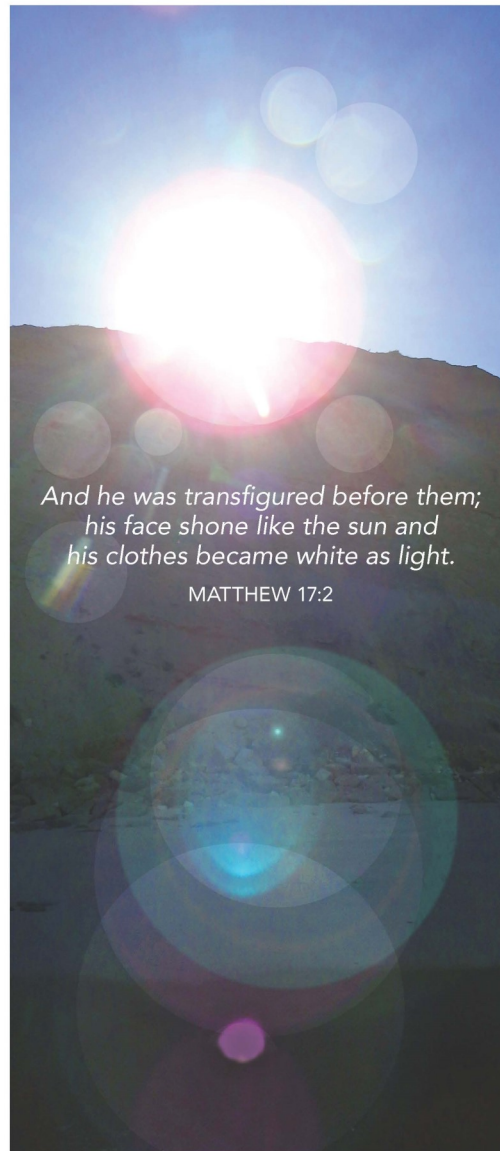
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- ★ Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?



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2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Mar. 01	Sheila Ryan-Hachey Ruth Boden	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Whittle Family	Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez Dee Dee Lepine	No Snacks Today
Mar. 08	Gerry Engen Gracious de Vera	Tony Whittle Doug Swallow	Ramirez Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Davida Delorey	Kelly Lizardo Shirley Gutierrez
Mar. 15	Shirley Cutierrez Sancie Gostick	Andrew Cassidy Darm Crook	Liz Buckley & Family	Tony Whittle Susan Bouchard Pete Boden	Debbie Whittle Sheila Domingo Arlane Roy
Mar. 22	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Erlinda Bowker Yolly Sanchez Ligaya Mutcha
Mar. 29	Andrew Cassidy Bea Lepine	Jason Morissey Darm Crook	Steinwan Family	Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez Doris Caudron	Please sign up on bulletin board

The Announcement for the 2nd Sunday of Lent: March 8th, 2020

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We are once again reminded that there is Stations of the Cross every Friday during this Lenten season. Sequel to that our Friday evening masses are moved from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All are encouraged to participate as it is a way of identifying with Christ in His passion. It impacts grace too.

----- Our Parish is responsible for providing soup and sandwiches for the Lenten lunches at the Anglican Church this Thursday, March 11th and Thursday, April 2nd. Please see sign- up sheets at the back of the church. Thank you for your help.

----- The Archdiocese of Toronto in standing with all Catholics in Canada and all citizens of Canada, encourages all on the importance of maintaining a healthy level of caution and use preventive measures to ensure the health of our most vulnerable members even though there has currently been no evidence of corona virus infection in Canada. We all are therefore advised to take these steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect our health.

Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.

According to them, these are actions we can practice all the time even when there is no imminent threat of infection. On top of these practices, they advice that if anyone is uncertain about his or her present health, that person should refrain from sharing the chalice or shaking hands during the sign of peace. And that people respect the wishes of others who may not wish to shake hands during the sign of peace.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

“What in you has become leprous? What in you is being called back to intimacy with Christ? ...That in you which needs healing must come and prostrate itself before Christ and ask to be received. And, of course, He wants to heal. That is why He has come. “ - Bishop Barron

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\$198.35	Ash Wednesday
\$1,251.80	Feb.29 & March 01
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\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
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Dear Padre,

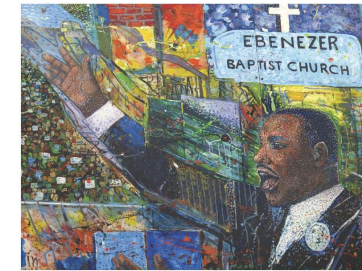
Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

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Calendar

- Monday**
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b–10
Lk 6:36–38
- Tuesday**
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16–20
Mt 23:1–12
- Wednesday**
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18–20
Mt 20:17–28
- Thursday**
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5–10
Lk 16:19–31
- Friday**
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46
- Saturday**
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32
- Sunday**
MARCH 15
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3–7
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

