

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018



“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be 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.”

Today we join the three apostles, the two prophets and Jesus on the Mount of the Transfiguration. A mountain in the bible is where God meets His

people. The two great persons representing the law and the prophets, and Jesus, have a new experience of God's presence.

Like Peter today, it is good we are here for worship, or for private time reading, or reflecting on this scripture account. Like Peter we may not know what to say in the awesome presence of the

Almighty. Following the voice from the cloud, we pause to listen. What is the Lord asking of me as I begin this second week of Lent? Is He offering me words of comfort and consolation in my life as I struggle to draw closer to Him? Is He wishing that I consider how special it is to spend some time apart to grow in holiness this Lent? As I descend from the mountain is it time for me to invite others to

experience the great love Jesus has for us? He is the Father's beloved and so am I. As I look around May I too see only Jesus.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 24 *Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48*
(229)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 *The Second Sunday of Lent*
Gn 22:1-2, 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10(26)

9:00 a.m. Peggy Courtney

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Roman Schommer

Monday, February 26 *Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38* (230)

12:10 a.m. Dr. John Darrow (Living)

Tuesday, February 27 *Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23: 1-12*
(231)

12:10 p.m. John C. Russell

Wednesday, February 28 *Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28*
(232)

12:10 p.m. Alicia Pozucek (Living)

Thursday, March 1 *Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31* (233)

12:10 p.m. Scott Pozucek (Living)

Friday, March 2 *Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a,*
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

12:10 p.m. Founder's Day/Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 3 *USA: Saint Katherine Drexel,*
Virgin Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Kathleen Murphy O'Connor



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

LECTIO DIVINA

Looking for a way to draw closer to the Lord during this Lenten Season? Consider the practice of *Lectio Divina*, or "Holy Reading."

This traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, and contemplation is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the Living Word of God that gives life to all His people.

A group will meet for *Lectio Divina* each Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the Parish House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for

February 17th and 18th, 2018

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$902

9:00 am: \$1,000

11:30 am: \$2,734

6:00 pm: \$1,214

Sunday Masses Total: \$5,850

Ash Wednesday: 1,913

WeShare: \$265

Grand Total: \$8,028

Announcements

Thursday, March 1st, 7:30 PM
Catholic Center at NYU
238 Thompson Street

Is it Ever Right to Break the Law?
Prof. J. Budziszewski
of University of Texas, Austin

There are good reasons to respect and obey the law, because without law there is not much justice either. But what if the law itself is unjust? What makes the problem difficult is that some ways of responding to injustice themselves threaten justice. So what may we do, and what must we not do? May we disobey unjust laws? May we use violence against them? What is justice, anyway? Should an unjust law really be considered a law at all? And does it make a difference how an unjust law goes wrong?

IT'S COFFEE HOUR TIME !!

Sunday, February 25th

Please join your fellow parishioners, family and friends for some coffee, donuts and conversation following the
9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses



Saturday, March 3rd

at the Catholic Center at NYU

Mass at noon



The Triune God:

The Central Mystery of the Christian Faith

Fr. John Baptist Ku, OP, of the Pontifical Faculty
of the Immaculate Conception

Two lectures to follow at 1:00 PM & 2:30 PM

With a break for refreshments

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
Sunday, March 11th
BOOK DRIVE**

We are Seeking High School Volunteers to help
out with a book drive for

BOOKS THROUGH BARS
which sends books to incarcerated men & women
who lack access to free reading material. It's a
great organization that is looking for resources
such as books, paper bags, postage & other things.
We need help collecting books after Mass and
making announcements as well.

If you are interested in participating, Please
contact Emlyn at: EMileafPatel@gmail.com

CHORAL MUSIC FOR LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

11:30 AM MASS

Sunday, February 11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty and everlasting God by Orlando Gibbons

God so loved the world by Bob Chilcott

The rain is over and gone by Paul Halley

Sunday, February 18

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Litany of the Saints (sung in procession) Call to remembrance by Richard Farrant

Vexilla Regis prodeunt (The royal banners forward go) by Bob Chilcott

Sunday, February 25

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie & Agnus dei) Missa Tertii Toni by Constanzo Porta

O nata lux de lumine (O born light of light) by Morten Lauridsen

O taste and see by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sunday, March 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

Locus ist (This is God's house) by Anton Bruckner

Hide Not Though Thy Face From Us, O Lord by Richard Farrant

Sunday, March 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

For God so loved the world by Joel Martinson, Amazing Grace by Peter Schickele

Sunday, March 18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Missa brevis by Andrea Gabrieli Schaffe in mir,

Gott, ein rein Herz (Create in me, O God, a pure heart) by Johannes Brahms

The true glory by Peter Aston

Miserere mei Deus (Have mercy upon me, O God) by Antonio Lotti

Sunday, March 25

PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna Filio David (Hosanna to the Son of David) by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (Gregorian Chant)

My God, my God, look upon me by Malcom Archer

O vos omnes (O you people) by Pablo Casals

Christus factus est (Christ became obedient) by Anton Bruckner

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